



Geoffrey Kam Jun Yuen

February 5, 1947 - December 30, 2020

Geoffrey Kam Jun Yuen passed away at Nathan Adelson Hospice in Las Vegas, NV on December 30, 2020 from complications due to COVID-19, end-stage renal disease and a car accident. Born in Honolulu, HI, February 5, 1947 to Albert and Lily Yuen, he was raised in Kailua, HI, graduating from Kailua High School and University of Hawaii.

He always had an entrepreneurial spirit and inquisitive mind. In 1964, as a Junior in high school, he tested the US Postal system by having a friend in Oceanside, CA mail him a letter addressed with just three numbers; his Social Security, home phone and Zip code. It took a couple of weeks, but it was delivered! The story made the local papers.

Geoff was a risk-taker who had a diverse career. After starting in investment and property management, he launched MicroNet Corporation, installing computer networks in professional offices at a time when networking was more an art than a science. He then spent most of his career in some aspect of real estate sales, development and investment.

In 1996 kidney failure led to a kidney transplant from his brother, Mike. Successful for a few years, that kidney also failed leading to a second transplant. Although the balance of his life was characterized by deteriorating health, Geoff lived tenaciously and pursued his love for travel, visiting 51

countries in his lifetime. He had a business card that read, "Have Tux, Will Travel." In recent years, he authored two blogs, Geoff Talk and The Jefferson Café, that posted articles from multiple commentary sources along with his daily insights on important political and cultural events of the day.

Geoff fully embraced life. Always an optimist, he was quick with a joke and full of laughter. No matter what challenges he faced in life, he was always confident he could overcome it. He never gave up. He is survived by two daughters, Kristl and Megan.

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“ *I miss you. Save me a seat. Let's still blame it on George Washington crossing the Delaware!*

Linda Lopez (Soraoka) - April 13, 2021 at 09:47 AM

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“ *The news of Geoff's passing caught me by surprise though I had wondered why his communication had gone "dark" back on 14 December and Geoff had past "outages" but always had managed to come back online. Things had been extraordinarily busy for me at that time and I had put things off. Now I know why he never did resume his communications. Right out of college I worked for Geoff at MicroNet, and it spawned friendship with Geoff that would last the rest of his life--32 years. His long compromised health never got in his way, seemingly at most just another speedbump to him. Generous with his time and advice, Geoff would make time for you to talk about anything: family, business, history, politics, life. Geoff epitomized the phrase, "Go big, or go home." He would always swing for the fences. Another term that described Geoff's life was, "high amplitude"; the highest highs and challenging lows. Yet no matter what the situation Geoff would always right his ship and move forward. He had will--lots of it. He showed me that you can will yourself through anything if you meet the challenge head on with courage and tenacity. I will miss our conversations. Blessings to Geoff's daughters, Kristl and Megan.*

Von Kanesshiro - April 12, 2021 at 11:43 PM

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“ I knew Geoff for the last ten years of his life and will remember him always. He was an influential thinker and was always trying to move forward despite health setbacks. We spoke weekly and I miss those talks greatly. Geoff also befriended my parents, whom also enjoyed time with him in Las Vegas. Natalija and I think of you often Geoff.

John McClelland - April 12, 2021 at 09:36 AM

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“ Uncle Geoff will be missed. Most of my memories with him include laughter and food, and a list of things that should be done or enjoyed. The most treasured gift I received from Uncle Geoff as a girl, was a wrist watch with a royal playing card face, a "diamond" in it, and a red band - unexpected and unique. I suppose those are two words that personify my relationship with Geoff; I never knew when he'd show up or what ideas he'd have to share with us, but we always had a sense that he was living life as fully as possible, and that he wanted to share that verve with the people he loved.

Lauren Swenson - April 12, 2021 at 02:05 AM