

DIRECTIONS FROM LOS ANGELES
INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT:

Take the **405** (San Diego Freeway) North to the **10** (Santa Monica Freeway). Go East until you reach the **60** (Pomona Freeway). Continue on the Pomona until the **Garfield Blvd** exit. Turn right on Garfield and go South about a mile until coming to **Beverly Blvd**. Turn right on Beverly and the Temple will be on the right hand side of the street.

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MUNICIPAL AIRPORT:

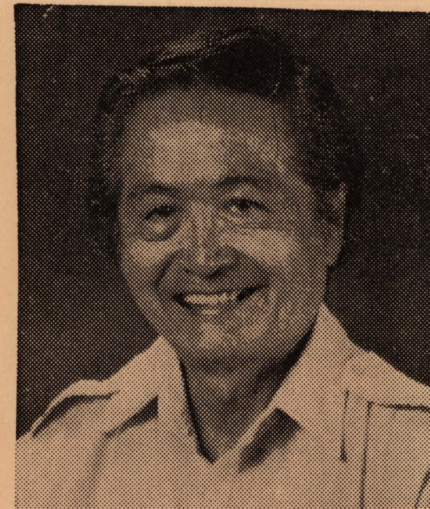
Take **Interstate 5** (Golden State Freeway) South into downtown Los Angeles. Turn onto the **60** (Pomona Freeway) heading East. Continue on the Pomona until the **Garfield Blvd** exit. Turn right on Garfield and go South about a mile until coming to **Beverly Blvd**. Turn right on Beverly and the Temple will be on the right hand side of the street.

Sozenji Buddhist Temple
3020 West Beverly Blvd.
Montabello, California

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WEST COAST MEMORIAL FOR
WILLIAM MASAYOSHI KOCHIYAMA

MAY 10, 1921 - OCTOBER 25, 1993



November 21, 1993 2:00PM

Sozenji Buddhist Temple
3020 West Beverly Boulevard
Montabello, California

WILLIAM MASAYOSHI KOCHIYAMA

Bill Kochiyama was born on May 10, 1921 in Washington, D.C and raised in New York City. Through his childhood until age 19, he lived at the Sheltering Arms, a progressive institution for children with one parent. Despite being the only non-white, Bill felt wholly accepted, always calling it his home.

In 1941, Bill was living in Oakland, CA and was amongst the 120,000 Japanese Americans interned in concentration camps. He spent one year at an internment camp in Topaz, Utah before volunteering to join "Company K" of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, which became the most highly decorated unit in the history of the U.S. military.

After the war, Bill returned to New York City and married Mary Yuri Nakahara and raised their family of six children. He graduated from Long Island University with a degree in journalism and pursued a career in public relations while working at the Japan International Christian University Foundation, Tamblin and Brown, and the New Jersey Institute of Technology.

Over the years, he supported many causes against racial discrimination and injustice: civil rights, anti-war, and Asian American and Third World movements. Bill was one of the founders of the Asian Community Center in New York City. He was the first president of the New York 442 Veterans Association and was an advisor for 10 years to the Nisei Sino Service Organization in the 50's. He also played softball for over 20 years with the 442 Veterans and the Ronins. Since the 1980's, Bill and his wife Yuri played a leading role in the successful struggle for Japanese Americans to achieve redress and reparations. His most recent activity was his involvement with the David Wong Support Committee.

Bill's warmth, sense of humor, compassion, good looks, and his beaming smile will always be remembered. Bill loved people, appreciated the love of family and friends, enjoyed the cultural arts, and unpretentiously worked for a more harmonious and just world for all.

**William Kochiyama,
Japanese Advocate, 72**

William Kochiyama, a founder of the Asian Community Center and an advocate of reparations for American citizens of Japanese descent who were interned in World War II, died on Monday at St. Luke's-Roosevelt Hospital Center of heart failure. He was 72 and lived in Manhattan.

Mr. Kochiyama, who was born in Washington, was interned himself until he joined the all-Japanese 442d Regimental Combat Team, which fought with distinction in Europe and became the most decorated unit in United States military history.

After earning a journalism degree at Long Island University, Mr. Kochiyama became a public relations officer at the Japan International Christian University Foundation, the advertising firm of Tamblyn & Brown and the New Jersey Institute of Technology.

At the same time, he was heavily involved in civil rights activity and campaigns against racial discrimination.

He is survived by his wife, Yuri; three sons, Eddie, of Manhattan, and Jimmy and Tommy, of Los Angeles; a daughter, Audee Holman, of Oakland, Calif., and seven grandchildren.

KOCHIYAMA—William, on October 25, age 72. We mourn the passing of our dear friend and esteemed colleague of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team. We extend our heartfelt condolences to his wife, Yuri, children Audee Holman, Eddie, Jimmy and Tommy, grandchildren Zulu, Akemi, Ryan, Tracy, Mava, Christopher and Aliya. Memorial services at St. Paul-St. Andrew Church, 263 West 86th Street, at West End Avenue, on October 30 at 3 P.M.

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OBITUARIES

Bill Kochiyama, WWII Vet, Civil-Rights Activist, at 72

By Wendy Lin
STAFF WRITER

New York — Bill Kochiyama, a Japanese-American civil rights activist, died early yesterday in St. Luke's Roosevelt Hospital in Manhattan after he was hospitalized for an irregular heartbeat. He was 72 years old.

Mr. Kochiyama, a longtime Harlem resident, was a World War II veteran who served in the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, a highly decorated unit of the U.S. Army made up of Japanese-American soldiers who fought in Italy and eastern France.

He was born in Washington, D.C., and grew up in Manhattan. He was in Oakland, Calif., when the war broke out and was evacuated along with thousands of other Japanese-Americans to an internment camp. Mr. Kochiyama was in the camp when he volunteered for the 442nd unit.

When the war was over, he returned to New York and earned a B.A. in journalism from Long Island University. He worked for 10



Photo by Christiaan Phleger

Kochiyama

years for Tamblin and Brown, an advertising agency. He also worked for the Interchurch Center.

Mr. Kochiyama and his wife, Mary, (also known as Yuri) were active in the redress movement that successfully sought compensation for Japanese-Americans who were rounded up and imprisoned in the United States during the war.

He was honored by the 442nd last spring at its 50th anniversary reunion in Honolulu.

In the 1970s, he was president of the Asian Community Center, a service organization for Asian-Americans. Most recently, he was fighting to re-open the

criminal case of a China-born man activists believe was wrongly accused of murder.

Besides his wife, Mr. Kochiyama is survived by his sons Eddie of Manhattan and Jimmy and Tommy, both of Los Angeles; and daughter Audee Holman of Oakland, Calif.

Details of funeral services were incomplete last night.