

PFC Takanori Allen Nishi

1920 - 1944

Takanori Allen Nishi was born in 1920 in San Francisco, CA. He had two sisters and a brother: June, Jewell, and Vernon.

When the war broke out, Takanori's parents were sent to Gila River because his father was a doctor. His youngest sister, Jewell, went with them. Older brother, Vernon, had enlisted in the army in March 1943. Oldest sister, June, was married with a child. Her family went to Topaz and Takanori joined them soon after.

Takanori enlisted May 29, 1943 and trained at Camp Shelby. On January 9, 1944 he married Francis Kimura. He was killed in action six months later on July 12, 1944 in Italy.



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Robert Holmquist, 3235 Logan avenue N., will receive the silver star awarded posthumously to his son, Sgt. Edwin Holmquist.

Mrs. Francis T. Nishi, 1028 Sixth street SE., will receive a similar award for her husband, Pfc. Takanori Nishi.

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The same award went to Robert Holmquist, 3233 Logan avenue N., for his son, Sgt. Edwin Holmquist, who died in service, and to Mrs. Francis T. Nishi, 1028 Sixth street SE., for her husband, Pfc. Takanori Nishi, killed in action.

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Pfc. Takanori A. Nishi

Memorial services will be held Saturday at 2 p. m. at St. John's Episcopal Church, for Pfc. Takanori A. Nishi, 23, of the Army, killed in action in Italy July 12.

Pfc. Nishi was born in San Francisco and lived in Detroit at 5001 Second for a short time. He arrived overseas in March, 1944.

Surviving are his wife, Frances; his parents, in Arizona, and one brother, Cpl. Y. Nishi, of the Army.

SERVICES FOR PFC. NISHI SET FOR MONDAY EVE

Memorial services for Pfc. Takanori Allen Nishi, Topaz volunteer who was killed in action in Italy, last month, will be held Monday night at the Buddhist Church from 8 o'clock. Rev. T. Kashima, will officiate.

Representatives of the USO, block managers, community council, and the administration will give messages of condolence, it was stated.

Relatives of the late Nisei soldier located outside of Topaz are gathering here for the services, it was reported.

Although the services will be conducted as a private affair, any resident desiring to attend may do so, it was announced.

Pfc. Nishi is survived by his wife, Frances, parents, Dr. and Mrs. Uotoku Nishi of the Gila center, Mrs. Giichi Yoshioka, formerly of block 5 now relocated to Minnesota, another sister, and a brother in the Army medical corps in Oklahoma.