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Katsuaki Suzuki Obituary

NAPLES - Katsuaki (Kei) Suzuki passed away peacefully after a brave battle with cancer on Nov. 15, 2018 surrounded by his loving family at the age of 67. Kei was born in Hokkaido, Japan and attended Todai University in Tokyo. While working at the Imperial Hotel, he met his future wife, Judy, who was teaching English. They returned to the states together and married in Massachusetts in 1977. Kei worked for the Consulate General of Japan in Boston, Mass. before moving to New Jersey. He worked for Fujisankei Communications in New York City until his retirement in 2014. It was in New Jersey that Kei and Judy had their two amazing children Cory, 29, and Jamie, 27. Kei will be remembered as a selfless father who did everything he could for his children. He taught them how to fish in the Manasquan Reservoir, how to build anything including a bird cage ten sizes too big, how to love and care for animals but most importantly taught them how to be kind, giving, and compassionate people. After his retirement in 2014, Kei fulfilled one of his dreams by moving to Maine and opening Ramen Suzukiya with his son, Cory. His handcrafted organic noodles were his passion and he loved the opportunity to create a space for customers to enjoy his craft. Kei will be remembered as the kindest man who never hesitated to reach out to those in need. He loved his family and fought a vicious cancer for over a year in order to have more time to spend with them. The world was certainly a better place with him here. Kei was predeceased by his father, Hideo Suzuki, his mother, Jiu Suzuki; and his younger brother, Fumiaki Suzuki. He is survived by his son, Cory Suzuki of Naples, his daughter, Jamie Suzuki of Waco, Texas, his longtime wife and best friend, Judy Jamieson Suzuki, his brother, Shigeto Suzuki of Yokohama, Japan, as well as many beloved relatives and friends including his ramen shop family, Peter, Sam, and Susan. He also leaves behind his favorite cat Zoey and two grand-dogs, Desmond and Rosie. Online condolence messages can be submitted at the Chad E. Poitras Cremation and Funeral Service website, www.mainefuneral.com. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to: Hospice of Southern Maine 180 US Rt. 1 Scarborough, Maine 04074 for their support and comfort for Kei in his final weeks.

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Judy, Cory and Jamie, I am so very saddened by the news of your loss. I have a picture of Kei in my mind of him with his shirtsleeves rolled up and mixing drinks at my sister's wedding. I also can see him in your apartment in I think it was Bricktown when Gaye and the kids and I came down to visit. I wish I had known he was in Portland. My most heartfelt condolences for your loss. Such a good man.

December 15, 2018

Oh! I am so saddened by this news. We were customers occasionally at the shop and always recommended it. Our first visits there, we were happy to have nice long unhurried discussions with Kei about Japan and coming to ME and making things. We will always remember him and the shop with such fondness.

Lee Auchincloss

November 29, 2018

We are so sad to hear this news. I don't know him personally but me and my family were patrons of his ramen shop on munjoy hill, after our two sons discovered it and raved endlessly about Kei's noodles! He was a gifted cook and we so appreciated the high quality of the food he prepared. The obituary is a beautiful tribute to this man who was so clearly devoted to those he loved. Our condolences to you all as your grieve.

Jeanette Andonian

November 29, 2018

The man carried a positive energy with him wherever he went. The world just got a bit dimmer.

Dan Bornstein

November 27, 2018

My deepest sympathies to your family. I never met your Dad. Your father's noodles brought me great joy and comfort. I pray you find comfort from friends and some joy in your memories to treasure.

NamMyoho RengeKyo

November 26, 2018

I am so sorry for your loss. I hope Jer 29: 11,12 brings you some comfort during this difficult time.

November 21, 2018

I so enjoyed meeting you, Kei, at the soupe kitchen. I remember your warmth, smile, and generosity. You will be greatly missed. -Ruth Sylmor

November 18, 2018

Dear Judy and family:I'm so saddened to learn of your loss and want you to know my prayers are for Kei and for you all...For the power of faith!

Bob Jamieson

November 18, 2018

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