



Madison Lee Goff

JAN 19, 1944 - MAY 26, 2023



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Born 19 Jan 1944, Died 26 May 2023. Madison Lee Goff, better known as Lee Goff, was born in Glendale, California. He moved to Hawaii in 1961, completing his BS degree in Zoology at the University of Hawaii, Manoa in 1966. Following his time in the U.S. Army (1966-1968), he completed his MS degree in Biology at California State University, Long Beach, in 1974 and his PhD in Entomology from University of Hawaii, Manoa, in 1977. He was employed as an Acarologist at B.P. Bishop Museum from 1977 until 1983 when he moved to the University of Hawaii at Manoa. He retired from UH Manoa, as a Professor of Entomology in 2001, and, later, from Chaminade University of Honolulu in 2013, where he was a Professor and Director of the Forensic Sciences Program. He was well-known for his work in Forensic Entomology and as a Consultant to CSI. He loved surfing, riding his Harley, and travelling. He never really grew up. He was predeceased by his fish, Sashimi and Poke, a number of relatives, a lot of people he knew, and even more he had never met or heard of during their lives. He had an amazing sense of humor and, as many may have guessed, wrote most of this himself. He is survived by his wife, Dianne, 2 daughters, Dana and Alaina, 8 grandchildren, Niko, Nicia, Joseph, Amiabella, Neeva, Sawyer, Asha, Sadie-Rose, and 1 great-grandchild, 'Auli'i. Services will be held on Saturday, August 26th, 2023 at Valley of the Temples from 10am-1pm.



Events


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Celebration of Life Service

 **Saturday**, August 26, 2023

 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM HST

 **Valley of the Temples Main Chapel**
47-200 Kahekili Highway, Kaneohe HI 96744





Tribute Wall

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Félix Barboza-Retana posted:

I had the honor of knowing Dr. Madison Lee Goff, in October 2012 in Costa Rica. We invited him to speak at the University of Costa Rica. I enjoyed talking with him. Dr. Goff a great gentleman..

October 7 at 11:26 AM



Sharon Ishizaki lit a candle in honor of Madison.

Dear Dianne and family, We are so sad to hear of the passing of Lee. We have fond memories of him and his infectious laugh and sense of humor. In 2011, you both traveled to Guam for him to share his knowledge at our 2nd Regional Forensic Science symposium. We remember a quiet dinner the four of us shared at what was then our favorite restaurant. We had expounded that the place was so wonderful, however on that particular evening the service was so bad... but somehow Lee and perhaps the bottle of Cabernet Sauvignon managed to have us all laughing so hard throughout that night; that the poor service was forgiven. Lee left his mark on this world and will be missed but never forgotten. May he rest in peace. Frank & Sharon Ishizaki



August 26 at 11:40 AM



Frank Ishizaki shared 3 photos to the **Lee as forensic entomologist** album.



June 12 at 1:36 AM



Frank & Sharon Ishizaki posted:

We were blessed to have known Lee. He was a bright light in this world. He had an infectious sense of humor and enthusiastically shared his knowledge of forensic science with his students. He joined us in 2009 and then again in 2011 to share his expertise in Friends of the Crime Lab, Inc. 1st & 2nd Regional Forensic Science Symposium here in Guam. He will be missed. Our hearts go out to Dianne and family. May he rest in peace. Frank and Sharon Ishizaki Yona, Guam

August 26 at 11:07 AM



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CY

Claire Yamashiro posted:

I am so sorry for your loss Diane. I loved all of the memories you shared with us and always knew you both loved each other perfectly. God bless you always.

August 20 at 7:12 PM

ID

Ian Dadour posted:

I only recently found out that Lee had passed. I have great memories of Lee at conferences sharing knowledge. He was indeed an inspiration for me in my forensic entomology career. He will be missed i am sure by the entire entomology community.

August 14 at 4:54 PM

AS

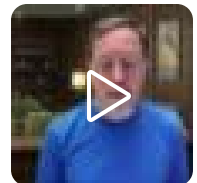
Alexandr Stekolnikov posted:

I hope that the University colleagues of Dr. Goff will also publish an obituary in a scientific journal that would reflect his indispensable contribution to the taxonomy and ecology of chigger mites.

