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Stuart Kazuo Wakatsuki, 48, of Kailua, Hawaii, an Orthopedic Surgeon with Windward Orthopedic Group, passed away in Kailua, Hawaii on March 11, 2014. He was born in Honolulu, Hawaii. He is survived by his wife, Melissa Wakatsuki; sons, Perry and Brady Wakatsuki, Michael Hedin, Alex Gillis; daughters, Dany Deanda and Katelind Hedin; mother, Irene Wakatsuki; sisters, Janie Karp and Cora Jim On; 1 grandchild; Private services were held.



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PM

Pierre Mardelli posted:

I first met Stuart as my classmate at Saint Louis University medical school. I still remember vividly his nice smile and welcoming spirit. He and other classmates invited me to their home for our first thanksgiving. I just learned the bad news from our class reunion mail. My deepest and sincere condolences to Stuart's family. Rest in peace my dear friend... Until we meet again. Pierre Mardelli

June 19 at 1:46 PM



Kenneth Matsumoto lit a candle in honor of Stuart.

My sincere condolences to the family of Dr. Stuart Wakatsuki. He was an very kind and sincere physician for my ankle surgery. He helped me relieve some of the great discomfort I had while walking and I was so glad to have him do the surgery in the best way possible. While I am grateful for his help as a physician, more importantly, I am honored to have known him as a friend. I will always miss you Dr Stuart. Wakatsuki.Sincerest Regards,Kenneth Matsumoto



June 18 at 4:19 AM

SM

Stephanie Stephens Murray posted:

My sincerest sympathies go out to the Wakatsuki family. I first met Stuart in 1997, while I was doing my Sports Medicine Fellowship, and he was doing his Foot & Ankle Fellowship right upstairs. We became fast friends, and enjoyed a great year working alongside each other. I traveled to Hawaii for his wedding to Myssi, and years later, he came to Texas along with his wife and 2 young boys for mine. I will always cherish our friendship, Stuart, and will miss you dearly.

April 17 at 3:15 PM

SS

Shirley Schick posted:

My heartfelt condolences go out to Dr. Wakatsuki's family. I was so blessed to have him as my orthopaedist last year when I broke my leg. He was a kind, gentle and patient man and always greeted me with a smile on his face. I greatly admired him for his attention to his patients while undergoing treatment for his illness. He will truly be missed by all whose lives he touched.

April 10 at 6:43 AM



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PJ

Pearl And Bob Jones posted:

Dear Irene, We know your heart is broken and we share in this monumental loss. Pearl and Bob Jones grieve with you. So sorry we could not be with you in Hawaii.

April 7 at 2:34 AM

AV

Anna Vazquez posted:

My sincere condolences to the Wakatsuki family. It was such an honor to have worked with Dr. Wakatsuki for many years as his Ortho Clinic nurse at the Hawaii State Hospital. He was such a kind and patient man who treated our patients well. Dr. Wakatsuki was so dedicated to his job.....even when he was not feeling well, he showed up to work to take care of his patients. The MSU department, patients, and myself appreciated all his years of service. He was a good man and will truly be missed.

April 1 at 5:40 PM

AN

Anabella posted:

Dear Missy and Family,My heartfelt condolences to you and your family. I worked with Dr. Wakatsuki at CMC. Take care and God Bless.Anabella, RN

March 29 at 5:51 PM

MC

Mary O'connor posted:

Dear Irene and family,We were sorry to read of your loss of Stuart. Our heartfelt condolences to you and your family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.With our Aloha, Dennis and Mary O'Connor and family.

March 29 at 7:56 AM

JC

Jennifer Creedon posted:

Dear Missy and Family,We are very blessed to have known Stu and he will forever be in our hearts.Love and Aloha,John and Jennifer Creedon

March 28 at 5:35 AM



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LW

Liz Weske posted:

So very sorry to hear of your loss. Dr. Wakatsuki was my doctor thru a knee surgery and his easy going manner put me at ease. He was gentle and kind man, and always took the time to explain and answer all my questions...not something all Drs. do. He seemed to be a gentle sole, and although my contact with him was limited, I can only imagine how challenging his illness and death is for your family...He was very good at what he did and I am so happy to have known him.

