



## Toshihide Isamu Iguchi

March 10, 1951 - April 6, 2019

Toshihide (“Tosh” or “Tom”) Iguchi, age 68, passed away peacefully at his home in Naples, Florida on Saturday, April 6, 2019.

Tosh was born on March 10, 1951 in Himeji, Japan to Isamu and Tsuneko Iguchi. He came to the United States at the age of 18 to attend Southern Missouri State College where he received his Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology with a minor in Modern Art.

He later headed the institutional trust custody department of a Japanese bank in New York, became a published author in Japan, and started an English language academy in his hometown of Kobe, Japan.

Tosh was driven by a desire to create a paradise to share with the people he loved. His pursuit of this dream was marked by his interest in trading, building and renovation, landscaping, and raising koi. He maintained a lifelong passion for golf, was an excellent cook of authentic Japanese cuisine, was an avid music fan of 60s and 70s folk artists and enjoyed playing his acoustic guitar and singing the folk songs he loved.

He was known as a straight shooter, sincere, and lived life his own way, never compromising on his principles or ideals. Close friends know how he enjoyed philosophical conversations.

Tosh is survived by his wife of 5 years, Romamaria Testa, of Naples, Florida, his mother, Tsuneko, age 96, of Kobe, Japan, his sons Ben (Emeli) and Ryan (Charlotte), six grandchildren, Anton, Isabelle, Kate, Tyler, James and Jaxon of Stockholm, Sweden, and his older sister, Kazuyo, of Kobe, Japan. He was predeceased by his father, Isamu, and older brother, Akio.

Those wishing to honor his life can make a donation in his name to The Gerson Institute, the Death with Dignity National Center or the American Cancer Society.

Arrangements are being handled by Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home - Family Owned Since 1978.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Toshihide Isamu Iguchi*

October 09, 2023 at 03:40 AM



“ *I worked with Toshi at Daiwa Bank for 18 years. I began working there four months after he started. It was apparent from the beginning that we liked different areas of the department, He often praised me which encouraged me to work harder. One night about a year ago I was telling my nephew about Daiwa and Toshi so my sister decided to look him up on the internet (it hadn't occurred to me to do this even though I had often wished to reconnect with him). So I found out about one of his books and began reading it 2 days ago. In the book was his web site which led me to this. I am so saddened by his loss.*

*Toshi, you were one of the most influential people in my life. I considered you one of my best friends (to the point where some of my friends thought I had romantic feeling for you), alas, they were more brotherly. My biggest regret is that I didn't make more of an effort to locate you, especially since I had moved to Florida 3 year ago. I will truly miss you.*

*Love, Donna*

Donna D'Andrea - August 22, 2019 at 09:50 AM

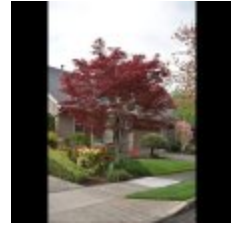


“ *My uncle Tosh did magic with me when he came up from fl  
We miss you*

Dominic Testa - July 24, 2019 at 07:42 PM



“ *Red Leaf Japanese Maple was purchased for the family of Toshihide Isamu Iguchi.* ”



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April 16, 2019 at 09:52 AM

KH

“ I couldn't sleep tonight. So many memories keep coming back. I met Tosh at college in 1969. We were both doing gymnastics and quickly became friends. His English was pretty good but kind of slow. Soon he was speaking like one of the locals, and I swear his English was better than mine. We spent the whole summer of 1970 working out at the gym, riding around in my old '52 MG-TD, and going swimming in the country. It was magic. At the end of the summer the dorm closed, and Tosh came and stayed at my parents house for a couple of weeks. From then on he was like member of the family. He would stay with us several more times, and he was like a brother to me and a son to my parents. Soon Tosh and I met and made a new friend, Shin Sato, also a Japanese student. It seemed liked we were always together. I remember the three of us spending one Christmas break all alone in the dorm. Everyone was gone but us, so we spent the whole night playing monopoly . Tosh was very good with the guitar, and he taught Shin to play from scratch. Shin was a good pupil, and soon they were a popular act around campus. Tosh introduced me to my wife who was also Japanese and a friend of his sister. He was my best man when we got married. Later, we lost contact for years till he called me out of the blue one day seven years ago. Tosh told me how sick he was, and from then on I prayed for him every day till the day he passed.

