



## Tooru Taguchi

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Taguchi Tooru "Tug". Born Waikapu, Maui, HI, Sept. 23, 1922, died Minneapolis, MN, Sept. 13, 2005. Tug was preceded in death by his wives, Florence and Kimi; brothers, Shigeto and Masa; and infant son. He is survived by his son and daughter-in-law, Ken Taguchi and Debbie Evans, Minneapolis; brothers and sisters-in-law, Kazuma and his wife Mildred, Hilo, HI; Akira and his wife Hifume, Maui, HI; Sueichi, Las Vegas, NV; and Lillian, Maui, HI; sisters and brother-in-law, Betty Cerritelli, Doris Tanimoto, Mitsue Goya and her husband Robert, Los Angeles; sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law, Helen Kuwashima and her husband Hiro, Mary Bingo, Frances Hirai and her husband, Albert, Chicago, and Thomas Bingo, Los Angeles; granddogs, Holly and Shawn. Tug was raised in Maui, HI and on March 24, 1943, was inducted into the U.S. Army's famed 442 Regimental Combat Team, the most decorated unit of its size in the Army's history. This unit, comprised of Japanese Americans from the Hawaiian Islands and the Mainland, was known widely as their "Go For Broke" motto became legendary during the European Campaign. Assigned to Cannon Company, Tug served in Italy and France, returning to Chicago after WWII. Tug was a partner in the EPL Tool Company and the Gateway Plastics Company in Bensenville, IL. He married Florence Bingo in 1946 and they had their only surviving son, Kenneth in 1947. Florence passed away in 1952 and Tug was married to Kimiko Terao from 1956 until her death in 1989. In 1986, Tug retired and following Kimi's passing moved to Las Vegas, NV, spending summers at his home in Chicago. He

loved to play golf and to have breakfast with his best friend, Tommy Shinsato of Chicago. Tug was known as a sweet, quiet man who loved his son, his golf and sharing treats with his granddogs. There will be a gathering of friends and family at 3807 Zenith Ave. S., Mpls., on Sunday, Sept. 25, from 4 until 7 PM. Memorial services will be held at later dates in Chicago and Maui. Memorials appreciated to the American Diabetes Assoc. (800) 342-2383. Washburn-McReavy Edina Chapel 952-920-3996