



Wesley Katsumi Murakami

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Wesley Katsumi Murakami, 73, of Waimea, Hawai'i, passed away peacefully at home on November 8, 2025, after a courageous battle with Alzheimer's dementia. He was lovingly cared for by his hospice team and his devoted wife, Debbie Murakami, who served as his full-time caregiver.

Wesley was a proud graduate of Honoka'a High School and later attended culinary school, where he discovered his passion for cooking. He began his career as a pastry chef at the Mauna Kea Beach Hotel and worked tirelessly toward his dream of owning a business. His dedication and hard work led him to become the General Manager of Kona Fish Company, where he eventually retired.

He is survived by his loving wife, Debbie Murakami; children Shyla (Mark) Murakami-Simao of Sparta, WI; Kemp Murakami of Waimea; Tansy (Kanalua) Coelho of Waimea; and former wife Cynthia Kagan. Wesley was also a proud hānai father to Ryan (Alyssa) and Benjamin. His grandchildren include Zakary, McKayla, Teah, Skylah, Chrys, Kawainapuahele, Kaliana, Mikela, Micah, Michelle, and Isaiah, as well as two great-grandchildren, Loa'a and Hokualii.

Wesley loved all his children and grandchildren unconditionally. He is also survived by his father, Kiyoshi Murakami of Honoka'a; sister Wendy (Beau); and niece Mika Schneider of Monson, MA. He was predeceased by his mother, Janet Murakami.


Wesley will be remembered by his many cousins, uncles, and extended family, as well as the hospice caregivers who supported him. His children brought him joy through their visits and rides, creating cherished memories in his final days.



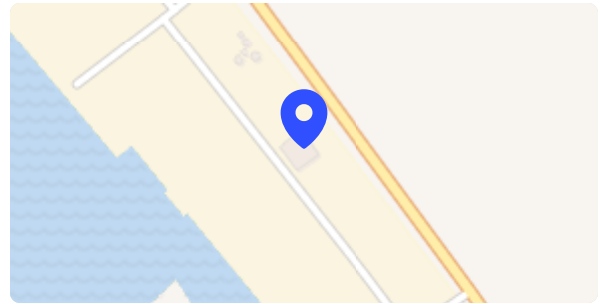
Celebration Of Life

 **Sunday**, December 7, 2025

 10:00 AM HST

 **Kawaihae Canoe club**
61-3661 Kawaihae Rd, Waimea HI 96743

- o Celebration of Life will be held on December 7, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. at the Kawaihae Canoe Club (Kawaihae Small Boat Harbor). The scattering of his ashes will follow the service.





Tribute Wall

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Marian Marcelino planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Wesley.

December 6 at 8:20 AM



Aaron Gonzales And Stacia Sperry sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Murakami family.

December 4 at 4:45 PM



Aaron Gonzales And Stacia Sperry planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Wesley.

December 4 at 4:45 PM



Mssnackqueen December 4 at 7:04 PM

Where will the tree be planted, I'd love to visit and watch it grow healthy



Mssnackqueen lit a candle in honor of Wesley.

Mahalo honey, for sharing your life with me. I miss you and always will ❤️🌸

December 2 at 9:48 PM



Kemp Murakami shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

December 1 at 3:19 PM



Mssnackqueen December 4 at 7:03 PM

That's adorable



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Kemp Murakami shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.



December 1 at 3:18 PM



Anonymous sent a Strength & Solace Spray to the Murakami family.



November 24 at 9:23 AM



Mssnackqueen December 4 at 7:03 PM

Just beautiful 🥰



Mssnackqueen shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

Best papa ever



November 17 at 4:21 PM



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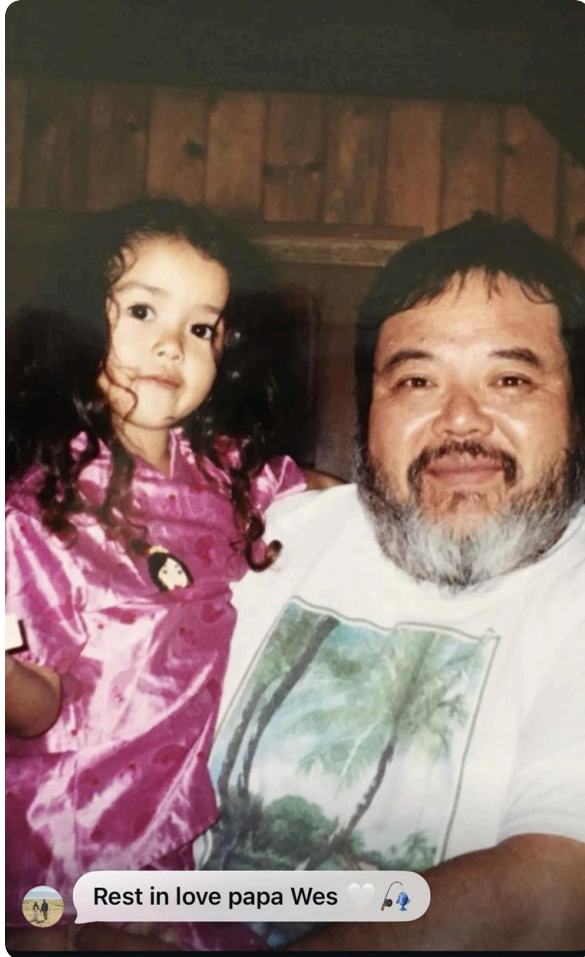
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Rest in love papa Wes



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Wesley by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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