

## Richard “Noosh” Nishihara



Richard “Noosh” Nishihara, born February 15th, 1944, died September 8th, 2022, at the age of 78 in the loving presence of family and friends on Maui, Hawaii. Noosh is survived by his wife, Phyllis Nakamura, daughters Megan and Ceri Nishihara, and countless family and friends. Born in Kula, Maui, and adopted into the Nishihara family, Noosh would go on to attend Lahainaluna High School as a boarder, then University of Hawaii at Manoa and California Polytechnic State University where he developed and enhanced his affinity for agriculture. This passion took him all over the world.

With boundless curiosity, contagious laugh, enduring respect, and gleeful humor, he touched inestimable lives around the globe. Serving in the IVS, Peace Corps, and with USAID, Noosh traveled the planet – Jamaica, Barbados, Nepal, Fiji, Indonesia, Sri Lanka, he returned to his home on Maui, creating a beautiful life in love and faith and golf. The impact he had on everyone he met was felt deeply, lives are better because he was in them. Noosh never met a stranger, all were friends and treated like family.

Heartfelt thanks to folks who cared for Noosh at Maui Memorial, Kahului Hale Makua, Hale Makua Home Health, Bayada Home Health, Hospice Maui. Mahalo to Dr. Samuel Johnsen, Dr. Ian Okazaki, Dr. Arthur Chasen.

Noosh’s family welcomed friends to join them in celebrating a remarkable life at Waiola Church Hall on Monday, October 10, 2022. Lahaina Hongwanji Mission, being a significant part of his life, honored Noosh privately. He was laid to rest in LHM columbarium. In lieu of flowers, we suggest donations in his memory to Lahaina Hongwanji Mission. Condolences can be made at [normansmortuary.com](http://normansmortuary.com)