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Brian Sato Obituary

BRIAN YOICHI SATO, 64, passed away on January 21, 2020 at St. Mary's Hospital in San Francisco. Brian grew up in Wahiawa and spent many summers in Lahaina. He graduated from Leilehua High School and the University of Hawaii at Manoa. Brian was a fine art and commercial photographer for 37 years. He is best known for his exhibition entitled "GOKUROSAMA Contemporary Photographs of the Nisei in Hawaii," which has been shown throughout Hawaii, in Los Angeles, and Tokyo. He has also exhibited in Paris. Images from the Nisei of Hawaii collection have been featured in several periodicals, including the National Geographic Magazine, Japan edition. In 2011, this exhibition received the prestigious Ina Nobuo Prize in Japan for the best exhibition of the year at the Nikon Corporation's Nikon Salons.

When asked about the Nisei in Hawaii collection, Brian reflected: "Indeed, the Nikkei Nisei portrait is one that is painted with copious amounts of blood, sweat and tears. . . . Clearly, we should learn from their example and adopt their lessons in self-sacrifice, integrity, resilience and community-mindedness as a guide, as we face similar and dissimilar challenges and adversities today and in the future."

Brian was a foodie at heart and was particularly fond of delicious pies. He balanced his love of food with diligent exercise, including kayaking, surfing, and riding his bicycle.

Brian is preceded in death by his father, Hajime Sato, and his sister, Charlene Sato Long. He is survived by his mother, Aiko Sato, to whom he was a loving caregiver. He is also survived by his brother, Stanley Sato, niece, Melissa (Bryson) Higa, sister-in-law, Jean (George) Stewart and brother-in-law, Michael (Cathy) Long.

We would be honored to have family, friends, and colleagues join us in celebrating his life:



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Oahu funeral service will be on Friday, March 6 at Mililani Memorial Park Mauka Chapel.
Visitation at 5:00 PM, Service at 5:30 PM.

Maui service and scattering of ashes will be on Sunday, March 8 at Lahaina Jodo Mission, 12 Ala Moana Street. Visitation at 1:00 PM, Service at 1:30 PM.

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Seiko, Yutaka, Kota And Taku Uyeda posted:

B9 was purchased for the family of Brian Yoichi Sato by Seiko, Yutaka, Kota and Taku Uyeda. Send Flowers Brian, we miss you so much. You were Seiko and Yutaka's best friend and Kota and Taku's inspiring uncle. With love from Seiko, Yutaka, Kota and Taku Uyeda Seiko, Yutaka, Kota and Taku Uyeda

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