



## Yukio Hamada

November 28, 1929 - May 24, 2020

Yuk was born on November 28, 1929, the youngest of eight children born to Chito and Shotaro Hamada in Kingsburg, California. He passed away peacefully on May 24, 2020, at the age of 90.

Yuk attended Harrison and Clay Elementary before the outbreak of World War II. His family was relocated to Gila River in Arizona where he spent his junior high years. Upon returning, Yuk graduated from Kingsburg High School in 1947. He attended Reedley College, majoring in mechanical engineering. It is there that he met a beautiful young lady, Iyoko ("Yonki") Sasaki. They were married on December 29, 1951. Yuk served in the Army before moving to Los Angeles to further his education. In 1953, Preston was born while Yuk was a student at University of California, Los Angeles.

Upon graduating from UCLA, at his father's request, Yuk and Yonki returned to Kingsburg to help with the family farm. In 1956, Clifford was born, followed by Donna two years later. While Yuk had a real passion for farming, he often wondered what life would have been like had he chosen to pursue a different path. Eventually thinking that farming was not enough of a challenge, Yuk began a trucking company that lasted 30 years. He also had a gondola business with his sons and a tree topping business. In 1990, the Hamada Family began selling their produce at certified farmer's markets. At their peak, they sold at 35 markets a week. Yuk was never one to take on a project

lightly! His work ethic was unparalleled and he was extremely generous.

While Yuk was not the type of person to sit and relax, he took pleasure in restoring Model A's. He and Yonki were active members in several Model A clubs. They enjoyed outings and traveling with dear friends. In 1984, Yuk's 1930 2-Door Sedan won first place at the Concours de Elegance Show in Fresno.

The family would like to thank Blossom Haven for the excellent care that Yuk received during his short stay.

Yuk was preceded in death by his loving wife, Yonki, his cherished son, Preston, and all of his siblings.

He is survived by his son, Clifford Hamada and his wife, Kathy; his daughter, Donna Hamada, and her husband, Jon Cochran; daughter-in-law, Gail Connelly Hamada; and his six grandchildren, all of whom he was so very proud, Megan Cochran, M.D.; Julie Hamada, C.P.A.; Andrew Hamada; Cooper Hamada; Remy Hamada; and Jason Hamada.

# Tribute Wall

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“ Yuk was a kind person. Met him in about 1970. Always had a smile. Saw him few years ago at a mall and still the same. Have many stories about how our paths crossed. He will be fondly remembered

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**Stephen Drew** - June 01, 2020 at 10:26 PM

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“ Clifford, Donna and family, Bob and I are sorry to hear about your father. We have so many wonderful memories of the many times we spent with Yuk and Yonkie as we traveling with our Model As , our trip to Europe and times we spent at their cabin at Tahoe and the times spent at the farm. Please know we are thinking of you both and your families at this sad time.

*Bob and Clelia Petithomme*

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**Bob and Clelia Petithomme** - May 28, 2020 at 09:35 PM