



Darren Mitsuo Oshiro

February 11, 1959 - February 19, 2016

Darren Mitsuo Oshiro, 57, of Palolo Valley, died on February 19, 2016 in Honolulu. He was born in Honolulu. He was a research vessel operator. He is survived by mom, Yaeko Oshiro; brothers, James and Kerry Oshiro; sister, Lori Oshiro; son, Reid Oshiro; daughters, Kardi Oshiro, and Asti Quihano. His hobbies were being in the ocean, surfing, and fishing. Memorial services and celebration of life will be on Friday, March, 4, 2016. Meet at 4:30pm at Ala Moana Beach Park. Scattering will be held outside of Bowls surf spot.

Comments



“ Dear Oshiro family,
I met Darren for the first time in 2003, when I was a visiting scholar on Coconut Island, visiting from Switzerland to study a disease of marine turtles. Many, many mornings, I shared a ride with him on the boat setting over to the Island and back. Darren was known and respected for his sense of duty and his constant care about his passenger's safety. Coming back on many occasions through recent years, I always looked forward to have one more boat ride with him. It was such a shock to learn that these times will never be again because Darren passed away. Attached please find a picture that I took back in 2003, showing Darren as I like to remember him. My wife Siliva, who also shared many boat rides with Darren, joins me in sending you our kind regards and heartfelt condolences,
Mathias & Silvia Ackermann



Mathias & Silvia Ackermann - March 08, 2016 at 01:50 AM



“ Thank you Mathias and Silvia for the photo of Darren and it is one that I will also like to remember him by..

Clyde - March 13, 2016 at 02:10 PM



“ I am deeply saddened to hear that Darren is no longer with us. I met him in 1984-85 while working in the shop at HIMB. His smile and laughter was so infectious. He was always there to help anyone who needed anything. He taught me so much about the ocean and boating. We would swap fishing stories and play tricks on each other during the day. Although I haven't seen him in years, seeing his picture with his smile brought it all back. Darren will be missed!

Geoff Chang

Geoffrey Chang - March 05, 2016 at 08:24 PM



“ I am so sad to hear that Darren has passed. When I worked at HIMB, I really enjoyed seeing him each day as we always had a good laugh together and enjoyed talking story with him, especially when I was a new father. He was a great waterman and loved the ocean. Darren was able to get a smile out of everyone, no matter how bad your day was. I saw him not too long ago and I definitely will miss him very much, but I know what he would not want us to be sad at this time. Darren would want us to remember the positive experiences and laughter we all shared with him. He definitely made this world a much better place.

Manning S. Taite III

Manning S. Taite III - March 05, 2016 at 04:55 AM



“ I am so very sorry to hear of Darren's passing. I knew him from Coconut Island. He was such fun. He used to tease me about being late, and having to swim to work after missing Little Toot in the morning.

Nancy Clarke - March 04, 2016 at 09:40 PM



“ I have known Darren since I was a graduate student at the Hawaii Institute of Marine Biology back in the 1990s. I returned to work at HIMB in 2005 where Darren and I reconnected. When our respective children were younger, we often talked of the challenges of raising kids and of life. My son, Kagen, and Darren's son, Reid, were on the same paddling team one year and i was having difficulty getting my son to practices. Darren offered to take my son to paddling and that reflects the kind of man he was. Kind and generous. I remember the beautiful fishing lures and paddles that he used to make. Very gifted.

I also remember the time in graduate school when i was hired as a research assistant to do bottomfish surveys. We had a trip planned to Molokai, but storms and big waves were headed to Hawaii. Darren, being a knowledgeable boat captain, warned us not to go out in that weather. We went anyways and ended up running back to Oahu in the dead of night under very dangerous conditions. The next day I told Darren what happened, and he chided me for being stupid enough to go out. Then in the next breath he let me know, that if we had been lost at sea, that he and his friends would have been out there in a heartbeat looking for us. Not many friends like that in this world and I will miss Darren greatly.

Greta Aeby

Greta Aeby - March 04, 2016 at 05:00 PM



“ My memories of working and laughing with Darren fit that photo you have up there perfectly. His sly, subdued smile, witty sarcasm and slow, deep chuckle were a part of colorful exchanges between captains and crews in the early mornings at Kewalo Basin as we sleepily set up gear for the days' fishing charters before the tourists arrived. Years later I shared with him the tasks of working the deck while we boated big ahi and marlin on extended trips to Maui and Kauai. He was always easy to work with and he knew his stuff. As a peer and competitor he inspired me with the way he'd quietly slip off out of sight from the rest of the fleet and later we'd hear he'd made an enviable catch. Rest In Peace Otaru.

Daral Conklin - March 04, 2016 at 04:57 PM



“ Darren Oshiro, Full of life! I was born on January 6, 1959. Darren and I became friends soon after I moved in across from his house on 10th Ave. We first met at Palolo Elementary, 6th grade, where we met at the back with a whole bunch of other crazies to meet up and fight with wooden swords made from Hale Koa trees... We had lot's of fun pretending to be Musashi or Sasaki... great memories. I remember my Dad taking a bunch of us to Waikiki beach to go surf... Darren was just starting and I always laughed because he had this crazy stance from front to back of his board. He looked like he should have been holding a Katana too. I remember Darren as always, giving, kind and cocky all at once... we had great times together. He called me a few weeks back just to talk story... I miss him!
Uncle Mark.

Mark Kaku - February 29, 2016 at 01:53 PM



“ So sorry to hear of your loss. My name is Clyde Tamaru and was an aquaculture specialist at UH. I use to have an aquaculture laboratory out at HIMB and am retired now. One of my most favorite memories of Darren was when it rained how he would make a makeshift raincoat out of a Hefty trash bag and wear it while driving the skiff and people to and from the pier and Coconut island. Likewise, his good nature, humor and stories were always a great way to start and end the working day on the island. I am going to miss him so very much. I noticed that his ashes will be spread out on the water and is a fitting tribute to a great waterman such as Darren.

Clyde Tamaru - February 26, 2016 at 11:55 AM



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

dawn - February 23, 2016 at 10:48 AM