

Pfc Kazumi Tsutsui

September 26, 1919 - June 3, 1944



Kazumi Tsutsui was born in Pahoia, Hawaii on September 26, 1919. He was the son of Tamaki and Katsue (Kataoka) Tsutsui. He was educated at Pahoia High and Elementary School and Hilo High School in Hawaii. Before entering the military, he was employed by Olaa Sugar Co., Ltd., Hawaii, as a laborer.

Tsutsui (SN 30101475) was inducted into the Army in Pahoia, Hawaii in June, 1941. He was trained at Schofield Barracks, Oahu with the 299th Infantry Regiment. He was later assigned to Company B, 100 Infantry Battalion for advance combat training at Camp McCoy, Wisconsin and Camp Shelby, Mississippi.

He served in the Hawaiian Islands, continental United States, Algeria, Africa and Italy.

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

Pfc Kazumi Tsutsui was killed in action near Lanuvio and Anzio, Italy, in the Anzio to Rome Campaign on June 3, 1944.

He is interred at the Veterans' Cemetery in Hilo, Hawaii

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