

Rev. Barnabas Terasawa

1859 - 1945

Barnabas Hisayoshi Terasawa was a Christian minister in Japan. He emigrated to the United States with his wife and children in the early 1900s.

The Terasawa's came with seven children, all born in Japan: Agnes, Henry, Midori, Isaac, Faith, Grace, and Lily. Sadly, Isaac and Grace both died young before the war. His wife, Fukuko, died in 1939.

Rev. Terasawa died in Topaz on January 31, 1945. At the age of 86, he was the oldest person to die in Topaz. He was survived by five of his children and five grandchildren.

LAST RITES FOR REV. TERASAWA SET TUES., WED.

Funeral services for the late Rev. Hisayoshi B. Terasawa will be held in the auditorium Wednesday at 2 PM, the Protestant Church announced today. Wake service will be held Tuesday at 7:30 PM in the auditorium.

Rev. Terasawa, 88, the eldest Protestant minister here, passed away Wednesday morning at the local hospital after a month's illness.

The first Episcopalian minister to be ordained in Japan, he became a reverend in 1887 and was a pastor of the Osaka Trinity Church. Since coming to the US, Rev. Terasawa was pastor of the Wintersburg and San Francisco Japanese Presbyterian Churches. In 1937, he started the San Francisco Episcopal Church.

The late Christian leader is survived by five children, two of whom are in this center, Faith Terasawa and Mrs. Shizuko Nakahata.