

2026 TULE LAKE PILGRIMAGE MEMORIAL SERVICE

JULY 4, 2026

Welcome Remarks (MC - Hiroshi Shimizu)

Remarks from Kotaro Otsuki (Consul General of Japan in San Francisco)

Opening Reflection on the Purpose of Memorial Services (Rev. Duncan Ryuken Williams)

Christian Scripture Reading and Reflection (Rev. Deborah Lee)

Buddhist Sutra Chanting and Dedication Verse

Camp Survivors, Descendants, and the Consul General Recite and Stamp
Select Names of the Tule Lake Deceased

- Densaku Mafune – died two days after camp opened - by Consul General Kotaro Otsuki
- Ishi Itaya, first death 86 year old – by 86-year old camp survivor Joyce Kubota
- Kenichi Kenneth Sakayeda and Kenko Sakayeda – by younger sister Amy Hernandez, first time she had said their names
- Tatsuto Motosada Kashima – by camp survivor Chiz Shiro. Kashima from Topaz, as was Chiz Shiro
- Daisaburo Kawano – by granddaughter Lorna Fong. Kawano killed in the only construction accident at Tule Lake
- Shoichi James Okamoto – by James Okumura. Okamoto shot by guard after verbal confrontation
- Yaozo Hitomi – by granddaughters Diane Cogburn and Karen Tokunaga
- Yonekichi Yamashita – by camp survivor and grandson Fred Tanaka and grandson Will Kaku

All Pilgrims Recite Names of the Tule Lake Deceased

Final Sutra Chanting

Closing Remarks (MC - Hiroshi Shimizu)

Processional for All Pilgrims to Offer Incense and Flowers

Taiko by Emily Harada