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A Tribute to the Life of Michi Nishiura Weglyn

Michi Nishiura Weglyn, author of the groundbreaking book "Years of Infamy: The Untold Story of America's Concentration Camps" and a tireless advocate for Japanese American redress, passed away on Sunday, April 25 at the age of 72.

Although her voice has been silenced, the impact of her passionate quest for justice will not be forgotten.

Join those whose lives she touched as we celebrate the achievements of this generous, caring, thoughtful, yet uncompromising legend.

Michi Weglyn did not want any funeral or memorial service. This is rather an opportunity for people to share remembrances and reflect upon the impact she had on all of us.

Selected Quotes

"It was Michi's book that really gave the Nisei documented proof of why they needed to fight for redress." ...Clifford Uyeda, past president of the National Japanese American Historical Society and redress activist.

"Michi was among the first to embrace us and enlighten the public about our predicament. She was an inspiring activist for truth and justice and our good friend." ...Grace Shimizu, advocate for Japanese Latin American redress.

"Without her inspiration, a lot of us would have given up... Michi was responsible for keeping us going." ...Fumie Shimada, advocate for Japanese American railroad/mine worker redress.

"When things were at the darkest hour for the resisters, and no one was supporting us... (Michi) really inspired us to speak about our issue. She gave us the courage." ...Mits Koshiyama, Nisei draft resister.



Michi and Walter Weglyn

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When: Saturday, May 8 1999

Time: 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

**Place: Japanese Cultural and Community Center of Northern California
1840 Sutter St. (bet. Webster and Buchanan) in S.F.'s Japantown
Food and drinks will be provided.**

Hosted by the "Friends of Michi Weglyn":

Clifford Uyeda
Kiku Funabiki
Wayne M. Collins
Kenji G. Taguma
Rosalyn Tonai
Toshiko Kawamoto

Grace Shimizu (Japanese Latin Americans)
Fumie Shimada (Japanese American Railroad/Mine Workers)
Mits Koshiyama (Nisei Draft Resisters/Hearth Mountain Fair Play Committee)
Jean Ishibashi
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