



April 11, 2022

Via email

Dear Topaz Museum Board,

As you know, today is the 79th anniversary of the murder of James Wakasa. We had asked people to fold a paper flower for Mr. Wakasa in remembrance and to take a photo of it. A video made from those offerings is respectfully shared with you here.

[Flowers for James Wakasa](#)

We received your letter dated April 8 and will respond soon.

Sincerely,
Wakasa Memorial Committee

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