



## **Edwin Yukio Fukui**

**WWII**

**Technician 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade**

**Military Intelligence Service**

**77<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division**

**U.S. Army**

**November 27, 1922 – April 2, 1945**

**Tacoma, Washington**

Edwin was born to Shuichi and Kikuyo Fukui in Tacoma, Washington. His father, Shuichi, was one of the few Japanese American Issei that served in the U.S. Army during WWI. Edwin's siblings were Alyce, Lillian, Lucy, Herbert and Abraham. Herbert was also killed in military service in 1948.

Edwin attended Central Elementary School, McCarver Junior High School and Lincoln High School in Tacoma. He was enrolled at Washington State University in Pullman from September, 1940 to January, 1942. In 1942, because of Executive Order 9066, the Fukui Family were sent to Tule Lake Relocation Center in California.

In November, 1942, Edwin became one of the first Nisei to enlist from Tule Lake. He trained for the Military Intelligence Service at Camp Savage, Minnesota and became a Japanese linguist. After completing his training, Edwin served in the Pacific Campaign in Guam, Leyte, Philippine Islands, and Okinawa.

Edwin was killed along with 48 other American soldiers and sailors when a Japanese kamikaze, suicide aircraft, crashed into their transport ship. The ship, the USS Henrico, was offshore of the Kerama Islands near Okinawa.

Technician 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Edwin Fukui was a recipient of the Combat Infantryman's Badge, Purple Heart and the Bronze Star.