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Memorial Service for Sue Kunitomi Embrey, June 17th

The family of Manzanar Committee Chair, Sue Kunitomi Embrey, will hold a memorial service celebrating her life and contributions to the community, June 17, from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m., at the Higashi Hongwangji Buddhist Temple, 505 E. Third Street, Los Angeles. The program will include a Buddhist service, music, poetry and recollections from close friends and family.

Born in Los Angeles, January 6, 1923, Sue passed away May 15, 2006. While best known for her work to preserve Manzanar, Sue also served on the Los Angeles City Status of Women Commission and was part of the U.S. Delegation to the United Nations Second World Conference on Women. An active member of the United Teachers of Los Angeles (UTLA), she was a strong supporter of the labor movement and a member of the Asian Pacific American Labor Alliance.

Sue authored *The Lost Years: 1942-1946*, and *Manzanar Martyr: An Interview with Harry Ueno*. Her essays are included in numerous publications.

Sue is survived by her son, Bruce Embrey, daughter-in-law Barbara Becker and grandchildren Monica Mariko and Michael Tetsuo of Chicago, brothers Jack and Kinya "Kimbo" Kunitomi of Los Angeles and numerous nieces and nephews.