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AT: 41:14 If, if you could leave any, any message or legacy for your, your kids and your grandchildren, what would you want that to be?

KG: 41:25 Well, I think they're doing perfect. Yeah, they got a good, his wife too, Gina. Yeah. Good head. I don't have to worry about them. My daughter too, you know? Yeah. She's the one that tells me, when I'm wrong and this and that. She knows, you know.

AT: 41:45 And how about your grandkids?

KG: 41:47 Oh, they're wonderful, yeah! Yeah. Real smart, they, they love coming to Chicago.

MG2: 41:55 You two always tell me, you know, this is America and you can be anything you want to be.

KG: 42:02 Yeah.

MG2: 42:02 You know, which is a big statement for people who had all of their freedom

KG: 42:08 Yeah.

MG2: 42:08 and property and everything taken away from them.

KG: 42:10 Yeah

MG2: 42:11 What, what gives you that attitude that this, this in this country, you can be anything you want to be. When you were not allowed to be anything you wanted it to be.

KG: 42:20 Yeah, well, you know.

MG: 42:25 We're taking too much time for you.

KG: 42:26 We spend too much time?

AT: 42:28 Oh no, not at all. I was just making sure the shot was okay.

MG: 42:32 Talk, talk nonsense.

KG: 42:35 Yeah, you know.

MG: 42:37 You're a nice lady.

KG: 42:37 I figured uh, I mean uh, you can tell. You know, um she's like my daughter was sick. You know, I had to go to work, I wouldn't pay to send him for this doctor and the wife was a teacher. So if I didn't work, she can't go to work, you know, so, and the was kinda, you know, sickly and I show her. Uh, you take the temperature and the, the temperature if they go up that's right, you give him one baby aspirin. No, he, she used to tell me, don't worry mommy. I'll take care of Michael. He was, she was so small, but I, you know, I had to go because otherwise I, she can't go to work, you know, so uh yeah well, sometimes, you know, he gets sick and at that temperature, and I told them, thermometer if, if it, uh, go up there, uh, give him a one baby aspirin. Okay. Don't worry mommy, I'll take care of Michael. Yes, she told me that's the best child. She was. Every time she comes she take my blood pressure. I said, don't worry, you worry to much. She said know you because of that, I'm having problem, you know? But, um, yeah. And then he has a good wife too, and I'm very, very proud.

MG2: 44:05 Yeah. Uncle George asked me before he died if I was gay because we had no children.

KG: 44:11 Yeah. Yeah, my brother, you know he's been dead ten years now. My brother, the three of us and how old was I? You know, yeah. My older brother came first. He was born in 1919. And then uh, he was in New York, he was in New York. And the last 27 years he worked for Japan airline. He loved the job, you know. And uh, so I went uh, and he died. He had a cancer. That's a very difficult, you know, and uh, yeah, he had a rough life. The, the his first wife. Oh, she was something else. Yeah, nothing, you know. So the funeral came, she wouldn't go. She, she said she wanted a divorce. She took the kids and moved to Los Angeles, you know. And so they don't, she met this Irish girl, uh, she worked for airline, but uh different airline, but the same building, they have office over there. So, you know, she was

very nice. I liked her, you know. She was outspoken like me, you know. And uh, so they went honeymoon to Japan and all of that. And my first sister-in-law, you know, she's she's, I don't know. I met her in camp, you know. But then, uh, uh, she says, uh, she, oh, four of them came together in New York. And two, so one of the guys said to me, who's going to say a few words from family. And then, uh, or I said I look around, you know, I figured one of the boys would uh, you know. Two boys and a girl and the four of them came from California. So I thought, well, somebody, somebody say they say let Michael say. You know, I was shocked. One of her sons should say it because it's their father, you know. Well the, he says, you know, he, went he and the three other uh, boys who went, a week ago, drive to New York, you know. Got all the t-shirts and the dirty jeans other there. Stayed in the old, uh, apartment, you know, hotel. So they didn't have any, uh, good suits or anything. So he said well, you were shocked too you know?

- MG2: 46:45 Yeah.
- KG: 46:46 Yeah, he was 18 just out of high school, you know. He said, let Michael do it. Huh? I says hah? Did you say that? Mommy, I don't know what to say. What do you want me to say? She wanted me to do that. I said, gee, I don't know what to say. Just say a few ones. You thank you for coming. You know this stuff. Two days. You did a wonderful job, because you know it's supposed to be a funeral was Saturday and I, I wasn't there Monday and she came Tuesday and supposed to be Saturday. had a everything all planned. [inaudible] and everything. No, she say she came and say, I want the funeral Thursday. Two days a later. They have to do all of it again, because my son have to work. He says I want to do it Thursday. That woman, I tell you, I've never, you know, she wasn't like that way in camp. Ugh.
- MG2: 47:47 Well, now we're getting into the gossip.
- KG: 47:49 Huh?
- MG2: 47:49 You should introduce yourself. You didn't introduce yourself. You didn't say who you were and, and you know where you were born and stuff.
- AT: 47:55 What's your name?
- KG: 47:59 What? Yeah?

MG2: 48:01 Tell her your name and where you were born.

KG: 48:03 Oh, my name is Kikuno, Kikuno Goi. And, uh, I was born in Colusa, California.

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