



G. George Shima

Kiwanis Club of Gaylord

GAYLORD, MICHIGAN 49735



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1919 - 1989

G. George Shima joined the Gaylord Kiwanis Club February 18, 1981. George remained a Kiwanian until his death November 17, 1989. His service to Kiwanis and to the community was exemplary.

George served as Club Treasurer for two years, and five years as a Director. He also served as the Public Relations Representative, Club Historian, and he developed the club's scrap book which achieved top District honors. His attendance record was perfect.

George was also very active in church activities, serving as an officer. He was an active participant in every Kiwanis endeavor....chaired Radio Day fundraiser....a key fund raiser for Goodfellow Paper advertisements and annual Dinner Dance ticket sales....major aide in Gaylord's Kiwanis District Convention and Kiwanis District Golf Tournament....served as a delegate to International and District Conventions. George exerted a very subtle effect upon the Club's administration and is in part responsible for the significant growth and increased activity within the Gaylord Club.

He was a Japanese-American and was one of many confined at the outset of World War II, even though he was born in the United States. This very difficult period never deterred George from being a perfect example of an ideal United States citizen.

George enjoyed all sports, but was especially devoted to golf. During the golf season he spent as much time as possible on the course. Gaylord is a prime golf area and, as a result, the Gaylord Kiwanis Club arranged many golf outings. George was a central figure in those activities. Future golf outings are being planned to commemorate George's devotion to the sport.

George and Mary Shima raised a family of two sons, David and Peter, and a daughter, Meri Louise. This is a close knit and devoted family and a reflection of George's kind and gentle nature.

