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**W**ith deep love and gratitude, the family of Seung Ho Baek announces his passing on May 25, 2025, in Honolulu, Hawai'i, at the age of 80. A devoted husband, father, brother, engineer, mentor, and friend, Seung Ho lived a life marked by intellectual curiosity, integrity, and quiet generosity.

Born in Killim, South Korea, on September 15, 1944, to Je Hyun Baek and Keum Hee Oh of Kongju, Seung Ho's early life was rooted in deep family values and an unwavering pursuit of education. Through his father's opportunities as a principal, Seung Ho's drive to excel in his academics made his family proud. He earned both his bachelor's and master's degrees in electrical engineering from Seoul National University in 1967, setting the stage for a lifelong journey of innovation and discovery.

In 1972, Seung Ho immigrated to Austin, Texas, to continue his studies at the University of Texas - Austin. There, he completed his Ph.D. in Electrical Engineering in 1978, paving the way for a distinguished career that blended research, practical application, and cross-cultural collaboration.

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Seung Ho is survived by his loving wife, Byoung Baek, and devoted son, Jonathan Baek; his siblings Seung Hoon Baek, Keum Soon Hong (Baek), Seung Wook Baek, Seung Moo Baek, and Seung Hye Kim (Baek); and many extended family members, friends, and former colleagues around the globe who will miss him dearly.

His was a life well-lived: rooted in family, guided by wisdom, and uplifted by the belief that knowledge, shared generously, can build a better world.

The family asks that donations be made in his memory to the following community development organizations —causes that reflect Seung Ho's lifelong values and joys.

\*\*Celebration of Seung Ho Baek's Life

Please honor Seung Ho Baek's life by donating to three organizations he found joy in giving back to on the island.\*\*

Waikiki Aquarium: <https://www.waikikiaquarium.org/>

Seung Ho participated in the School Support Program Docents program to help give lively presentations and guide interactive discovery tours of Waikiki Aquarium exhibits for students in Kindergarten through 6th Grade. He volunteered one morning a week, usually Thursdays, from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. throughout the school year (October – May).

Those who would like to donate to the Aquarium can do so through the University of Hawaii Foundation. This is the link <https://giving.uhfoundation.org/funds/12189604>

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Donations: checks written out to:

“Bishop Museum”

Note: Memorial gift honoring Seung Ho Baek

Mail to:

Bishop Museum Development Office

1525 Bernice Street

Honolulu, Hawai'i 96817

Online gifts can be made here: <https://bpbm.ticketapp.org/portal/product/57>

The online donation form asks people to note if the contribution is a memorial gift.

Hawaii Kai Community Garden: <https://www.honolulu.gov/dpr/volunteer-give/community-gardening/>

Location: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/hT7c7vZx2FnwZaBu8>

Seung Ho and Byoung went every 2-3 days to water/tend to their family plot in the garden. Twice a month they also went to volunteer to help clean the community areas, as well as participate in the monthly meetings.

If anyone wants to donate to the garden it needs to be by check made out to:

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Check can be mailed to:

Leonard Smothermon

1035 Koko Uka Pl

Honolulu, HI 96825



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Mr. Smothermon is President of the garden and will track any donations and deposit into the Hawaii Kai Community Garden general fund account.

Watanabe Floral: <https://watanabefloral.com>

Floral arrangements for the Celebration of Life on Thurs, June 19th can be done through:

<https://watanabefloral.com/honolulu-florist-flower-delivery/sympathy-and-funeral-flowers/> %

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or they can also call us at 808-832-9360, to place an order.

