

Ethel Yaeko Umeda
1916 – 1998

Ethel Y. Umeda Memorial Scholarship
Twin Cities JACL

Ethel Umeda, was born in Isleton, California in 1916 to Mr. and Mrs. Kumahichi Imagawa. She had 4 siblings, Richard, Sharkey, Dora, and David. She died on her 82nd birthday January 10, 1998.

Ethel graduated from State College, Sacramento, CA and attended the Hazemore Design and Dressmaking School, San Francisco, CA.

Ethel was married to Harry Umeda in Virginia City, Nevada, on July 26, 1941. They had 1 son. It was her pride and joy to see him graduate from St. Olaf College and the University of Minnesota.

She was interned at Tule Lake Camp with her family in August 1941. Later she was granted permission to join her husband at MIS School in Savage, MN. She stayed with a family in Edina, MN while her husband was overseas.

One of her favorite hobbies was trout fishing. Her favorite locations were in Northern and Southern Minnesota as well as Wisconsin.

In the late 90's, Ethel was a co-founder of the "Two Table Bridge Club" lasting until 2006. In addition, she was an active member of the Minnesota Nikkei Project.

She spent many hours at her church where her husband was an Elder. She lectured periodically on the Bible and was a member of the Prayer Corner.