



## James Rokuro Yano

October 1, 1929 - July 13, 2016

James R. Yano lived a life of devotion and commitment born on October 1st, 1929, and entered eternal life on July 13th, 2016. Born of humble beginnings in Kalihi/Palama, James was the sixth born child of eleven to Joseph and Shizue Yano. From Kalakaua Elementary to St. Louis High School Class of '47, to Boston College and University of Hawaii, Jim was committed to his family, to his education and to his future.

Jim was devoted to excellent healthcare. He was the initial Chief Medical Technologist for the Kaiser Hospital system in Hawaii and after obtaining his Master's Degree in Public Health/Hospital Administration became an assistant hospital administrator at St. Francis Hospital. He gave his all in service to the hospital and the Sisters of St. Francis. There he used his God given gifts of leadership, mentorship and strength.

Jim was committed to causes. Whether it was through his involvement in the State Legislature, serving on the American Cancer Society and St. Anthony school boards, creating the Shared Clinical Services, or in his unwavering support of the Carmelite sisters, Jim stood for what he viewed as right and just.

He was persistent, driven and focused at his best; competitive, prideful and obstinate at his worst. Although some would disagree with his style, there are

few who would question his sincerity and his best intentions in all that he did. "For I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith." 2 Timothy 4:7

James Rokuro Yano leaves a family of legacy: his loving wife, Helen Emiko Yano; his son Stephen (Gayle) Yano and his daughter Carla (Samuel) Kahiapo. He was blessed with 5 grandchildren; Taryn (Nathan) Kabei, Robyn Yano (fiancé Corey), Kacie Yano (fiancé Adam), Elena (Rexan) Colobong, and Jacob (Mason) Kahiapo and 6 great grandchildren; Chloe and Kelcie Kabei, and Emma, AJ, Jameson and Ronin Colobong. He is also survived by his brother Brian Sueo (Eloise) Yano and sister Mary Sunae Haruno.

Through his life well lived, we will each extend Jim's legacy. As once was said, "I never want you to leave me, but when you go, I will be at peace knowing that you live within me, and I will carry your soul through my life".

We welcome your presence at our Celebration of Life for James Rokuro Yano on Saturday, August 6th at St. Anthony of Padua Church and School in Kailua.

# Cemetery Details

## Hawaiian Memorial Park Cemetery

45-425 Kamehameha Highway  
Kaneohe, HI 96744

# Previous Events

## Viewing

AUG 6. 10:00 AM - 10:40 AM (HST)

St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church  
148 Makawao St.  
Kailua, HI  
adminasst@stanthonyskailua.org  
<http://www.stanthonyskailua.org>

## Eulogy

AUG 6. 10:40 AM - 11:00 AM (HST)

St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church  
148 Makawao St.  
Kailua, HI  
adminasst@stanthonyskailua.org  
<http://www.stanthonyskailua.org>

## Mass of Christian Burial

AUG 6. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (HST)

St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church  
148 Makawao St.  
Kailua, HI  
adminasst@stanthonyskailua.org  
<http://www.stanthonyskailua.org>

## Reception and Fellowship

AUG 6. 12:00 PM - 2:15 PM (HST)

St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church  
148 Makawao St.  
Kailua, HI  
adminasst@stanthonyskailua.org  
<http://www.stanthonyskailua.org>

## Leave for the Cemetery

AUG 6. 2:30 PM (HST)

St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church  
148 Makawao St.  
Kailua, HI  
adminasst@stanthonyskailua.org  
<http://www.stanthonyskailua.org>

## Graveside Service

AUG 6. 3:00 PM (HST)

Hawaiian Memorial Park Cemetery  
45-425 Kamehameha Highway  
Kaneohe, HI 96744



# Tribute Wall



“ *James Rokuro Yano*

November 15, 2022 at 12:05 AM



“ *James Rokuro Yano*

November 14, 2022 at 10:52 PM

TJ

“ Celebrating Fond Memories from the Grandkids

*Grandpa had the skill of immediately befriending anyone he met- the waiter at the dim sum restaurant, the cashier at Longs, even the random dude waiting in line with him for the bathroom.*

*We'll always remember how you always said our big foreheads meant we must have lots of brains!*

*You always enjoyed crab at the buffets! You would put the non-crab eaters to work- getting you seconds, thirds and fourths and cracking it open for you. You were hands down THE expert at piling up the shells on a plate!*

*You were always so excited to see your great-grandkids and they loved coming over to visit you too!*

*Grandpa was a man of simple pleasures- he once offered to take Robyn and Corey to “this really nice place” to get dessert and then proceeded to the nearby Burger King. He loved meal times, but it was more about bringing people together than it was about the food.*

*Sleepovers meant we had to sleep in the room with the big scary clown paintings and breakfast was always bran cereal, but the always-delicious-super-fresh-just-picked-this-morning-mango always made up for it.*

*Grandpa enjoyed playing checkers, arm wrestling, leg wrestling, and pretty much anything that he could challenge you at. He liked it even more when he beat you! His competitive spirit always reminded us grandkids to strive to be better in everything we do.*

*I remember all your cool cars, but especially the red MG- and despite the super loud muffler and the smell of fumes, it was always such an adventure to ride in.*

*I'll miss going to restaurants with you where everyone knew “Mr.*

*Yano!" and there was always a certain "really good 'special'" we should order.*

*The best school days off were spent at Ala Wai Golf Course with Papa. Tee time at 8am, just the front nine, a clubhouse sandwich, and one hundred reasons why we didn't need a golf cart.*

*Thank you for always spoiling us, challenging us and encouraging us to always do our best. We are so grateful for the endless love and invaluable life lessons you showered us throughout the years. We will miss you every day Grandpa, but we know that you have your wings and no doubt are enjoying all the golf and crab you could hope for.*

*Taryn, Robyn, Kacie, Elena, Jacob*

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**Taryn, Robin, Kacie, Elena and Jacob** - August 07, 2016 at 07:46 PM

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“ Stephen, my heartfelt condolences to you and you entire family, I'm so sorry for your loss. - Kent Nabarrete, San Antonio Texas.

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**Kent Nabarrete** - July 24, 2016 at 06:57 PM

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**stephen yano** - July 24, 2016 at 01:17 AM

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*These are so beautiful. Uncle Jim was sooo special and I pray that the Spirit of God continue to bring peace and comfort to each of you.*

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**Laurie Kahiapo** - August 01, 2016 at 11:56 PM