



# **Isao Matsukage**

**1894 - 1945**

**Isao Matsukage emigrated from Hiroshima, Japan with her husband, Bishop Ryotai Matsukage in 1938. Bishop Ryotai Matsukage was the highest ranking Buddhist priest in the United States.**

**Isao passed away suddenly at the age of 51 from a cerebral hemorrhage. Over 1,000 people attended her memorial.**

**Bishop Matsukage would pass away three years later. The couple had no children.**

# FUNERAL SERVICES HELD FOR LATE MRS. MATSUKAGE

Approximately 1000 persons packed the auditorium Thursday afternoon to pay final respects to the late Mrs. Isao Matsukage, wife of Bishop Ryotai Matsukage, highest ranking Buddhist priest in America.

Rev. Sanida was chairman of the funeral service while Rev. Motoyoshi, delivered the main memorial address. Yutaka Nakayama spoke in behalf of the Buddhist followers. Rev. Nagatomi spoke in behalf of Bishop Matsukage.

Incense offerings were made by representatives of various Buddhist groups in the center and those of other localities.

For the funeral and wake service, held on Wednesday night in the auditorium, an unusually large number of flower wreaths were sent by various Buddhist organizations, blocks and friends. Hundreds of wires of sympathy were received by Bishop Matsukage, it was reported.

Attending both services were many representatives of Buddhist churches in relocation centers and outside cities. Among the Buddhist priests present were Rev. Nagatomi, Manzanar, formerly of San Francisco; Rev. Kono, Chicago, adviser of Midwest YEA and formerly of Hanford; Rev. Kow, Heart Mountain, formerly of Los Angeles; Rev. Torekawa, Salt Lake City, formerly of Marysville; and Rev. Kumata, Ogden, formerly of Topaz and San Francisco.