

## **Harry Tsutomu Umeda** **1915 – 2012**

Harry T. and Ethel Y. Umeda Memorial Scholarship  
Twin Cities JACL

Harry Tsutomu Umeda, was born in Stockton, California in May of 1915. His parent immigrated to California from Wakayama, Japan in 1910. He had 3 older Brothers. He died on February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2012.

Harry's mother died at the early age of 55. He subsequently lived with his oldest brother and his wife. Because his immediate older brother and Harry were United States citizens, they were able form a farm corporation with a kindly couple and eventually were able to own a farm with their father.

After graduation from High School, Harry enrolled and graduated from Heald's Business College. He was drafted into military service on 3 February, 1941.

Harry was married to Ethel (Imagawa) Umeda in Virginia City, Nevada, on July 26, 1941. They had 1 son, David married to wife Linda with a grandson Corey and granddaughter Angela. Harry and Ethel were married for 56 years.

Harry was eventually stationed at Camp Savage where he trained in the Japanese language. Ethel was 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.

During his tour of duty, Harry was stationed in New Guinea, Philippines, Fort Snelling, and Camp McCoy (WI).

After the war Harry enrolled in a private accounting school. He was employed at a small hospital and eventually was the comptroller at Northwestern Hospital and then Director of Finance at the Fairview Health System of Minneapolis for 25 years.