



James M. Yasuda

April 21, 1933 - January 31, 2018

It is with great sadness that the family of James M. Yasuda announces his passing on Wednesday, January 31, 2018 at the age of 84 years.

He was born in Visalia on April 21, 1933 to Uhachi Yasuda and Ageye Yamamoto and grew up on a farm in Ivanhoe. He graduated from Visalia High School in 1941 and attended University of California at Berkeley where he received his Doctor of Optometry degree in 1954. That is also when he met his future wife, Dorothy Uyemure. They were married on October 1, 1954 and moved back to Visalia to open his office where he remained in private practice for 42 years.

Dr. James Yasuda was founder of Milan Institute, formerly Golden State Business College in Visalia in 1985. It has since grown from one school and 20 students to 18 campuses, over 12,000 graduates and 450 employees.

James loved many sports and enjoyed being a COS football and basketball booster. He was also an avid golfer and long time Visalia Country Club member.

James is survived by his wife Dorothy; his four children, Kathryn Haswell and husband Nicholas, Ron Yasuda, Jerry Yasuda, Gary Yasuda and wife Ania; grand children, Aisha, Trevor, Ethan, Jaimi, Allison, Kayla, Jacob, Allen; and

one great grandson, Kai. He was preceded in death by his first grandson, Zeshaun Ahmed.

Visitation will be held at Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel from 4-7pm on Sunday, February 11. Funeral services will be Monday, February 12 at 10 am at the same location. In lieu of flowers or gifts donations can be made to the World Wildlife Fund, P.O. Box 96555 Washington, DC 20090-6555, (800)960-0993,
worldwildlife.org

Cemetery Details

Visalia District Cemetery

1300 W Goshen Ave
Visalia, CA 93291

Tribute Wall



“ *Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel created a Tribute Video in memory of James M. Yasuda*



Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel - February 12, 2018 at 01:01 PM



“ *Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel created a Webcast in memory of James M. Yasuda*



Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel - February 12, 2018 at 01:01 PM

PH

“ *Very sad to hear of Jim's passing.
I liked him very much.He had a very fertile mind and a positive impact in Visalia.
The best to the family.
Phil Hornburg*

Phil Hornburg - February 13, 2018 at 07:49 PM

Ania Galik

“ *Ania Galik lit a candle in memory of James M. Yasuda*



Ania Galik - February 12, 2018 at 10:55 PM

FF

“ *From the Diamond SIS Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of James M. Yasuda.*



From the Diamond SIS Family - February 12, 2018 at 12:17 PM

BC

“ *Dorothy & family,*

Visalia has lost a great man & a good friend of many. He will be missed.

One of your golfing buddies, Bill Carr.

Bill Carr - February 11, 2018 at 09:54 PM

JE

“ *I just viewed the memorial video and my heart pangs with memories I have of The Best of Times and the Worst of Times (my own) during my time with Dr. Yasuda's Office. Not nearly long enough time with the most wonderful people.... All my love to you, the family.*

Jeannine - February 11, 2018 at 02:21 AM

JE

“ Jeannine lit a candle in memory of James M. Yasuda



Jeannine - February 11, 2018 at 02:09 AM

JE

“ I feel like a parent of mine is gone because to me, he and Dorothy were like parents when I was 19 and employed in their optometry practice on Willow St. in 1979. Only forever ago. I'll NEVER forget going home after work almost every night and wailing to my parents during dinner, "Dr. Yasuda makes me learn EVERYTHING!" as if I were suffering some dreaded malady. In 1987 when I opened my own optical store, I praised Dr.s name to all who would listen, including G-d, and thanked Him each and every day for that mean, old, Dr. Yasuda making me learn everything. His demand for excellence in all professional areas of his life, as well as his inexhaustible industriousness left indelible marks on my own life, then and now, and I am certain that the world is a bit more colorless without him in it. My thoughts are with all of his large family and I wish them peace and life harmony during this painful time of loss. I love you guys!!

Jeannine

Jeannine - February 11, 2018 at 02:08 AM

BG

“ Dear Yasuda Family I am Sorry for your loss. But I will remember "Doc" coming in to the Salon in Visalia and receiving services with his wife. You will be missed.

Belen Garcia - February 08, 2018 at 12:25 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of James M. Yasuda.*



February 07, 2018 at 12:34 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of James M. Yasuda.*



February 07, 2018 at 11:52 AM



“ *Dear Gary & Family:
I am so sorry to hear about the loss of your loved one, Dr. James Yasuda. You are in my thoughts and prayers during this time of grief.*

Tami Reddoch - February 05, 2018 at 01:26 PM



“ *Your Milan Gulfport team - Linda Buchanan purchased the A New Sunrise Spray for the family of James M. Yasuda.*



Your Milan Gulfport team - Linda Buchanan - February 03, 2018 at 12:22 PM

MS

“ *Milan Staff purchased the Serenity Wreath for the family of James M. Yasuda.*



Milan Staff - February 02, 2018 at 03:23 PM



“ *Serenity Wreath was purchased for the family of James M. Yasuda.*



February 02, 2018 at 10:24 AM