

Pvt Satoshi Kaya

May 1, 1917 - October 23, 1943



Satoshi Kaya was born on, May 1, 1917, in Ewa, Oahu. He was the son of Uichi and Shige (Fujimoto) Kaya. He was educated at Manoa School and Washington Intermediate School, Oahu. Before entering the service, he was employed as a plumber at Tanabe Plumbing Shop, Honolulu in Oahu.

Kaya (SN 30102098) was inducted into the Army in Honolulu, Oahu on November 15, 1941. He trained at Schofield Barracks, Oahu, Camp McCoy, Wisconsin and Camp Shelby, Mississippi.

He served with the 299th Infantry Regiment and the 100th Infantry Battalion, Company C, in the Hawaiian Island, continental United States, Algeria, Africa and

Italy.

He was awarded the Purple Heart Medal, Combat Infantry-man Badge, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal, American and European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medals, and the World War II Victory Medal.

Pvt. Satoshi Kaya was killed in action at Sant' Angelo d' Alife, Italy during the Salerno to Cassino Campaign on October 23, 1943.

He is interred at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific (Punchbowl) in Honolulu, Hawaii.

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