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Hank lived a life full of friends and family, of bowling, baseball and golf, of pride in his culture and community, of entrepreneurship and investments, and of matsutake mushroom hunting and geoduck digging. He left a legacy of generosity, hospitality, and friendship, that touched the lives of his players (as a coach in Ballard Little League), of his customers (as the owner of the House of Rice), of his teammates (as a baseball player in high school, US Army, and Pittsburgh Pirates minor league affiliate teams), and of his friends and family.

Hank and his partner in life and wife, Edna, raised two daughters, Jody (Larry Clovis) and Kiyoko (Jim Goldhardt) while building an Asian gift and grocery business that included one of the first sushi bars in the city, a cooking school, and a mail order business, all in the 1960s. Hank also published a free community newspaper, "East is East". After retiring, Hank and Edna could be found in Ballard on a Little League baseball field, playing golf, watching the Mariners, or at Lindsay Beach on Dabob Bay. Hank and Edna were especially proud of their two grandsons, Mik and Derek. A memorial service will be held later in the year.

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