

MINORU YAMASAKI
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BIRMINGHAM, MICHIGAN

Mr. Yamasaki's achievements have received international recognition as outstanding examples of contemporary architecture. He has been awarded the first honor award of The American Institute of Architects four times -- in 1956 for the St. Louis Airport Terminal, in 1959 for the McGregor Memorial Community Conference Center at Wayne State University, in 1961 for the Reynolds Metals Company Regional Office Building in Southfield, Michigan, and in 1963 for the Dharan Airport Terminal Building in Saudi Arabia. He also received, in 1957, the top design award of the Architectural Institute of Japan for his design of the United States Consulate General in Kobe.

Among Mr. Yamasaki's other architectural accomplishments are the United States Science Pavilion at the Seattle World's Fair and the Michigan Consolidated Gas Company Building in Detroit. Mr. Yamasaki also designed the IBM Building in Seattle; the Synagogue for North Shore Congregation Israel in Glencoe, Illinois; the Northwestern National Life Insurance Building in Minneapolis; the Behavioral Sciences Building at Harvard University; Pahlavi University in Shiraz, Iran; and the new Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs under construction at Princeton University.

Mr. Yamasaki was born in Seattle, Washington, on December 1, 1912. He received the Degree of Bachelor of Architecture from the University of Washington in 1934, and did graduate work at New York University.

His professional career began in 1936 when he joined Githens and Keally of New York as a designer. Later he was associated with the New York firms of Shreve, Lamb & Harmon; Harrison and Fouilhoux; and Raymond Loewy Associates.

Mr. Yamasaki also served as an instructor in architectural design at Columbia University. In 1945 he joined Smith, Hinchman and Grylls of Detroit as Chief Architectural Designer, and in 1949 became a partner in Hellmuth, Yamasaki & Leinweber with offices in St. Louis and Detroit. In 1958 he founded Minoru Yamasaki and Associates in Birmingham, Michigan.

A 1960 recipient of the Alumnus Summa Laude Dignatus Award of The University of Washington, Mr. Yamasaki holds honorary degrees from Wayne State University (Doctor of Humanities, 1960), the University of Michigan (Doctor of Architecture, 1961) and Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (Doctor of Fine Arts, 1961).

Mr. Yamasaki is a Fellow of the American Institute of Architects, and a Fellow of Fine Arts and Literature of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. He is a member of the Visiting Committee of the School of Architecture of Princeton University, and of the Architectural Commission of the University of Washington.

The noted architect has been honored by several retrospective shows of his work, notably at the Architectural League of New York, the Detroit Institute of Arts, the John Herron Art Institute in Indianapolis, the DeYoung Museum in San Francisco, and the Honolulu Academy of Arts. His designs also have received wide acclaim abroad -- at the International Building Exposition in Berlin, the Brussels Universal and International Exposition, and at the American National Exposition in Moscow.

Mr. Yamasaki resides in Troy, Michigan. He is married and has three children.

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