

Sincerely,  
Mary

## Sumi "Mary" Mitsudo Koide, MD

**DOBBS FERRY** - Sumi "Mary" Mitsudo Koide, MD, of Dobbs Ferry, NY passed away peacefully on February 15, 2021 surrounded by her family. She is survived by her husband Samuel, sons Mark (Karen Li) and Eric (Ling Chen) and six grandchildren, Jennifer, Thomas, Theodore, Yuki, Sachi, Kinu and Akira. She was predeceased by her daughter Sumi Lynn.

"Though she be but little, she is fierce." No words better describe Sumi. Known as Mary to her family, she was born on October 22, 1929 in Longview, WA. She was the youngest child of Asa and Sotaro Mitsudo, a farming family in the Puyallup River valley. She and her family were incarcerated from 1942-1945 at the Minidoka Relocation Center in Jerome, Idaho.

Undaunted by this experience, Sumi graduated from Swarthmore College and the Women's Medical College of Pennsylvania. Dr. Mitsudo, as she was known professionally, was a long time staff member of Montefiore Hospital's surgical pathology service and a Clinical Professor of Pediatrics and Pathology at the Albert Einstein Medical School. Her specialty was pediatric pathology and most specifically Sudden Infant Death Syndrome. She coauthored dozens of academic peer reviewed publications in her field. She was active in many national and international societies in her field. She was a role model and mentor to many young female physicians just entering the medical field.

Personally, Sumi was an activist and was deeply involved in many social justice groups, including national and local civil rights, women's equity and social justice groups. She was a long time President of the Japanese American Citizens League (JACL) New York Chapter, and served on the board of the Westchester Community Foundation, Westchester Fund for Women and Girls and the Westchester Women's Advisory Board. During the 1980's, she was a leader in the national Japanese American Redress movement for World War II incarceration camps. In her position with the JACL, she was involved in many civil and women's rights coalitions.

Sumi was also very active in the Dobbs Ferry community. She was a long time member of the Board of Trustees of the Children's Village and the Dobbs Ferry Community Hospital. She was active in the leadership of the League of Women's Voters, the Dobbs Ferry Youth Services Council and the Dobbs Ferry Employment Service, among others. She was a long time member of the White Plains Unitarian Universalist congregation.


In 2000, she was honored with inclusion in the Westchester County Women's Hall of Fame.

Her family asks that in lieu of flowers that donations be made to the Westchester Fund for Women and Girls W141 at the Westchester Community Foundation in her name. <https://ssl.charityweb.net/nycommunitytrust/>

A private service will be held online on Saturday February 27 at 3:00pm.

## Dr. Samuel S. Koide "Sab"

**DOBBS FERRY** - Dr. Samuel S. Koide "Sab" died at his Dobbs Ferry, NY home surrounded by family on April 2, 2021. Born in Honolulu, HI on Octo-

ber 6, 1923, he was the fourth of thirteen children of Sukeichi and Hideko Koide.

He was predeceased 6 weeks prior by his beloved wife of 61 years Dr. Sumi Mitsudo

Koide. He is survived by his sons Mark (Karen Li) of Mendham, NJ and Eric (Ling Chen) of Los Gat-

tos, CA and seven grandchildren, Jennifer, Thomas, Theodore, Yuki, Sachi, Kinu and Aki. He is also sur-

vived by his brothers Masanori, Frank and George and his sister Aileen Serikawa all of Honolulu, HI.

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Dr. Koide retired as Senior Scientist of Biomedical Research at the Population Council where he also served as Assistant Director in 2003 after 38 years on staff. He held faculty positions at the Sloan Kettering Institute for Cancer Research, the Rockefeller University and the Cornell Medical School.

Dr. Koide received his MS, MD and PHD from Northwestern University. He was on the medical staff at Northwestern University Hospital in Chicago and the Memorial Hospital in New York. He published over 300 peer reviewed studies primarily in the field of reproductive biology and mentored dozens of postdoctoral fellows. A graduate of the University of Hawaii in 1945, he received their Distinguished Graduate Award in 1996 and the Distinguished Alumni Award in 2006. He was a summer researcher for over 20 years at the Marine Biological Laboratory in Woods Hole, MA.

Sab may have been best known for his endurance sports career which he began at the age of 52. In triathlon, he was an Honorable All American in 1989 for his age group. In running he twice won the NYC Marathon for his age group. He was also named the 2004 Male Runner of the Year by the Millrose AA and the 2005 Runner of the Year age group by the New York Road Runner's Club.

Sab's proudest achievement was serving his country in World War II. As a Japanese American, he felt a tremendous responsibility to his country and trained in the Military Intelligence Service Language School of the US Army. He served overseas in the Philippines and in Occupied Japan, achieving the rank of First Lieutenant. He had the historic oddity of having been a witness to the Japanese attack on the island of Oahu on December 6, 1941 and the terrorist attack on Manhattan on September 11, 2001.

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