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**Former Triton College Continuing Education Golf Instructor
Yoshio Yamashita Celebrates 100th Birthday**
Triton College President Mary-Rita Moore Attends Party

RIVER GROVE, Ill. – Former Triton College noncredit continuing education golf instructor Yoshio Yamashita celebrated his 100th birthday at the Illinois Veterans Home in Chicago on Thursday, Jan. 12. Yamashita had his friends and family in attendance at the golf-themed party, as well as Triton College President Mary-Rita Moore.

Yamashita's daughter, Nancy Lind, said her father loved teaching golf at Triton College, explaining that he taught part-time classes in the evenings and on weekends.

"Golf has always been my dad's passion," she said. "He enjoyed sharing his love for golf. It was so gratifying for him to teach others how to play the sport."

Yamashita was born on Jan. 12, 1923, in Hawthorne, Calif. According to Lind, Yamashita had to go into an internment camp as a young man. Afterwards, he served in World War II in Germany and came to Chicago after his duty. While in Chicago, he attended Northwestern University and Loyola University Chicago and received a degree in chemistry. Yamashita taught at Triton from June 1994-November 2000 and then again from June 2004-Sept. 2012.

Yamashita worked at National Bronze Powder, Co., in Franklin Park, where he formulated specialty lacquers. After working there for 25 years, he was employed at Sappanos Paint and Wallpaper Co., as a purchase agent/buyer while teaching golf at Triton College.

Yamashita married Kay (Kudo), and had three daughters, Janice Miles, Hope Yamashita and Nancy Lind.

"My dad enjoyed helping people," noted Lind. "That's why Triton was so beneficial for him. He truly felt like he was inspiring and guiding others."

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