*I could never count the all the of ways knowing Toshi has touched not just my life but all my family. It will go on for generations.*

*At times like this, it seems I always smile thru my tears. Sorrow for our loss but joy for the memories,*

*Thanks Again Tosh,*

*You Friend Always,*

*Ken Hoff*

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**Ken Hoff** - April 12, 2019 at 06:37 AM

RI

*Ken, thank you for sharing. Tosh often spoke of the fun times he had in his college days with you and Shin.*

Roma Testa Iguchi - April 12, 2019 at 03:48 PM

KH

*“ Tosh was my oldest and closest friend. My fondest memories are of our college days 50 years ago when we were more boys than men. I still dream of those days. So many good times. While we lost contact with each other for many years, I thought of him every day. I believe I gave him the nickname Tosh that many people knew him by. He introduced me to my wife, and I would not have the family or life I have now if it were not for him. Thanks Tosh, it's been a good life.*

*Your Friend,  
Ken Hoff*

Ken Hoff - April 10, 2019 at 08:37 PM



*“ Thank you Lynn Shimasaki for your donation to The American Cancer Society in Toshi's name.*

Roma Testa Iguchi - April 10, 2019 at 08:13 AM



*“ Thank you Gregory & Melissa DeMars for your donation to The American Cancer Society in Tosh's name.*

Roma Testa Iguchi - April 10, 2019 at 08:12 AM

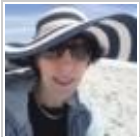
LS

“ I first met Toshi in New York back in 1982 but unfortunately lost touch through the years with multiple overseas assignments, only to re-connect years later while he was still running his school in Osaka. I really regret not having stayed better in touch. You think there will always be time to see people again and we take such things for granted. As can be seen by his obituary Toshi had many talents, interests and, moreover, loved ones and friends. At the same time he was very humble. He never let anything get to his head, and he always was willing to give you the time of day no matter how busy he was. He made you feel comfortable, as someone you could speak to about anything. I will also miss his humor...we used to joke and laugh a lot together. While saddened that he is no longer with us, I am glad that he lived a full life and was surrounded by family and people he loved and who loved him. Most people would be more than glad to have had the life and relationships he had.

Lynn Shimasaki

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Lynn Shimasaki - April 10, 2019 at 02:43 AM



“ 3 files added to the album Memories Album



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Roma Testa Iguchi - April 09, 2019 at 05:53 PM

TL

“ Toshi and I were good friends for 30 years. We had lunch often in Manhattan when we worked there in the 1980's. He and his sons came to visit my family at a small farm we owned in New Jersey back then. I visited Toshi several times when he was in Pennsylvania in the 1990's and later when he lived in Atlanta. In 2003. My youngest son, Michael, then a teenager, backpacked through Japan. Toshi's mom was kind enough to spend a day with him helping him get oriented. She was delighted to learn that he spoke pretty good Japanese; I was amazed to hear it. I read several of Toshi's books. They were very good.  
I would like it noted that he had a tough life with more than a few bad breaks, but he was always positive and upbeat. He was able to laugh and tell jokes about his setbacks.  
We could all learn from his example.

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ted s levy - April 09, 2019 at 11:50 AM



“ Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Toshihide Isamu Iguchi.



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April 08, 2019 at 10:39 PM

CF

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



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Catherine and Pat Flynn - April 08, 2019 at 10:37 PM

CF

“ When a new neighbor moves in, you never know what to expect. We were incredibly lucky to have Tom and Roma as our neighbors for a few years. The first day Pat met them, it was out front under the trees that stood on the borderline of our properties. They told Pat they lived everywhere from Atlanta and Detroit to Japan, and Pat replies with a charming “and you ended up in the golden gate estates? How is that possible?” From there it was all up a modestly slanted hill 😊 They watched our relationship grow, badgered Pat about when he would pop the question (😊), and were able to spend our special day with us when he did. They became so much more than our neighbors. They became family. We celebrated our birthdays together, once at a Japanese Hibachi steakhouse, Tom pointed out how NOT Japanese they were and how the restaurant was a complete sham 😭 Toms bitter reactions to things would always make Pat burst out laughing and in a chain effect we would all end up laughing. We celebrated Christmas and New Years, the 4th of July, and Thanksgiving. Tom already knew before any of us that, life was like a hot air balloon, when things are going up as many people as possible will try to join the ride, but when things are down, everyone is off to find the next hot air balloon. We were most fortunate to be there while the balloon was up, and we were privileged enough to come be by his side when the balloon was coming down for the final time.

