



**Jim Omura**

**Died: August 29, 2024**



**Susan Omura**

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In April 1988, Jim and Susan met at a dinner party. They proceeded to have a very long engagement and did not get married until December, 2015.

Jim was born in Campbell, California, and when he was two years old, he, his parents and newly-born sister were sent to live in a horse stable at the Tanforan race track, a result of the government's decision to round up residents of Japanese ancestry after the attack on Pearl Harbor. A few months later they were sent to the Heart Mountain Internment Camp near Cody, Wyoming. They lived there for three years and after their release lived in San Francisco and then Campbell.

Jim received his BS and MS degrees from MIT and a Ph.D from Stanford, all in Electrical Engineering. He was a professor at UCLA for 15 years, and then co-founded a company in Silicon Valley where he spent the next 15 years as its CTO. After Jim retired, he took a part time position as a Technology Strategist at the Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation. Jim has two children - a daughter who lives in Santa Monica and a son who lives in Redwood City. His son-in-law is from Argentina, his daughter-in-law from China. Each couple has two children.

Susan was born in Honolulu, Hawaii. After she graduated from the University of Hawaii with a history degree, she fulfilled her dream to go to a big city. She worked in retailing for 20 plus years as a fabric buyer at Macy's in New York City and stores in New Jersey and California. The last 13 years before retiring, Susan worked in the Summer Conferences Office at Stanford. During her retirement, Susan has volunteered for her father's veterans' club in Honolulu, helping to create an online record of the 100<sup>th</sup> Infantry Battalion, the first Japanese American combat unit.

Jim had business trips all over the world, but he and Susan have had many wonderful experiences in Asia, South America, Europe, Australia and New Zealand. Jim had adventure/nature trips in the Amazon, Tanzania and Antarctica, plus he climbed Mount Kilimanjaro, went scuba diving in Papua New Guinea and the Great Barrier Reef and fished in Kamchatka, Russia. Susan loves cities, can spend hours in museums and has taken garden tours in England and Wales. Both enjoy eating different ethnic foods. Jim likes keeping up with emerging scientific and technology innovations. Susan's favorite genre is historical fiction, especially mysteries.

They are planning to split their time between SRC and their San Francisco loft for now, but are looking forward to making new friends here, using the fitness center and finding places to hike. Susan is interested in the different craft opportunities and in learning to play her father's ukulele.