



Shinsho Gima

November 6, 1947 - July 2, 2018

Shinsho Gima was born in Naha, Okinawa on November 6th, 1947, to Shinjo and Hatsuko Gima. He entered the world not long after Okinawa had been devastated by some of the worst fighting of World War II and the people were still attempting to recover.

The family moved to Koza, Okinawa but when he was just a small boy, he returned to Naha to live with his grandmother.

Shinsho attended school in Naha and as a young man, moved to Osaka, Japan to play baseball. His career ended with a slide into second and a badly shattered ankle. He returned to Okinawa, and worked in the construction industry and later as a chef on tuna boats. In his mid-twenties, he discovered golf and a passion that lasted all his life was born. While he always loved cooking, raising flowers, playing slot machines, and spending time with his family and friends, it was always golf that was at the top of his list. He was a very nurturing man and loved to cook for his friends and family. He had grown up studying karate, was expert at traditional folk dancing, and he loved his cat!

Gima, as he was called in accordance with Okinawan culture, and his wife Sharon, were married in Okinawa in 1995. Upon her retirement in 2001, they moved back to the States to their new home in Overton, Nevada. Gima left his country, family and everything he had ever known to move to a country where

he didn't speak, read, or write the language and knew no one but his wife, so that they could continue to be together.

Gima is survived by: his wife Sharon, his aunt Shigeko and his uncle Ray Brandenburg in Maryland, sister, Kiyoko and niece and nephew Meigumi Maehara and Daiske Gima Martinez, all in Okinawa.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his sister, Sachiko, and nephew Tadashi and many other family members.

Gima will be cremated and his ashes returned to his birthplace, Okinawa.

He was the bravest man ever and he is missed.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Didn't know Gima well but when you were having some serious health problems, Sharon, I had the pleasure of meeting him and talking with him (well...sort of), but his nice smile and a wave of his hand always greeted me after that whenever I saw him either in the yard or when I came to your home. I was fascinated by his life story and how you met and his ability to make so many friends without mastering the language. He was obviously a kind and caring husband and companion. Our love and sympathy to you and all his family...a dear soul left this world!*

Judy Prince - July 16, 2018 at 04:42 PM

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“ *Gima was a real gentleman. In the many rounds of golf I played with him in Mesquite, he would frequently pick up his fellow golfers' clubs from the edge of the green as a constant reminder of his kindness and respect. My deepest sympathies to Gima's family.*

Neil Hendricks - July 09, 2018 at 11:00 PM