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## Dennis Yamamoto Obituary

Dennis was born on July 15, 1945, to Yutaka Yamamoto and Fumiko Yamamoto at the Poston Japanese-American incarceration camp, near Parker, Arizona.

After graduating from Dinuba High School in 1963, he went on to earn his Doctorate Degree at Pacific University in 1968. He was married to Caryn Hayashida from 1968 to 2001. They have two daughters, Erin Kennison and Audra Yamamoto-Swofford.

Dennis enjoyed a full and varied career. He went on to practice optometry, serve as an Administrator at University of Indiana and Pennsylvania College of Optometry, and was active as a Lobbyist in Washington DC on behalf of the American Optometric Association. He spent 8 years as a consultant and entrepreneur based in Hilo, Hawaii, which included owning the first Apple computer store on the Big Island. He was also involved with local politics. He then continued his consulting and entrepreneurship in Honolulu, Hawaii for another 33 years, working closely with companies such as Air Transportation International and New Dream Team amongst others.

He enjoyed being with everyone he called family, and his many friends of all ages, dining out, following college football and basketball games, traveling, spending time on his boat, keeping up with the latest technology, and talking about politics.

Dennis was predeceased by his father Yutaka Yamamoto, and his brother Steven Yamamoto.

He is survived by his partner in life Yun Ja Kim, mother Fumiko Yamamoto, sister Joyce Sasai (husband Steve Sasai), two daughters Erin Kennison (husband Blaine Kennison) and Audra Yamamoto-Swofford (husband Damon Swofford), and two grandsons Zack and Cody Kennison.



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Memorial Service will be held on Tuesday, June 13, 2023 at Mililani Downtown Mortuary (20 S. Kukui St., Honolulu, HI 96813). Visitation begins at 9:30 am, and service to start 10:30 am.

Attire: Casual

Flowers: Welcome

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## Tribute Wall

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**Devin And Tenjey Wright** posted:

King koa legacy tree certificate of sponsorship was purchased for the family of Dennis Masao Yamamoto by Devin and Tenjey Wright. Send Flowers Sorry for the loss of such a great person. Denise always had everyone covered and went out of his way to accommodate. Denis will be sorely missed by many many people. Devin and Tenjey Wright

May 14 at 4:10 AM



**Erin Kennison** posted:

What an extraordinary life you've lived, Dad. I'm so grateful for all the wonderful memories we have together. Love, Eri-Pal

June 4 at 8:43 AM



# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Dennis by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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