



Takeshi Tazaki

April 21, 2014

Good food, good friends and family. Hard work, classical music- especially Mozart, a love for nature and wine. Takeshi Tazaki's love for life, every aspect of life, is what he will be remembered for. His infectious smile could light up any room. The smile on his lips so genuine and warm, but it was the one you saw in his eyes that really defined his kind heart. This mans kindness seemed to envelope his world. A loving husband, father and grandfather, his favorite times were the ones spent at the kitchen table with all of us eating drinking and laughing. When talking with him, his undivided attention was yours, and you knew he had an answer for even the toughest situations.

Takeshi moved his family to Lancaster County in 1995 because of his business, and to be closer to his host family, the Harts. The bravery, dedication and devotion to these two ever present aspects of his life, allowed for a successful business and a family that quickly adjusted to such a drastically different environment.

We lost Takeshi on April 17th 2014 due to an accident at his home. He is survived by his wife Yoshie and children Koichi, Yoko and Hiroshi. His grandson Makoto, His American family, the Harts, and his doggy babies Benji and Sweetie. We are together in the aftermath of this tragic event not in mourning, but in celebration of the man we all loved so much. The man who lived for all of us! We will miss you greatly! Thank you for all that you did and

all that you were.

Friends and Relatives are invited to join Takeshi's family on Wednesday, April 23, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. at The Groffs Family Funeral Home at 528 West Orange Street, Lancaster, PA 17603 (corner of Orange and Pine Streets) for a time of sharing and remembrance. The family will greet friends at The Groffs from 5 p.m. until time of service. Please omit flowers. Memorials in Takeshi's name may be made to his wife Yoshie at her residence.

Tribute Wall



“ *Takeshi Tazaki*

October 22, 2023 at 11:34 PM



“ *Tazaki-San was a great man and a matchless practitioner of the Buddhism of Nichiren Daishonin - whom I had the pleasure of knowing when I met him, his wife Yoshie and their beautiful children in 1995 at their home in Lancaster PA. We had meetings at there and practiced hard together. It was such a joyous time for all of us. I was also present when Tazaki-san and Yoshiko Unangst were appointed as the leaders of Lancaster District on 12-27-97- an important phase of the kosen rufu movement in this area which became a unit and otherwise started with Yoshiko and Renata Rebant Tanji in 1995. I hope to hear from his family someday who can contact me through my below email address.*

Respectfully

*Paul Wersant
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Paul Wersant - April 17, 2023 at 04:22 AM



“ *I'm so sorry to hear this sad news. My thoughts are with his family. I was a regular customer of Joe's at our many quilt show venues. He was always warm, welcoming and had a great smile and a kind gentle way with people. My friends and I will miss him very much -*

barb vedder - May 29, 2014 at 03:48 PM

JL

“ Dear Mrs Tazaki and family, when I learned of "Joe's" death Tuesday night at the Paducah show I was so sad. While I didn't know him well, he was a big part of our Vendor Family and his cheerful, infectious smile made him a favorite of us all. Please know that alot of us are sending our love and condolences for your loss. He will be greatly missed.
JoAnne Louis

JoAnne Louis - April 30, 2014 at 01:26 PM

OL

“ Yoshie, my heart goes out to you and your family. There are no words I can say to heal your pain right now. But I can only be here for you to support you. I hope you know that you are not alone and you have lots of people that are here for you every step of the way. Cherish every memory you have and that will give you the strength to get through this. You are a strong woman. Please reach out if you need to talk.

Lots of Love.... Your Nurse... Olga

Olga - April 23, 2014 at 08:38 PM

JB

“ Yoko and family-am so sorry for your loss. Though I did not know your father, he must have been a fine man to have raised such good kids. I am sorry that I could not make it to the service tonight-no transportation.

jennie braas - April 23, 2014 at 07:15 PM

KS

“ Hiroshi, you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. May wonderful memories bring you comfort now and in the days ahead.

Ken & Bev Shoff - April 23, 2014 at 08:59 AM

RP

“ We learned to know "Joe" as a fellow vendor at quilt shows across the country. His friendly, gentle spirit was such a bright spot. He brought happiness and joy to his surroundings. Our thoughts are with you.
with care,
Rachel and Kenny

Rachel and Kenny Pellman - April 23, 2014 at 08:13 AM

TG

“ I will miss your wonderful smile, great sense of humor, your friendship at quilt shows for sure. I consider myself lucky to have met you over the last two years. Many of your vendor friends are saddened by this news and have such fond stories of how we knew you. My prayers for your family. God bless

Tyler Grace - April 22, 2014 at 09:33 PM

KS

“ Hiroshi, our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. May the memories that you hold dear be a comfort to you at this difficult time.

Ken & Bev Shoff - April 22, 2014 at 09:25 PM

KB

“ I spent a lot of time at the Hart's house the year that Takeshi was an exchange student at LS. I have very fond memories of him. One thing in particular I remember was that he tended to walk around the house in bare feet even in the winter. My thoughts and prayers are both with the family and with the Harts.

Karen Bachman - April 22, 2014 at 09:17 PM

JS

“ *Such a hard working man with a warm smile and always a kind word. Will keep the Tazaki family in my thoughts and prayers.*

Janet-Lee Santeusanio - April 22, 2014 at 09:16 PM

RJ

“ *He was always a delight to talk with when we saw him at shows...with a wonderful smile and giggle. We will miss our visits to his booth.*

Richard Jones and Joan Jones - April 22, 2014 at 06:56 PM

MD

“ *The loss of this fine man-husband, father, grandfather, friend is a tragedy. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you. May the memories that you all have sustain you during this difficult time. I did not know him well and only met him a handful of times, but he was a presence that one did not forget. So happy and involved with life. We could all learn a lesson from his living.*

Madel DiPaula - April 22, 2014 at 05:50 PM

JC

“ *I loved living around the corner from you when you lived on Chelsea Loop and then seeing you both at quilt shows.. I wish I could come on Wednesday evening, but I am on a bus trip to the show in Paducah. My thoughts and prayers are with you. Judy Conly*

Judy Conly - April 22, 2014 at 12:35 PM

ML

“ *Takeshi and Yoshie welcomed us to Lancaster ten years ago when we knew no one. We remain eternally grateful for his friendship and warmth.*

Michael Lavery - April 22, 2014 at 09:13 AM