

THIRD YEAR MEMORIAL  
FOR  
ENTAI MYOTATSU  
AIKO UCHIYAMA

January 4, 1911 – December 10, 2010



San Francisco Zen Center

Saturday October 13, 2012

## **ABOUT THE CEREMONY**

The Third Memorial Service (*Sankaiki Houyou*) is traditionally performed close to the 2<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of the deceased's death. The main purpose of the ceremony is to honor and remember our departed Dharma friends by dedicating offerings and Sutra chanting to them. In this way, not only do we express our gratitude for their lives, but also honor the coming and going that is the pattern of human life with dignity and joy.

Abbess Kiku Lehnher sprinkles Wisdom Water at the beginning of the ceremony, to purify the space. When water is sprinkled in your direction, please slightly bow your head.

As in all services, we make offerings and chant to spread the positive energy of our practice to all beings through the subtle nourishment of fragrance and sound. Our chants today are Japanese transliterations of Chinese sutras and dharanis, meant to directly convey the sense of offering as a yogic practice.

During the Dai Hi Shin Dharani, representatives will offer incense on our behalf:

Rev. Shuzan Uchiyama, Aiko Uchiyama's son, will offer incense as the chief mourner. Other members of the Uchiyama and Suzuki family will offer incense one by one.

Rev.'s Zenkei Hartman and David Chadwick will offer incense on behalf of Suzuki Roshi's disciples, followed by the Residents' Representatives, on behalf of the Zen Center community.

Though there will be no bows by the assembly at the beginning of the ceremony, at the end we will all join in three full bows.

## **ORDER OF SERVICE**

*NOTE: Please be seated at 2 small bells, and remain seated until Ji Ho San Shi dedication; then 3 bows with small bells as usual.*

Processional Entrance

Bodhisattva Aspiration Statement

Incense Offering

Wisdom Water Purification

Offerings of Sweet Water, Rice and Tea

Maka Hannya Haramita Shingyo

Dai Hi Shin Dharani

Family Incense Offerings

Sangha Representatives' Incense Offerings

Dharma Words

Chief Mourner's Words

Ji Ho San Shi – please stand for three bows

Recession

Family exits, then assembly exits

## **ABOUT AIKO UCHIYAMA**

Aiko Uchiyama, Entai Myotatsu Zen-ni was born January 4, 1911, the youngest of three children, to Sogaku Suzuki and Yone. Sister to Shunryu Suzuki, the founding teacher of San Francisco Zen Center, Aiko married Tatsuzo Uchiyama in 1937, who later became the abbot of Zuienji, and had 3 sons and 4 daughters. Aiko was known to be diligent in her duties as a temple wife, and shared her Buddhist nature with the women in the community through sewing, flower arrangement, and tea ceremony. Her hard work and contributions have been recognized by Eiheiji, the main Soto Zen temple in Japan. In later years, Aiko's health problems became a great struggle; however, she always had an interest in her brother Shunryu's work in America and hoped to visit some day. Unfortunately, she passed away on December 31, 2010, just a few days short of her 100th birthday, and was unable to make the long trip to San Francisco Zen Center in person. Her family has come to America to realize her wish.