

## **George Mitsuyoshi Yamane** **1924 – 1999**

George M. Yamane Memorial Scholarship  
Twin Cities JACL

George Mitsuyoshi Yamane was born in Honolulu and came to the mainland in the 1940s for college. He received his bachelor's degree from Haverford College in Pennsylvania and his dentistry degree from the University of Minnesota in 1950. He received his doctorate in experimental pathology in the early 1960's.

During the next 20 years, he taught at the University and then the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey.

George Yamane was married to Alice M. Nieto in 1951. They had 3 children; Wende M. O'Brien, Linda K. Merrell, and David K. Yamane.

When he retired from teaching in 1997, the Board of Regents honored him with a Regents Certificate of Recognition for his research and teaching contributions to the university. He liked young people, and he enjoyed helping them.

George Yamane was a member of the National Dental Honor Society, the Organization of Teachers of Oral Diagnosis and the SigmaXi Scientific Research Society. Yamane specialized in oral pathology and was said to be renowned for his research.

He was the type of professor who made time to sit with students and help them. "Students loved him," said Nelson Rhodus, chairman of the Department of Oral Medicine, Diagnosis and Radiology at the University of Minnesota. "He could come down to the level of just about everyone and be just a genuinely nice person." Rhodus said Yamane shared his knowledge with students and other professors. And if he saw that another professor was overwhelmed, he always offered to help, he said.

George was a most generous parent, with his time when raising three children with his wife Alice. Although they lived in many cities during those years he was always an active participant in the community activities that they children chose to be involved.

His love of music, photography, rare coin collecting, national and international travel, sports, volunteering at the YMCA, researching the stock market, and the occasional visits to the casino were things he enjoyed after his retirement.

Dignity, integrity, honesty, humbleness, and an open mind were his motto.