July 3 at 6:54 PM

JW

Jeffrey Wells shared a video to the **Lee as forensic entomologist** album.



June 22 at 2:58 AM

MK

Mary Kim lit a candle in honor of Madison.

I am so very sorry for your loss. Dianne, I always thought of you and your husband as the perfect couple.



June 14 at 3:39 PM



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PS

Priscilla Seabourn posted:

I sit here with a heavy heart, grappling with the news of Dr. Lee's passing. It is difficult to find the right words to express the profound impact they had on my life and the depth of gratitude I feel for their guidance and support. When I first embarked on my academic journey, I was filled with uncertainty and self-doubt. It was Lee who gave me the courage to pursue a PhD in Entomology. Lee genuinely cared about my personal growth, encouraged me to embrace challenges, and taught me invaluable life lessons. Thank you for everything Dr. Lee, I am forever thankful for your support!! Rest in peace.-Priscilla Seabourn

June 14 at 9:37 AM

MS

Michelle R. Sanford lit a candle in honor of Madison.



June 14 at 4:22 AM

TS

Toy Stech lit a candle in honor of Madison.



June 14 at 4:03 AM

AS

Angelique Showman posted:

I have such fond memories of Dr. Goff. He was my inspiration that led me to become interested in entomology and my outside mentor through my masters. It was a book on forensics that discussed forensic entomology and Dr. Goff that led me to Chaminade and started my educational pathway. My condolences to his family and friends; his down to earth personality and unique humor will be missed.

June 13 at 10:32 PM

AS

Angelique Showman lit a candle in honor of Madison.



June 13 at 10:22 PM



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HM

Hans Megens posted:

How can forget those great field trips to the deserts of Southern California. I also worked with Lee at the Bishop Museum. Oh, do I miss those times. Rest in Peace my friend.

June 13 at 10:22 AM

AL

Alejandra lit a candle in honor of Madison.



June 13 at 8:12 AM

DV

Dana Vincent lit a candle in honor of Madison.

I will never forget those Christmas parties at the house and yes the jello shots. It was such a blessing to be a part of his life and got to know him and yes mom loved his stories as well. Mom sad she sends her love and condolences to the ohana.



June 12 at 3:49 PM

MH

Martin Jonathan Richard Hall posted:

Dear Dianne and family It was a great privilege to have known Lee over many years, when he attended forensic entomology meetings in Europe and, most recently, when I joined him in an interview for the First Digital World Conference of Forensic Entomology in September 2020. He was always very warm-hearted and generous with his advice and I will miss his "Aloha's" from Hawaii. Please accept my sincere condolences on your sad loss. All best wishes, Martin Hall

June 12 at 3:15 AM

GV

Giancarlo Di Vella posted:

Dear Lee, I will miss you for ever giancarlo

June 12 at 2:51 AM



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Henk R. Braig lit a candle in honor of Madison.

June 12 at 1:36 AM





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August 26 at 11:11 AM



Lee & Frank Ishizaki

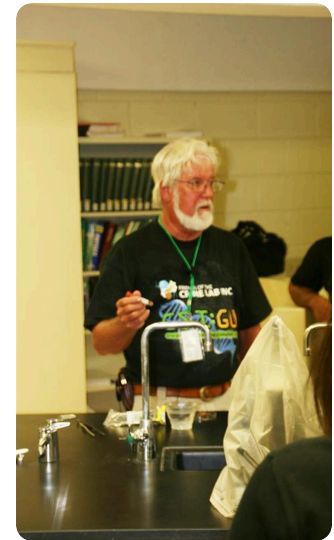


Borasmy Ung December 21 at 7:50 AM

I took my first course in Forensic Sciences in Florida and Lee was one of the funniest and kindest person I have ever met. What he taught was a science that was little known back then, and it was fascinating. He will be missed both as a person and as specialist in his field.



2011 Friends of the Crime Lab Panelists



**2009 Guam 1st Forensic
Science Symposium Break
Out Session Counting
Maggots**



Jeffrey Wells shared a video to the **Lee as forensic entomologist** album. June 22 at 2:58 AM



Statement recorded for the North American Forensic Entomology Association conference. June 2023.



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Madison by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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