Tom told us when we met that he had cancer and that he wouldn't be around forever. Pat being the smartbutt that he is, just looked at Tom smiled and replied “You sure? You look like you can kick my 4\$\$ anytime.” Tom just smiled back with a chuckle as he always did Patrick being from a city got to watch Tom go from “Mr. Tom!” to “Farmer Tom!” Sometimes a struggle to watch, but at other times absolutely, hysterical. Tom bought a riding mower for his yard. Sometimes at the end of the day we would come home and Toms yard was half mowed. Pat would go over and either mow the lawn or ask Tom what the deal was that only half was mowed. The first time, Tom told Pat there was a problem with the mower, and he couldn't see what the problem was because there was no way to

*look under the machine. Pat again smiled and said “that’s all you need?” Tom confused replied “yea, how are you supposed to see under there?” Pat grabbed the front of the mower, and flipped it vertically. Tom standing there with his eyes wide opened said “I can’t lift that thing up like that, your much younger and stronger” pat replied “you have a cell phone though, call me anytime you need help Tom, we’re neighbors, if we don’t look out for each other, no one will” 🙄 To this day, we believe that is when Tom knew he would forever be our friend. Not because of what happened, but because of the mindset that our families both shared.*

*We built things, we shared things, we always helped each other. We shared things from our hometowns, and told stories of our experiences. He continuously made us rethink our strategies while playing cards and took Pat under his wing (for a brilliant man, very bad decision, Pat started to rub off on him a bit too, that is how Tom and Roma ended up with a puppy🥹)*

*For us it is never about forgetting our loved family member, Tom and Roma will always be our family, but it will be about being appreciative of having the opportunity to share, cherish, and love one another.*

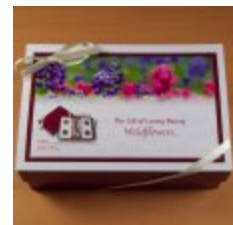
*Catherine and Patrick Flynn*

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**Catherine and Pat Flynn** - April 08, 2019 at 10:29 PM



“ *Isabel Chou purchased the Wildflower Seeds - Build A Memory Garden for the family of Toshihide Isamu Iguchi.*



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**Isabel Chou** - April 08, 2019 at 09:39 PM



“ Isabel Chou purchased the Light Blue Rose and White Carnation Mix (Silk Cemetery Flowers) for the family of Toshhide Isamu Iguchi.



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**Isabel Chou** - April 08, 2019 at 09:27 PM

ES

“ I knew Toshi when we met in the 1990s while he was going through a difficult time at Daiwa Bank. I worked for the government at the time, but I tried to take a "care-for-the-person" approach to my work with Toshi. He was always a gentleman and cooperative. He also was honest about difficult circumstances in a way that you rarely see in people. We lost touch over the years but every once in a while I would get an email. He also cited me in the book he wrote, which I found deeply touching and a source of pride to this day. I was shocked to learn that Toshi was ill with cancer and that he has passed away. He is in my thoughts and prayers and my deep sympathy is extended to his family and loved ones. Ed Stroz

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**Ed Stroz** - April 08, 2019 at 03:17 PM

CF

He told me stories of you sir. Never once spoke low of you. You and he are both great people. Cheers

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**Catherine and Pat Flynn** - April 08, 2019 at 10:32 PM

AD

“ While traveling across Asia, Tosh and Roma let me stay at their house for four days. During that time Tosh took me to the Himeji Castle near his home town, hiking around Tenjo-ji temple and hit golf balls with me. I'll never forget his kindness and excitement to share his culture with me.

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**andrew dickson** - April 08, 2019 at 08:30 AM



“ *For everything there is an appointed season,  
and a time for every purpose under heaven...  
A time for sharing, a time for caring,  
A time for loving, a time for giving,  
A time for remembering, a time for praying  
You have made everything beautiful in its time,  
for everything you do remains forever.*

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**Roma Testa Iguchi** - April 08, 2019 at 08:16 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for  
the family of Toshihide Isamu Iguchi.*



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April 08, 2019 at 04:50 AM



“ *He was very kind. He taught me many advices to study English .He  
was a very very good teacher for me.  
I'd like to express my deepest condolences.*

*Isabel*



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**Isabel Chou** - April 07, 2019 at 08:45 PM

JD

“ 3 files added to the album *Christmas in Florida 2015*



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**Janine Dickson** - April 07, 2019 at 08:04 PM

SB

“ *Deepest condolences. I have known Tosh since 1985. We lost touch for a long while but reconnected in 2014 and really enjoyed his company.*

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**Steve Bernstein** - April 07, 2019 at 07:52 PM

TP

“ *Tosh, a brilliant man, was always happy to share helpful information and words of encouragement with others who face similar challenges. He will be greatly missed.*  
*Tom & Carol Pierce*

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**Tom Pierce** - April 07, 2019 at 02:53 PM