



Clayton Kazumi Kimoto

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C layton Kimoto Obituary

Clayton Kazumi Kimoto passed away on November 1, 2022, at the Queen's Medical Center in Honolulu. He was a graduate of Kaimuki High School and the University of Hawaii at Manoa and received his masters and doctorate in education from Case Western Reserve University and Washington State University. He was a reading specialist in special education in Grande Prairie, Alberta, Canada and an assistant superintendent of education in Thorhild, Alberta. In 1977 he married Jean Ishikawa and they returned to Hawaii three years later. Clay taught at the Kapiolani and Leeward Community Colleges and the University of Hawaii before going on to receive his law degree from the William S. Richardson School of Law. He worked for the Office of the Public Defender before going into private practice.

Clay enjoyed jogging daily along the Pearl City bike path and swimming laps at the YMCA. He completed several Honolulu Marathons during his lifetime. He enjoyed vacations on the neighbor islands with the grandchildren, visited Alaska, Japan, Hokkaido, northern Yorkshire, and Europe, and went on cruises in Scandinavia, Eastern Europe, Russia, and along the US east and west coasts. He was a master chef and prepared feasts for the family most weekends.

He was moderator of Pearl City Community Church and served on the boards of Sunrise Foundation, Community Kokua Foundation for Fire Safety and Recovery, Lumanai and House for All.

Clay is survived by his wife Jean, sons Evan (Elna) and Erich (Annie) and three grandchildren.

A Celebration of Life will be held at the Mililani Memorial Park Mauka Chapel on Saturday, February 11, 2023, visitation at 5:30 and service at 6:30 p.m.



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In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Pearl City Community :

<https://www.pearlcitycommunitychurch.org>, the Hawaii Food Bank <https://hawaiifoodbank.org>,
Sunrise Foundation Hawaii <https://www.sunrisefoundationhawaii.org>,

Community Kokua Foundation <https://communitykokuafoundation.com>, Lumanai
<https://www.lumanaiawards.com>, or House for All (an international community that provides
latchkey children with an after-school program, c/o Nobuko Stoner-Miyake, 99-043 Kealakaha
Dr., Aiea, HI 96701.)

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AK

A Memorial Tree Was Planted For Clayton Kazumi Kimoto posted:

A Memorial Tree was planted for Clayton Kazumi Kimoto We are deeply sorry for your loss ~ the staff at Mililani Memorial Park & Mortuary-Honolulu - Downtown Chapel Join in honoring their life - plant a memorial tree

May 14 at 4:15 AM

CR

Community Kokua Foundation For Fire Safety And Recovery posted:

B8 was purchased for the family of Clayton Kazumi Kimoto by Community Kokua Foundation for Fire Safety and Recovery . Send Flowers With gratitude for the life and witness of Clayton Kazumi Kimoto. Community Kokua Foundation for Fire Safety and Recovery

May 14 at 4:15 AM

DN

Dawn Malia Davis Nekoba posted:

I knew Clay for many years as a young deputy public defender. Clay had already left the PD's and was in private practice. Once a PD always a PD. We had some great conversations waiting together for our court hearings. He was such a kind soul and I will always remember him as someone who took great care to represent his clients. I am thankful to have know him. I will miss him dearly.

February 14 at 12:24 AM

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GI

Geri Ihara posted:

Clay Kimoto knew my heart, my thoughts, and chose me as his friend anyway. Even when he passed on to the next life, I still feel him encouraging me to be my best self. The Clay I knew was mischievous, rascal and he would greet friends with his corny jokes ... his smiles were contagious. A Kodak moment of Clay was when he and I were asked to speak at a pastor's retirement ceremony. As we were waiting our turn to speak, Clay said to me, "Geri, toss your notes and speak from the heart." I said to him, "It ain't going to happen, I need my notes." As I was making my way to the podium, Clay snatched my notes and refused to give it back to me. I stood at the podium without my notes and all I saw were eyes staring at me. God to the rescue! Not knowing what to do, I started my message with a prayer and true to Clay's words, I did not need my notes. My beautiful memories of the retiring pastor flowed from the heart. When I returned to my seat, I was greeted by Clay's beautiful smile that said to me, "Well done!" Thank you, Clay, for being a dear friend. Your support and faith in me helped me to achieve many things. It was a privilege to partner with you as servants of God. You will be forever missed!

January 24 at 1:57 PM

GM

Gaye M. Miyasaki posted:

Jean and family will not be able to attend the memorial service for Clayton due to some ongoing mobility issues. Mom (Margaret) and Nola will be able to attend to pay respects on behalf of the Miyasaki family. I am so sorry for your loss, but glad that we were able to see Clayton when the Tans came for a visit several years ago and hosted us at The Willows Restaurant. Also that Clayton was able to zoom in on the Ishikawa family zoom for my mom's 99th birthday this past fall. Always take part in any opportunity to be with family as you never know what will happen. Again, my condolences. Gaye Miyasaki (Ishikawa cousin-Margaret Miyasaki's daughter)

January 9 at 12:47 PM



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