

Pvt. Joe R. Yasuda
October 25, 1926 - July 6, 1944



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Joe Royichi Yasuda, son of Kichuhi and Taki Yasuda, was born on October 25, 1926 in Salinas, California. He was the tenth born of twelve siblings—Shuji Yasuda (deceased), Shuichi Yasuda (deceased), Yoshio Yasuda (deceased), Dorothy Haisaye Okikawa, John Takayoshi Yasuda (deceased), Tom Tomoki Yasuda (deceased), Edith Fusaye Yoshimoto, Marion Sumiye Yasuda, Harry Hichiro Yasuda (deceased), Joe Royichi Yasuda (deceased-KIA), Bob Bunichi Yasuda (deceased), and Harold Haruyuki Yasuda. Joe attended Cotati Grammar School and graduated from Cotati Junior High School. When the War broke out, Joe and his family were sent to the Relocation Camp at Amache, Colorado.

In 1943 Joe was inducted into the the U.S. Army (Serial No. 32 844 234). Upon completion of his basic training at Camp Shelby, Mississippi, Joe went overseas and served as a replacement in the 100th Infantry Battalion,

442nd Regimental Combat Team, Company C. He served in the Rome to Arno Campaign and was killed in action in Italy on July 6, 1944.

Pvt. Joe Yasuda was awarded the Purple Heart, Combat Infantryman's Badge, and European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal and is interred at the Golden Gate National Cemetery in San Bruno, California.