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## L awrence Taguba Obituary

**L**AWRENCE UMILA TAGUBA, 62 of Wahiawa, passed away on January 25, 2019 in Wahiawa. He was born in Kyushu, Japan.

Lawrence (Larry) Taguba is survived by his wife Teri Taguba, his brothers Dading and Sal Taguba his sisters Lili Elento and Terry Woods as well as several nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews.

He taught art for thirteen years at Hana High School, one year at Dole Middle School, and 25 years at Leilehua High School. He instilled pride in the schools by having his students research, plan, sketch, and paint the majority of murals that are currently on the walls of the three schools. In the last 15 years of his career, he was instrumental in building one of the most successful art programs in our state. The Leilehua students captured over a thousand regional and national awards.

While Larry had many interests, his passion was drawing and painting. He especially enjoyed creating artwork of comic book superheroes. His persistence and attention to details resulted in creations that captured not only the action of the scene, but the actors that portrayed the characters. Each of the past 8 years, he submitted one to three pieces to the San Diego Comic Convention Souvenir Book and all have been selected and published.

For an article he once wrote about his accomplishments he stated:

“Rhythm, a principle of art, is defined as the real or implied motion of objects. It can also refer to the path our eyes follow when looking at art. I believe these accomplishments compiled over time, formed a rhythm that kept me looking forward to the next challenge and created momentum for continued success.”



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Larry truly left his mark upon the world. He was a wonderful son, brother, uncle, husband, friend, teacher and mentor. He is greatly missed.

Visitation will be 5:30 pm Tuesday February 26, 2019 at Mililani Memorial Park's Mauka Chapel. Memorial service to follow at 6:30 pm.

Casual and aloha attire.

To send flowers to the family, please visit our floral store.

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## Tribute Wall

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MI

**Mike** posted:

condolences to the Taguba Ohana. he lives forever in the lives he has touched and mentorship to all who where blessed by his talent and humanity. alofa tele atu.....Michael Fatutoa

October 29 at 7:36 AM

SA

**Savanna** posted:

My condolences and prayers go out to the family. He was a great teacher. An eye for art ,and knew how to help you better your technique. Very special , and pretty rare for a teacher to take pride in their teachings, as well as their students. He did all he could to make his students enhance their talents to what they should be . A great teacher, will greatly be missed .

February 26 at 7:55 AM

ES

**Expression Of Sympathy** posted:

A B1 was sent by Michael Ebersole on February 18, 2019

February 18 at 2:00 AM

MH

**Michael Ebersole (Estrellita Taguba's Husband)** posted:

My heartfelt thoughts and prayers go out to Teri and all the other members of the family. I am so very, very saddened to learn of Larry's loss.

February 18 at 1:53 AM

MS

**Matthew Brown (Hawaii State Public Library System)** posted:

Mr. Taguba made such an impact on those around him, both at school and in the broader community. I was most fortunate to work with him on presenting his students' art work to the Wahiawa community each summer at the public library. He made such an impact on his students and cared deeply for them. Each year during the art exhibit former students would come back to the library and talk about how much they learned in Mr. Taguba's classes, not only about art, but about growing up and becoming good members of society. He made a difference for so many people and we will all miss him deeply.

February 14 at 7:22 AM



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JH

**Joy Grabar (Waiakea Intermediate School, Hilo, Hawaii)** posted:

Mr. Taguba inspired me as a new art teacher. He welcomed me and other art educators into his classroom and demonstrated some of the magic his students experienced in his drawing classes. I loved his straightforward yet thoughtful approach to teaching. I will miss this fine colleague. Thank you, Larry, for guiding me towards a stronger place of learning.Â

February 12 at 10:37 AM

GL

**Gladys** posted:

This deeply saddens me. He was one of my favorite teachers. He truly left a permanent mark in my creative life and career, without his inspiration and passion, I would not be where I would be today. He will be missed.

February 11 at 7:12 AM

ME

**Melody** posted:

A candle was lit in remembrance

February 9 at 7:36 AM

ME

**Melody** posted:

My Uncle was a great man. A caring and loving person who I will miss very much. In the moments we shared together , he not only inspired my musical and artistic interest, he showed me that itâ€™s okay to be an adult and still love toys, and to embrace bright and complimentary colors. I will miss listening to him play the guitar. I will miss the joy of a glimpse at his artwork in progress or a recently completed work. Shootz, i love him and lâ€™m simply going to miss him so much. For our family, there is grace and peace in knowing he is in Heaven watching over us.....If I close my eyes, I can hear him playing the guitar....a hui hoa, Uncle. Aloha for all time.

February 9 at 7:33 AM



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