



# Noel Tetsuo Enoki

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**N**oel Tetsuo Enoki, of Union City, succumbed to a five-month ordeal with cancer 66 years 11 months after his birth in Agana Heights, Guam. Formerly Environmental Laboratory Manager at the San Jose Environmental Services Department, he was 10 months into retirement. He had planned his first trip to Palau, his mother's birthplace; intended to tackle home maintenance and improvement projects; and looked forward to spoiling his grandkids that brought him such joy and watching them grow.

Like his mother, Noel loved cooking for others and seeing them enjoy what he had prepared. From his small kitchen came catering proportions of restaurant-quality, made-from-scratch gastronomic creations. His ribs were legendary and his kelaguen once moved a Chamorro expatriate to tears. Wherever he traveled, he cooked for his hosts and taught them his techniques. He sometimes left them his recipes and bought them specialty appliances. Like his father and brother before him, he was quick to help someone in need. He mentored and counseled many in his orbit. Honest and genuine, generous and kind, quiet and unobtrusive, humble and selfless, he always placed others before himself. When he loved you, he might not verbalize it, but showed it through his actions, and you knew. That is his legacy: demonstrating love in his quiet way, rather than just mouthing the words.

He was preceded in death by his father Osamu and brother Edward. Surviving him are his mother and hero, Yoshie Shishido; his wife and best friend, Marie Bamba; the sons he took such pride in, Morey (Michelle) and Joel (Kieu "Kelly"); the grand-children he adored: Nolan, Audrey, and Aya; his favorite (only) sister Irene Takami; his brothers Bart Shishido and Marc Shishido; brothers and sisters in law, aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, and extended family scattered across California, Hawaii, Guam, Palau, and Japan



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**Anonymous** sent a Sentiments of Serenity Spray to the Enoki family.



December 14 at 4:15 AM



**Adiba** posted:

Mr. Enoki would brighten up a room with his bright smile and kind soul, whenever coming to the dentist he knew he would need x-rays yet he never once complained. He was a good man. My words may not wipe away any tears or ease the pain of no longer having him here. But his memory will live on.

December 13 at 4:47 PM



**Teri Hashimoto** posted:

A kind, gentle and very intelligent soul. His smile always greeted my brother and I with warmth and joy. He had a sparkle in his eyes that shined radiantly. I will miss his gentle spirit and kind heart. He was down to earth and Mr Enoki shared his loving spirit with all. What a true blessing to have known him. We should all aspire to be as pure in spirit as him. Rest well, Mr Enoki. You will be greatly missed.

December 13 at 4:37 PM



**Dannelle Bamba-Jordan** posted:

Uncle Noel, We love you so much, You always introduced me to New Japanese foods. I will never forget how you were so gracious to my family every time we visited. I will miss your Japanese rice and best katsu ever. You were the most humble man I've ever met and always envied your relationship with my Auntie Rie. You will forever be missed. Love you Unc~Dannelle Bamba-Jordan ~

December 10 at 6:25 PM



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**Bernadette Mendiola** lit a candle in honor of Noel.

Noel was more than an Excellent cook. He added so much love into everything he prepared. To me, that was his secret ingredient . Watching him in the kitchen earlier this year truly impressed me. He enjoyed being in the kitchen and aimed to please. I felt so special when he made me his blueberry muffins for breakfast from scratch. I savored every bite.I feel that I have known Noel and his family for a very long time. Thanks to Marie, his family has always been a part of our family.. Marie, I will continue to pray for you and the boys and the grandkids that you bond together in mourning. It's a difficult and painful journey. Rely on the memories you have, cherish them for that is the antidote to surviving without him. Noel was one of a kind. Rest in Peace Noel. Be with Eddie and all those that have gone before you. Live eternal life. ❤️✚



December 10 at 4:13 AM



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