

The Double Nuclear Survivor



Tsutomu Yamaguchi (1916-2010) was a survivor of both the **Hiroshima and Nagasaki atomic bombings** in **1945**. Even though at least 160 people were allegedly affected by both bombings, Yamaguchi was the only person to have been officially recognized by the government of Japan as having survived both explosions. Yamaguchi, a resident of Nagasaki, was in **Hiroshima** on a business trip for Mitsubishi when the city was bombed at **8:15 a.m. on August 6th, 1945**. He came back to **Nagasaki** the following day and, in spite of his wounds, he returned to work on **August 9th**, the day of the second atomic bombing. In **1957**, he was recognized as a **hibakusha ('explosion-affected person')** of the Nagasaki bombing, but it was not until **March 24th, 2009**, that the government of Japan officially recognized his presence in Hiroshima during the first bombing. After surviving not one, but two atomic bombs, Yamaguchi died of stomach cancer on **January 4th, 2010**, aged 93.

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