



## Helen Horii

June 30, 2023

Helen Sanae Horii, 101, passed away at Brookdale Assisted Living in Fort Collins on June 30, 2023. She was born August 20, 1921, in San Juan Bautista, California to Shiro and Kitayo Kajiko. Her parents immigrated from Japan, and she was the eldest of five children. She was married to Shigeru "Roy" Horii who preceded her in death.

Helen grew up in California, but relocated with her family to a Japanese Internment Camp in Poston, Arizona at the beginning of the second world war. Once married, Helen became a homemaker living in eastern Colorado where Roy was engaged in farming at Prospect Valley and Wray, Colorado.

Her passions were her family, raising flowers in her yard, trout fishing, gardening, and traveling. She and Roy have cruised, toured Europe and South America, and visited Japan, Korea, Australia, and New Zealand. She traveled to China with her son Eugene. Roy and Helen spent their retirement years living in Greeley, Colorado.

Survivors include three children, Eugene Horii of Fresno, California, Diane (Larry, Deceased) Hunter of Denver, Colorado, and Howard (Irene) Horii of Meritt Island, Florida; granddaughter Charity Hunter of Denver, Colorado, granddaughter Michelle Hunter of Fort Collins, Colorado, grandson Brandon (Noriko) of Honolulu, Hawaii, and granddaughter, Scharlotte (Scott) Baker of

Clermont, Florida; and four great-grandsons. A private “celebration of life” for the family will be held in lieu of a service.

# Tribute Wall

MJ

“ To Horii family,  
I was amazed to read the notice of your mother's passing. I have fond memories of the Horii family as I was growing up in the Keenesburg and Prospect Valley Area. I had no idea she was a Brookdale which is within a stones throw from my home. Fond Memories always.  
Mary (Schweitzer) Jurgensmeier

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**Maria Jurgensmeier** - July 18, 2023 at 11:42 AM

JH

“ Dear Horii Children, Our family was surprised to open the Tribune and read of you mother's passing. I (Shirley Shaklee Howard) had last seen your mom on her 90th birthday. She was still living on the west side of Greeley. I didn't hear anything about her after that. We have good memories of your mom and dad. To many to number. But I do set out your folks' wedding pictures every February when I decorate the library with wedding pictures I've inherited. I would love to hear from any of you. I don't know how to use the computer (this is my daughter here on my behalf). You would need to call (970-352-0909). Best regards and sympathies from Shirley June Shaklee Howard, Jonathan Howard and his family, Jennifer Howard, and Crystal and Doug Rymer.

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**Jennifer Howard** - July 16, 2023 at 10:44 PM

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**Jennifer Howard** - July 15, 2023 at 04:48 PM

JB

“ We moved into a home next door to Helen and Roy in 2003. What a treat it was to have such nice neighbors! One of the fun times was when neighbor Aileen and Dorothy had a birthday lunch for Helen. It was so nice to see all the smiles of the old friends and listen to their happy conversations. No present could have brought more joy! Love to the family for their great loss. Jerry and Dorothy Benner

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**Jerry, Benner** - July 08, 2023 at 05:27 PM

SH

“ So sorry to hear of Helen's passing. Our love to all of you. I knew Roy and Helen when they lived in Prospect Valley and Greeley. (My parents, George and Mollie Schwartz) were good friends. I always enjoyed visiting with both of your parents  
Bob and Shirley Hart

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**Shirley Hart** - July 08, 2023 at 02:10 PM

AP

“ Was fortunate to meet Helen several times and was always charmed by her sweet lively nature. She lived a long full life and left her mark on all who knew her! Our condolences to her entire family, but especially our dear friends, Howard and Irene, along with their family Brandon, Scharlotte, Noriko, Scott, Colin, Ethan, Lennon and Vincent.



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**Alicia Pangman** - July 06, 2023 at 12:46 PM