



# Theodore Yoshito Hirabayashi

October 5, 1930 - March 12, 2022

Theodore (Ted) Y. Hirabayashi of Eden Prairie, MN, passed away on Saturday, March 12, 2022, at the age of 91. He was born on October 5, 1930, in Kent, WA, where he grew up with his parents and seven siblings. He is preceded in death by his parents, Toshiharu and Midori; one sister, Helen (Kay) Ujifusa; five brothers, Martin, Grant, Bill, Sam, and Dan. He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Alice; daughter, Sue; son, Alan (Joyce); three grandchildren, Matthew, Grant and Kaiya; sister, Ruth Yoshihashi; and many other relatives and dear friends.

As a youth, Ted, his parents, and some of his siblings were interned in Tule Lake in California and ultimately in Heart Mountain, WY, during WWII. After the war, the family settled in Minneapolis. Ted obtained his BA degree and went on work as an accountant and financial planner. He lived in Minneapolis, Madison WI, St. Louis, MO, and finally retired in Fairfield Glade, TN, before moving back to Minneapolis.

Ted was a Korean War veteran (Air Force), Rotarian and an avid golfer who enjoyed traveling the world and attending reunions with the family, Korean War Veterans and elementary school classmates. During his life, Ted was also fortunate to be able to reconnect and maintain relationships with the many childhood friends that he had in Kent, WA, Heart Mountain, WY, and Minneapolis, MN.

The family would like to thank all relatives, friends, and caregivers for the care and compassion they showed Ted in his final days.

Family and friends are invited to attend a Celebration of Life at Washburn-McReavy Edina Chapel, 5000 West 50th & Highway 100 in Edina on Saturday, May 21, 2022. Visitation at 11am, service at 12 noon with reception to follow.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation in his honor to the Alzheimer's Association [www.alz.org](http://www.alz.org)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY **21**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Edina Chapel  
5000 West 50th & Highway 100  
Edina, MN 55436  
(952) 920-3996  
[info@washburn-mcreavy.com](mailto:info@washburn-mcreavy.com)

## Chapel Service

MAY **21**. 12:00 PM - 12:45 PM (CT)

Edina Chapel  
5000 West 50th & Highway 100  
Edina, MN 55436  
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# Tribute Wall

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“ Ted was one of our dearest friends; he and his wife, Alice, shared many fun-filled days of vacations together with my late husband and I. In addition to these vacations many Tuesdays were devoted to learning tai chi at our senior center, having lunch together, and then playing board games and card games well past midnight while enjoying pizza. Ted will be sorely missed by all those who knew and loved him.

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**Gloria Eversole-Tartaglia** - May 22, 2022 at 04:04 PM

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“ My late father attended the day program at the Minnesota Vets Home and was friends with Ted. When my husband and I would come in for family events, we always enjoyed visiting with Ted. He was fun to talk with and had a gentle sense of humor. Our condolences to his family.



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**DL BurgyHendrickson** - May 01, 2022 at 05:51 PM



“ I was blessed growing up with loving supportive Uncles, Aunts and family. Because of that I’ve given some thought about what makes a good Uncle and Uncle Ted was a good Uncle. He was always pleasant and had a warm nice smile whenever he would see me. Uncle always seemed actually happy to see me! He laughed easily and was truly interested in hearing about what was going on in my life and he never seemed to judge what I was doing. And no matter what I would do, no matter what sneaky tactic I would try, he would always always pick up the check. I have several funny stories about ways I tried unsuccessfully to pay. Uncle Ted told me several times “You do this with your nieces. We pass these things down. That’s how it works.”  
Hopefully I’m passing down some of the grace and kindness he gave me. Rest in peace Uncle. I’ll see you someday at the nice clubhouse.

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**Gary Ujifusa** - March 26, 2022 at 08:08 PM