

Buster Terno Mayeda

August 25, 1929 ~ December 29, 2024

Beloved husband, father, grandfather and friend, Buster Terno Mayeda passed away peacefully on December 29, 2024 at the age of 95. Buster was born on August 25, 1929 in Othello, Washington to Genpei and Kaneyo Mayeda. He graduated from Othello High School where he played varsity baseball and other sports.Soon after, he began working on the railroad and later worked as a civilian employee for the United States Air Force. Buster was a U.S. Army Veteran having proudly served in Germany and various locations during the Korean War. After moving to Utah, he met and married the love of his life, Rose Yagi on March 16, 1957. They were married for nearly 52 years and were virtually inseparable until Rose passed away on February 22, 2009.

Buster loved his family and friends. His grandchildren, Lauren and Josh held a very special place in his heart and he loved them both very much. He looked forward to the many family gatherings, whether large or small. The holiday gatherings were especially cherished. Getting together as a family for Christmas and the much larger gatherings celebrating New Years and Thanksgiving were always a favorite. He looked forward to family birthday parties, weddings, and any other reason to get together.

Even though he traveled a great deal for his job building radars across the U.S. and Japan, he loved traveling with his family and friends. Japan, Hawaii, California, Seattle, Lake Tahoe, Las Vegas and Wendover were some of his favorite destinations.

He enjoyed serving the Salt Lake Buddhist Temple. He loved the congregation. Over many decades Buster and Rose enjoyed overseeing a food booth at the annual Food Bazaar with family. Another favorite was helping out at the Obon Festival and then watching the dancing and visiting with family and friends. After Rose passed away, Buster began dancing at the Obon Festival with family members. He especially looked forward to attending practice where he could joke around with Temple friends and enjoy an occasional bratwurst.

Buster had a special love for all things University of Utah Athletics and the Crimson Club. Season ticket holders for football and basketball for decades, and later enjoying gymnastics, baseball and softball. Highlights include a trip to the Final Four to cheer on the Utes in the Championship Game, many trips to the Maui Classic basketball tournament, cheering on the football team to victory in the Fiesta Bowl, and many additional Bowl games, Conference and NCAA tournament games for both basketball and football.

Bowling and fishing were among his favorite past times in his younger days. After the passing of Rose, Buster joined two bowling leagues and quickly formed many long-lasting friendships. He enjoyed bowling but looked forward to the lunches after each match and a few trips to Las Vegas.

He was a favorite among those who knew him because of his humility, warmth, sincerity, sense of humor and quiet strength. He will be missed.

Survived by his sons Bradley (Amy), Scott (Kathy) and his grandchildren Lauren and Josh, brother in-law Michael Mills, sisters in-law Nancy Mayeda, Wis Nakahara, Selma Yagi, Raeko Yagi and several nieces and nephews. Buster was preceded in death by his parents, wife, daughter Cheryl, his brothers, Ben, Jack and Jim, and his sisters, Edna Nakahara, Ruth Kiyono and Mary Mills.

A funeral service will be held on Monday, January 13, 2025 at Noon at the Salt Lake Buddhist Temple, 211 W 100 S. Family and friends are invited to attend a visitation on Sunday, January 12 from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. at Larkin Sunset Lawn Mortuary, 2350 E 1300 S, Salt Lake City and Monday, January 13 from 11:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. at the Salt Lake Buddhist Temple prior to the funeral service.

A special thank you to the Holy Cross Hospital’s ER and ICU, the Monument Health facility and Home Instead for their professional and compassionate care.