
Kenji Kawaoka

Kawaoka, Kenji

Brighton: Kenji passed away at age 75 on February 22, 2016 surrounded by family. Born in Stockton, CA, Kenji received his undergraduate degree from UC Berkeley and his PhD in Chemistry from UC Riverside. He later moved to Rochester, working 32 years as a scientist in the Research Labs at Kodak and retiring in 2002. Kenji was an avid golfer, skilled tennis player, and admired downhill skier. He spent over 25 years as a coach for the Hunt Hollow Race Team. Growing up on a farm, Kenji's expert green thumb in the garden parlayed effortlessly into the kitchen as both a gourmet cook and wine connoisseur.

Kenji is predeceased by his parents, Bill and Rose Kawaoka; sister, Miyuki Wong. He is survived by his wife, Suzanne Clark; son, Devin Kawaoka; brother, Yoshi (Marilynn) Kawaoka; sisters, Reiko Fukuhara, Stephanie (Michael) Kawaoka; father and mother-in-law; sister-in-law, Kathleen Clark; beloved niece, Diana Eastman; many nieces and nephews.

Friends may call Saturday 1 - 3 PM at the funeral chapel (2305 Monroe Ave.). Services will be private. Donations may be made to The Wilmot Cancer Institute in Memory of Kenji Kawaoka, 300 East River Road, Box 278996 Rochester, NY 14627. To share a memory of Kenji or send condolences to the family visit www.anthonychapels.com.

**Funeral Home**

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