



# Clement Tetsuo Fujimoto

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## Clement Fujimoto Obituary

Clement Tetsuo Fujimoto's extraordinary life came to an end on Nov 15, 2020 at the Hi'olani Care Center at Kahala Nui. He was born on April 18, 1939, the youngest of six children of Masao and Yoshi Fujimoto. Even from the earliest days at Kaiulani Elementary School, he set very high goals for himself, and perfection was the only option.

Clement lived the values taught by his parents ... valuing friendships, showing kindness, and being concerned for others. Humility was his defining characteristic.

Upon graduating from Farrington High School, Class of '57, he was awarded a four year scholarship to UH Manoa where he continued his outstanding record in academics, as well as participating in all aspects of student government. It was no surprise when Clem was named a Real Dean with his incredible list of accomplishments while maintaining a 3.9 grade average for four years. With diploma in hand, he began his career in education at Leilehua High School as a counselor, then went to graduate school at Columbia University. Returning to Hawaii with a Master of Education degree in counseling, he worked at the Legislative Reference Bureau researching and writing educational bills for legislative review. Later Clem accepted an offer to join the staff of Hawaii's first Ombudsman Office. The Ombudsman saw Clem's impressive work and encouraged him to go to law school... and Clement did.

He completed his studies, graduating from the UH Richardson School of Law. He felt a stronger calling to academia, and rather than practicing law, he became an academic counselor at Leeward Community College (LCC). He enjoyed every minute of his work advising hundreds of students in their educational and career goals. He also served with distinction as the executive assistant to the Chancellor until his retirement.

Clement is survived by sisters Joan Momohara, Jane( Don) Okinaka, and brother Calvin (Chiyo ), plus many nieces and nephews. Pre-deceasing Clem were parents Masao & Yoshi Fujimoto, and



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brothers Clifford and Gilbert.

Monetary gifts may be designated to the LCC Theater in memory of Clement Fujimoto. For details go to <http://Uhfoundation.org/GiveToLCCTheater>

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# Tribute Wall

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**Ann C Dorado** posted:

A Memorial tree was ordered in memory of Clement Tetsuo Fujimoto by Ann C Dorado. Plant a Tree in memory of a Dear colleague,, who contributed to the well being of many students at Leeward Community. College. May he rest in peace. Ann C Dorado

May 14 at 4:39 AM



**Ann Dorado** posted:

I got to know Clem when I was a senior at Leilehua high school and he was a young counselor. He was the senior class counselor and was instrumental in boosting my self confidence enough to believe that I was worthy of college. Then as I completed my college counseling courses, I had the privilege of working with him. I had very fond memories of our working relationship. Bless his soul, he was an exceptional human being! Rest in peace, Clem!

January 15 at 12:50 AM



**Jonathan Wong** posted:

I knew Clem from Leeward Community College and appreciated his wittyness, hospitality, thoughtful conversations, and charming personality. I only have the fondest of memories whenever I think of him.

January 12 at 5:03 AM



**Bob & Nancy Okuda** posted:

(This full page story below appeared in the 1961 Ka Palapala (UH yearbook))  
The Real Dean Award: An awesome page- long list of activities he has led and participated in, and a cumulative grade point average of 3.9 for seven semesters qualifies Clement Fujimoto for the Real Deanship of 1961. Clement, majoring in secondary education, was an ASUH senator in his freshman, junior, and senior years. In his four years here, he has served on innumerable committees in student government, varying in function from library noise investigation to selection of UH's Peace Corps Conference delegates. (The presentation then lists six paragraphs of Clement's accomplishments and awards, too numerous to be listed here. The presentation concludes with the number of Real Deans varies from year to year. This year, there is only one; Clement Fujimoto stands out undeniably from among the members of his class for the phenomenal amount of time he has spent in service and leadership while maintaining a grade point average justly coveted by all serious students. Bob & Nancy Okuda

January 9 at 4:43 AM



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**Donna Okinaka** posted:

What a beautiful tribute you (Robert "Bob" Okuda) wrote honoring Uncle Clement! Uncle have accomplished so much in his life which many of them I wasn't aware of. I'm sure his beloved mom did. We were so fortunate to have such a knowledgeable and intelligent uncle in our family. We will miss his expertise. He was also caring and took exceptional care of my grandparents especially his beloved Mom which I'm forever grateful. I'm blessed to have known him better from all the times I was over the house to spend precious time with "Baba". I miss her so dearly but I have peace knowing he's right there pain free with Jesus taking care of his Mom "Baba" again! Please think of Uncle Clem when the next time you enjoy his favorite Kona Coffee ice cream & Thai Food.

January 9 at 12:36 AM



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