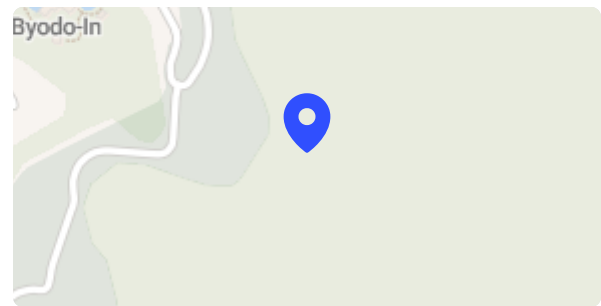


### Public Visitation

**Thursday**, June 19, 2025

9:30 AM HST

**Valley of the Temples Trousdale Chapel**  
47-200 Kahekili Hwy., Kaneohe HI 96744

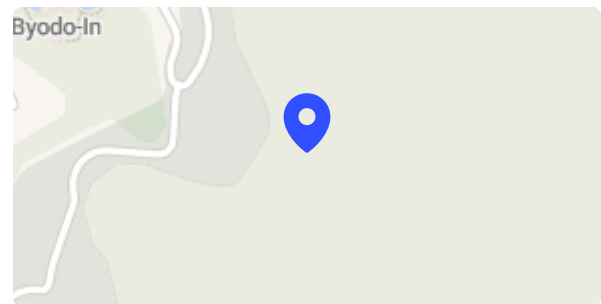


### Celebration of Life Service

**Thursday**, June 19, 2025

10:00 AM HST

**Valley of the Temples Trousdale Chapel**  
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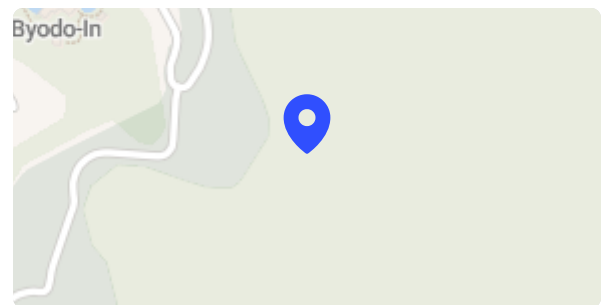


### Burial

**Thursday**, June 19, 2025

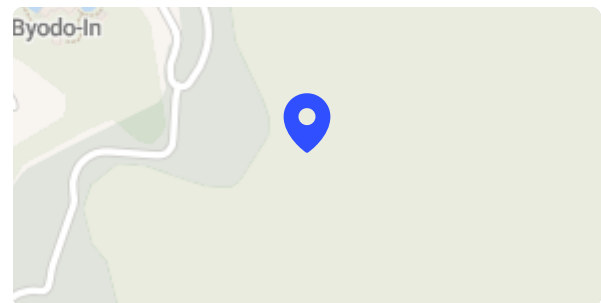
1:00 PM HST

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### Cemetery Details

**Valley of the Temples Memorial Park**  
47-200 Kahekili Highway, Kaneohe HI 96744





# Tribute Wall

**Seung Ho Baek**

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**Jonathan Baek** sent a virtual gift in honor of Seung Ho.



June 21 at 2:01 PM



**Jonathan Baek** lit a candle in honor of Seung Ho.



June 21 at 2:01 PM



**Jonathan Baek** shared 13 photos to the **Tribute Wall** album.



June 2 at 10:55 AM



**Jonathan Baek** shared 3 photos to the **Tribute Wall** album.



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**Jonathan Baek** shared 4 photos to the **Tribute Wall** album.



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**Jonathan Baek** shared 9 photos to the **Tribute Wall** album.



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**Timothy Gallaher** posted:

I will greatly miss Seung Ho. He was quiet, polite, gentle, and generous. He regularly volunteered in the Bishop Museum Herbarium to digitize our specimens. I worked next to him on occasion, and although we were each busy doing our own work most of the time, he would always make time to say hello and ask how I was doing. The amount of time he donated to the museum is amazing. He digitized thousands of specimens, contributing to plant research and conservation in Hawaii and the Pacific.