March 26 at 12:29 PM

RR

Ravi Reddy posted:

My heartfelt condolences on Stuart's passing.I last saw him at our 30th high school reunion last summer, and was saddened at the tremendous amount of suffering he was enduring over several years .I am glad that his suffering is finally over, and he is resting in peace.'I'll always remember his smile, calm demeanor, and intelligence, which I'm sure his patients and family appreciated over the years.Ravi Reddy

March 26 at 10:34 AM

FY

Frank Yang posted:

Aloha Missy and Family! share with you my deepest love and joy knowing Stuart has advanced towards his purpose, I am also extremely grateful to have known him as a fellow KLL baseball coach.He was a fantastic role model and mentor for the kids, especially for Tiare. Even though we will miss his presence, I know he will always be here with us. May the Holy Spirit Bless and Guide you and your family through this difficult time. Aloha, and Ahui Ho, Frank Yang

March 26 at 3:14 AM

CS

Chris Soares posted:

To the Family of Dr. Stuart Wakatsuki, we send our heartfelt sympathy. I met Dr. Wakatsuki because of a freaky at home accident in April of 2010 where I broke my heel bone. I didn't know it at the time, but after Dr. L. R. checked it she told me that I was fortunate to have a specialist in this type of foot injury right in the same office. Needless to say, I felt at ease and surgery was done. I'm very grateful that he was a specialist in this area and in Kailua, close to home. I met many of his patients over time and we all considered him a great Doc. I thought I'd mention that I heard about his passing while watching UH baseball on TV. I know my husband and I were saddened by the news and wanted to send our condolences to the family. Blessings to all of you.C. Soares and Family

March 25 at 7:48 AM



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KK

Kerry Kiyabu posted:

Mrs. Irene Wakatsuki, I was deeply saddened to read about Stuart's passing. My condolences to you and your family during this difficult time. With deepest sympathy, Kerry Kiyabu

March 25 at 12:50 AM

BB

Bob Badham posted:

I am saddened to learn of your loss of Stuart. I can't imagine the degree of your pain. What I know of him was as a kind and humble young boy who grew into a kind and humble man. As a teacher at Punahou, I recall Stuart's focus, his smile and his willingness to try his best in the art room. He was a classmate (1983) of my middle son, Doug, and it is, perhaps, this connection that I begin to fully understand the sadness at the passing of such a young man---as I would to lose a son. The last time I spoke to Stuart he was coaching (?) or playing baseball with a group of young boys on the field at Kailua Elementary School. I was on my way to an appointment with Linda Rasmussen. It was at her office sometime earlier that I learned of Stuart's illness and became aware that he was absent from work for a period of time. So, I was delighted to see and speak with him on the ball field, in his baseball cap, playing with the boys. I am certain that one of the boys was a son. We talked briefly about his recovery (remission?) and I told him how very glad I was to see him out and about. In his kind and soft-spoken way he thanked me and directed the questioning and chat toward me. His smile reflected both his happiness about being out and playing as well as his remembrance and happiness in running into me. Actually, it was his friendly 'hello' to me that helped us make eye contact as I might not have noticed the group on my way to the doctor's office. His life was way too short, for sure. I send my heartfelt sympathy at the loss of such a fine person. I wish all his survivors some sense of peace which, hopefully, will come as time moves on. God bless. Bob Badham

March 24 at 7:55 AM

MO

Monica March 25 at 7:38 AM

He was such a good person/doctor. He had been taking care of my son since he was young. I just had to call him and he would make time in his busy schedule to see him. When he was helping out at Kailua High School football team and they would scrimmage against Damien he would always go up to my son and talk story. There is just word that can express the loss of this great man, person, doctor. He will be greatly missed. To his ohana - god bless and always remember the fighter and sweet person he was. Monica DeCosta



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