



Mr. Bradley Tokuso Koki

September 3, 1953 - January 18, 2016

Bradley T. Koki, 62, died on January 18, 2016 in Mililani. He was born in Honolulu. He was an Art Teacher & Class Advisor at Maryknoll High School. He is survived by his wife, Theresa Mae Koki; parents, Dolores & Thomas Koki; brother, Derek Koki; sisters, Robin Honjo and Susan Higa; son, Ka'aimalani Koki; daughter, Ku'ulehua Lorenzo (Dan), and three grandchildren. Memorial Services and Celebration of Life will be held at Sacred Heart Church on Thursday, February 18, 2016. Visitation 3:45 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Services will begin at 4:45 p.m.

Comments



“ I just learned of Mr. Koki's passing today. I wanted to send my condolences to his family, and share my own "Mr. Koki story."
I attended St. Andrew's Priory from 1993 to 1995. I was the only person in most of my art classes, but he happily taught me one-on-one for the better part of two years. I wasn't very confident in myself, and I had no idea what I wanted to do with my life. Mr. Koki saw potential in me, even when I didn't. He encouraged me to apply to California College of the Arts, and sent along a shining letter of recommendation. I was accepted, and it was one of the best experiences of my life. I still have a copy of that letter.
I'm now a full time artist. I have always felt like I owe it all to Mr. Koki. He was more than just a teacher to me. He was a mentor, a marvel, and an inspiration. June of 2015 was the 20th anniversary of my high school graduation from the Priory. I wrote Mr. Koki a long, heartfelt letter of thanks, but I was too shy to send it. That will always be one of my biggest regrets. I know he was an inspiration to many, and I wish I had let him know how much he changed my life.
I'll always remember Mr. Koki, and I send my warmest regards to his family.
Sincerely,
Jennifer Gonzalez (née Salomon)

Jennifer Gonzalez - May 13, 2016 at 09:30 PM



“ Hey Brad. I've been living in Texas since 2000. My father sent me a clipping of this notice. He remembered my mentioning (years and years ago) how much fun we had while attending SFAI. Being homesick, how we would make local food, talk story, drink beer and always listen to Hawaiian music. I remember you always wearing your puka shell necklace. Even though we never kept up these years you were always in my heart and on my mind. My father remembered you because every time I happened to drive by St. Andrews, I'd mention you. I've told those stories to my kids and wife on probably more than one occasion. But they never seemed to get tired of my stories. I see you have a beautiful family and that you touched many lives. All while making beautiful art. No surprise! Next time I get back home, I hope to have a chance to see your stuff. My son Sinjin lives in hawaii (going to school) and volunteered to come to your service since I couldn't make it. He said he was able to meet Tisa and your kids. I'm so glad he made it. I wanted him to meet your family. Tisa, I see you have a great memory! Sinjin said you remembered meeting me back in SF those days. I think it was during Thanksgiving one of those years. I know you saw him too. Take care bruddah. God bless your family.

Stephen Fukuchi, SFAI 1975.

Stephen Fukuchi - February 19, 2016 at 05:10 PM



“ My prayers and thoughts are with Bradley's family. My former husband and I met Bradley when he was an art student in San Francisco. We had lots of adventures together. The fun continued when we followed Bradley back to Oahu. Mark taught art alongside Bradley at St. Andrews Priory. Mark is in Hawaii to attend the funeral of Bradley and to scatter the ashes of our son Joshua, who was born in Hawaii. Mark's number is 858-663-1188 if any of his former co-workers or students would like to contact him. I wish I was there to say a final aloha to a lovely man.
Condolences,
Linda Quint

Linda Quint - February 17, 2016 at 12:21 PM



“ Mr. Koki was a great advisor and fun art teacher when he taught at the Priory. The best memories I have from high school was my time in his art class. He encouraged me to do the art that I wanted to do and not worry about what others expected from me. Years later, I have taken his lesson to heart in my own classroom as an art teacher. I try to encourage my students to reach beyond their limits and create art that expresses who they are and to always see the positive in their creations. Mr. Koki will be truly missed but his lessons, and mentoring will always live on. My sincere and heartfelt condolences go out to the Koki family.



Cathy Lee-Kerch - February 06, 2016 at 04:30 AM



“ My sincere condolences to your family. May you find comfort found in the words of Isaiah 25:8

dawn - January 27, 2016 at 06:42 PM



“ Brad and Tisa were first friends of Matt. After meeting them while staying with Matt's family one time, I knew I had friends for life. My heart is with you Tisa and your family. I know he is at peace but I also know you miss him. Matt and I send our love and deep abiding friendship to you all.



Matt Tanaka - January 25, 2016 at 07:45 AM



“ Susan Piters lit a candle in memory of Mr. Bradley Tokuso Koki



Susan Piters - January 24, 2016 at 04:20 PM



“ I was so blessed to have had the chance to reconnect with Brad and Tisa after so many years since graduation. Brad was the same person I remember those many years ago--sweet, humble, just a great guy. When we briefly met up at Maryknoll some ten or more years ago, he told me a funny story about some of his beautiful artwork that still makes me laugh today. He will be missed by so many people because he made a positive difference in so many lives. The mark of a great teacher and a good man. Condolences to Tisa and family.

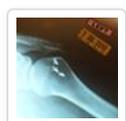
Susan Piters - January 24, 2016 at 04:29 PM



“ Maureen Ko lit a candle in memory of Mr. Bradley Tokuso Koki



Maureen Ko - January 24, 2016 at 06:47 AM



“ Bradley was one of the kindest and gentlest persons I have ever met. From intermediate when I first met him, throughout his blessed and fruitful marriage with Tisa, to the final dinner a bunch of us had last year, he remained the kind, sweet, funny man, we friends always thought him to be! Brad, you have left a great void in our lives way too soon! Much

love to Tisa, their two children, his parents and siblings. May you find peace.

Maureen - January 24, 2016 at 06:55 AM



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Maureen Ko - January 24, 2016 at 06:23 AM



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Matt Tanaka - January 24, 2016 at 03:35 PM



“ I had Mr. Koki as an art teacher at St. Andrew's Priory, when I was there from '88 to '92. Mr. Koki believed in my worth as a person when I didn't. Although I imagine I drove him nuts at first, I hope he realized the influence he had on me in helping me become the person I am today. He will be remembered by me with great fondness of the sparkle that was always in his eyes.

Rest In Peace,
Sara (Hill) Brandenburg

Sara Brandenburg - January 21, 2016 at 10:08 AM



“ Brad studied / practiced Aikido and earned his black belt under Toshiie Iiima.
David A Simmons

David Simmons Maryknoll "74 - January 20, 2016 at 08:55 PM