June 3 at 11:09 AM



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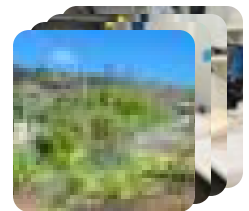
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June 2 at 10:55 AM



**Diamond Head Mortuary And Williams Funeral Services** shared an album called **Love for the island.**



June 2 at 10:55 AM



Jonathan Baek shared 13 photos to the **Tribute Wall** album.

June 21 at 2:00 PM









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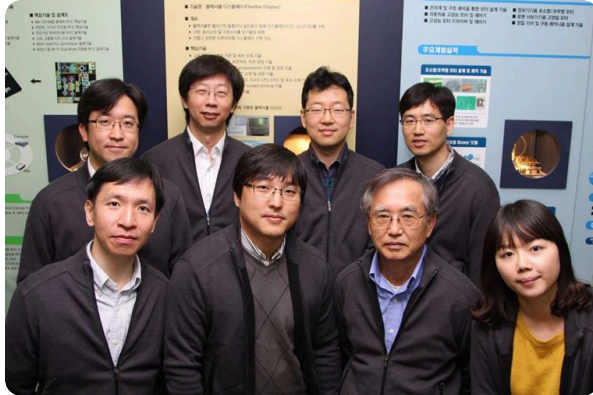
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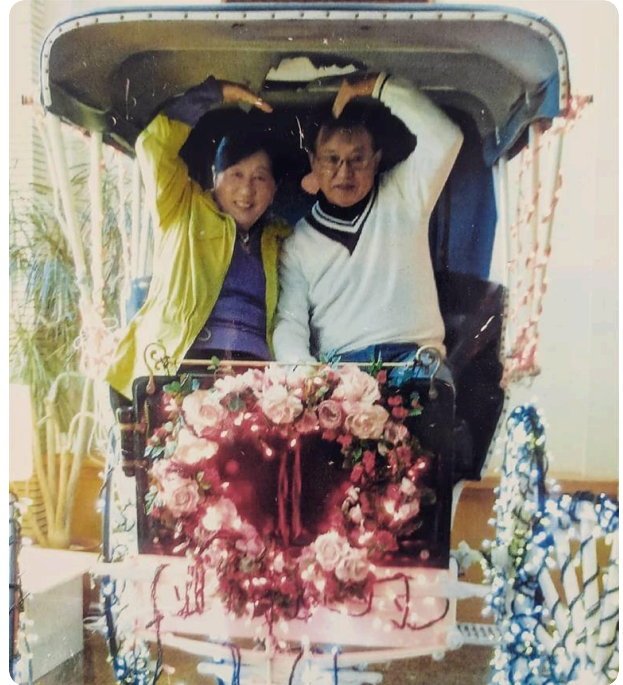
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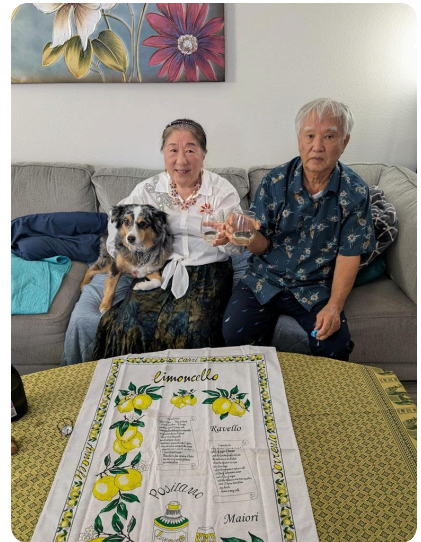




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June 12 at 11:43 AM







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June 3 at 2:42 PM





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June 3 at 2:38 PM





Jonathan Baek shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

June 2 at 6:57 PM





Jonathan Baek shared 3 photos to the **Tribute Wall** album.

June 2 at 4:20 PM





Diamond Head Mortuary And Williams Funeral Services shared 5 photos to the Love for the island album. June 2 at 10:55 AM



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# Memories only last if you share them

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