



Takemitsu Nakachi

March 28, 1934 - September 7, 2009

Takemitsu "Mitch" Nakachi was born in Garapan, Saipan the oldest of four children to Masakiyo and Machi Nakachi. He lived in Okinawa, Japan until emigrating to the United States in 1958. He studied at Northwest Christian College in Eugene, Oregon and graduated in 1964. He married Maxine Large, with whom he had four children. Takemitsu worked as an exporter of agricultural products for Mitsubishi. His later years were spent working in real estate. He obtained his US citizenship status in July of 1972. He was an active member of the Japanese International Baptist Church. He also served as a Japanese language instructor for the church school. He is survived by his daughters Megumi Kay Howell, Monica Kiyomi Cranswick, Tanya Akemi McKee, and son Takeshi Paul Nakachi. A private service will be held at Evergreen Memorial Gardens in Vancouver, Wa. A public memorial service will be held on September 20th, at 2:00pm at the Japanese International Baptist Church in Tigard, OR. Family requests any donations be sent to the Japanese International Baptist Church.

Tribute Wall



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Evergreen Memorial Gardens - July 03, 2025 at 03:23 PM

GL

“ I always remember Mr. Nakachi smiling. I did not get to know him very well, but being the father of my good friend Akemi, I did see him on occasion. Mr. Nakachi was always very friendly and I wish there had been an opportunity to get to know him better. I am confident I would have learned a lot from him. I could tell he was an honorable man from the moment I met him. Gary Lundblad

Gary Lundblad - September 21, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ Dear Monica, I'm so sorry to hear of the passing of your father. I learned long ago how he is a blessing to this world through you, his daughter, and your wonderful, kind, and loving heart. Through you he touched me forever too. I hope I am able to bless this world as I know he did and continues to through you. He is in God's care, Monica, as he has always been. love, Russell

Russell Morley - September 21, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ Monica, I've considered you to be a part of my family, since I met you through my brother so many years ago. I love you like a sister and consider you to be one of my closest friends. I'm thankful I had the opportunity to meet your dad on several occasions. I remember him as a kind and funny man, who always had a ready smile. It was obvious how much he loved you and your sisters and brother. I know you will miss him tremendously. I'm so sorry he's gone.

Marianne Meese - September 19, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ My father was a man of quiet strength. He lived his life putting faith and family above fortune. I have so many great memories of Dad. He did love to laugh, and when you were in his presence, you could not help but feel his love. My sisters and my brother wish to send send thank you's to his church family. Thank you for all your love and support that you gave to my father. We are thankful that my Dad did not have to suffer, and that he is now smiling down on us from up above.

Monica Cranswick - September 14, 2009 at 12:00 AM

TN

“ On behalf of my sisters and I, I would like to thank everyone who takes the time to share their memories of my father. My father only knew how to live life one way, by putting his entire heart into every endeavor. What I will miss most about him is his laughter. Always, whole-hearted laughter. If you ever had a conversation with him, then it is likely that you heard his laugh. A laugh that was infectious. A laugh that was pure of heart. A laugh that could instantly defuse a tense situation. So if you have memories of my dad at all, again, thanks for sharing and please remember to share the laughter as well. Indeed, because my father did everything whole-hearted, right now we all feel enormously hole hearted. It's a huge void to fill. Thank you.

Takeshi Nakachi - September 12, 2009 at 12:00 AM

ME

“ My sisters, brother, and I have spent the last week reminiscing about my dad and the funny things that we will miss. He was a man who worked very hard to provide everything we needed and sometimes even before we thought we needed it. It is funny to me that even in his death a smile, a giggle, and a warm feeling when I think of him even in such sad time and sorrow. I know that would make him happy as he never wanted his children to be anything but happy. Many tears have been shed as the loss is something that cannot be replaced. The only joy is knowing that he will meet our maker and be reunited with his family that have passed before him. I love you daddy and I'm sorry I could not have been there to provide you some comfort in your passing.

Megumi-Kay - September 12, 2009 at 12:00 AM

KR

“ Kay, Monica, Tonya, and Paul, I am so very sorry for the loss of your dad. He was a wonderful man, full of compassion, generosity, and love. Yes, his laughter was definitely one of a kind, contagious and hearty as was his smile. His heart was pure gold. He was such a generous man, with no strings attached. Thank you Mitch, for the years you spent with our family. Thank you for your generous heart. Thank you for your love of the Lord. Thank you for sharing that love with my family. And most of all, thank you for taking a broken family and introducing them to Christ. My greatest comfort is, and I hope that Kay, Monica, Tonya, and Paul, you will feel this too, is that I know Mitch is with our Lord, watching down over you and those he loves. Mitch, you will be missed enormously, but we know that we will see you again. Until then....

Keiko Lisa Raffin - September 12, 2009 at 12:00 AM

ME

“ I had the pleasure of meeting Mitch one time. He was standing in the room in his summer suit, with a panama hat upon his head. I remember watching go to speak with someone, and was struck by the grace and strength of his movements. He seemed full of sunlight somehow. He will be missed.

Merideth - September 11, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ Mitch was a wonderful man. He brought joy and happiness to all of the Holidays that we shared together. I will miss him.

Debbie Howell - September 11, 2009 at 12:00 AM