Fred Yoshio Sasaki was born January 3, 1922 in Kahului, Maui. He was the son of Taisuke and Ume (Murakami) Sasaki. He was educated at Wailuku Elementary School and St. Anthony School, Maui, and at St. Louis College, Oahu. Before entering the service, he was the co-owner of Hall-Mark Dry Cleaners in Honolulu.

On August 15, 1944 Fred Yoshio Sasaki was inducted into the Army in Honolulu (Serial No. 30110657). He trained at Camp Fanning, Texas. He served in the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, 100th Infantry Battalion, Company C, in the continental United States, and Italy. He was awarded the Purple Heart Medal, Combat Infantryman Badge, American Campaign Medal, European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal, World War II Victory Medal.

Private Fred Yoshio Sasaki was killed in action near Florence and Gragnano, Italy, on April 16, 1945, during the Po Valley Campaign. He is interred at the Maui Veterans Cemetery, Makawao, Maui.

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