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## Gerald (Jerry) T. Yahiro

### OBITUARY

Gerald (Jerry) T Yahiro passed away on Friday, August 16, in Vancouver, BC, after a wonderful, weeklong fishing trip at his favorite Lodge.

Gerald was born, in Wailuku, Maui, Hawaii, to Yoshisuki ("Ralph") and Miyuki (Fukunaga, "Shirley") Yahiro.

After graduation from St. Anthony High School, Maui, Jerry earned his BA degree from Seattle University, where he majored in Political Science and the Reserve Officers Training (ROTC) Program. Upon graduation, in 1966, he was

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**Birth: 1943**

**Death: 2024**

commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant, in the US Army Reserve, Infantry, and was later assigned and served in the Republic of Viet Nam, from June 1967 to June 1968.

In 1969, after serving in the U.S. Army, Jerry settled in the Los Angeles area, where he was employed by Pacific Telephone / Pacific Bell, and enjoyed a career in Marketing / Sales, supporting major national

business accounts. After relocating to the SF Bay area in 1989, Jerry retired from Pacific Bell, in 1996.

Jerry dedicated his "second" career, to supporting Veterans, their issues, and events, mainly through the Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley (VNVDV). Jerry served as President, 2010 and 2011, and Director of Events, 2013-2024.

In 1999, Jerry co-founded the East Bay Stand Down (EBSO), and the Diablo Valley Veterans Foundation (DVVF), that funded the EBSO. He served as Director, on the EBSO Executive Board, through 2018.

Jerry also served on the Board of Trustees for The Veterans Memorial Building of San Ramon Valley, in Danville.

Jerry served as Junior Vice Commander, of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW), Golden Gate Nisei Memorial Post 9879.

A true Veteran advocate and genuinely "good guy", Jerry will be missed by all whom he touched.

Jerry's other passion was sport fishing, mostly for salmon and bill fish, locally and internationally.

Jerry is survived by his Life Partner of 35 years, Patricia (Patti) Kintz, and his brother, Michael (Mike) (Annadele) Yahiro, of Maui. He is pre-deceased by his brother, Roy (Seiko) Yahiro, of Los Angeles, and parents, of Maui.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Sunday, November 3, 2024, 4-6 p.m., at The Veterans Memorial Building of San Ramon Valley, 400 Hartz Ave., Danville.

Jerry will be interred on a future date, at the Maui County Veterans Cemetery, Makawao, HI.

Donations can be made to the Veterans Memorial Building of San Ramon Valley, 400 Hartz Ave., Danville, CA 94526, or to the Hawaii Land Trust, Waihe'e Coastal Dunes and Wetlands Refuge, 126 Queen St., Ste 306, Honolulu, HI 96813.