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Jerry Sakaguchi, 68, of Bloomington, Indiana, passed away Monday at Indiana University Health Bloomington. He was born on June 23, 1943 in Tule Lake, California, the son of Jimmie and Yukiye (Nakanishi) Sakaguchi.

Jerry is survived by his wife of 28 years, Regina (Gina) Sakaguchi; mother, Yukiye Sakaguchi of Berea, Ohio; brother, Ricky Sakaguchi and his wife Linda of Overland Park, Kansas; sons, Bradley Sakaguchi and his wife Lori of Honolulu, Hawaii and Douglas Sakaguchi and his wife Nancy of South Bend, Indiana; daughter K. Michiko McClaine and husband Jeff of Bloomington, Indiana; stepson Joshua Schick and his wife Dawn of Fishers, Indiana; stepdaughter Chandra Stradling and husband Don of Carmel, Indiana; nine grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

Jerry was preceded in death by his father, Jimmie Sakaguchi.

Jerry grew up in South Bend, Indiana and graduated from Central High School in 1961. He attended MacMurray College, Manchester College and received his law degree from the Indiana University School of Law.

Jerry practiced law in South Bend for many years before moving to Huntington Beach, California, where he worked for Rockwell International and Boeing for over twenty years. Upon retiring from Boeing five years ago, Jerry and Gina relocated from Huntington Beach to Bloomington to be closer to family.

Jerry's first passion was being with his family, which resulted in large and frequent family gatherings where he created many great meals and fond memories for those he loved. He also enjoyed woodworking, vegetable gardening, fires on the beach, and cheering for Indiana basketball.

A celebration of life memorial service will be held at 1:00p.m. on Saturday, January 28, 2012 at Allen Funeral Home in Bloomington, Indiana.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Prostate Cancer Foundation (www.pcf.org).

Allen Funeral Home is handling arrangements. Friends can send condolences to www.allenfuneralhome.org

Tribute Wall

BS

“ *Jerry and Gina have shared many memories with us. We have taken some wonderful vacations to Hawaii and Cabo San Lucas with them over the years..times we will never forget. We can remember a weekend visiting them in Huntington Beach, where Brian and Jerry were knee deep in mud, laughing while trying to fix a leak in the front yard. Those are memories that you never forget. Jerry was a wonderful husband, friend and cook. Always teaching us new things and cooking new Japanese cusine that we had never had. We will miss him dearly!! Our thoughts and prayers to you and your families.*

Brian and Sandi Wanzer - March 22, 2013 at 08:18 AM

JO

“ *Dear family and friends of Jerry,*

I was fortunate enough to room with Jerry at MacMurray in 1963. He was a good friend, smart and funny. He was also couragious enough to attack me occasionally, though I was a bit bigger than he.

I've often wondered about his path after that one fall semester when I knew him. Today I received the "Mac News," and now I know. Though I hadn't seen nor heard from him in the past half cintury, it is still a loss of a very good man.

All the best to all of you.....Joe Ruocco, Mac 1967

Joe Ruocco - March 22, 2013 at 08:18 AM

MD

“ I have a lot of things to remember, but one thing I will never forget is the day he watched me try and drive my brothers stick shift for about 3 minutes before coming across the street to calmly teach me how to not destroy his car. His presence is one I wont ever forget and I know many other people feel the same way.

Gina, you are in my heart and on my mind.

Much love

Molly Daniel - March 22, 2013 at 08:18 AM

SH

“ Dear Brad, Doug and Michi, I was very sorry to hear of the passing of your father. I always remember Jerry has being a cheerful and attentive friend. He was always willing to help others and gave generously to his friends.

Sharon Wildey - March 22, 2013 at 08:18 AM

MA

“ Doug,
Please accept our condolences on the passing of your father. You and your family are in our prayers during this difficult time.
Sincerely,
Matt and Annie Kelly

Matthew and Annie Kelly - March 22, 2013 at 08:18 AM

AM

“ We lived next door to Jerry and Gina in Huntington Beach. They both were like family to us especially since ours didn't live close. We spent many hours talking to each other "over the wall" in our driveways. Jerry was always talking about his family. I remember him telling me at Christmas time one year that each present under the tree had to have a different wrapping paper. I don't remember the reason but I imagine it was so that everyone would feel special.

We were sad to see them both move away but excited that they were moving to be close to their families and as it turned out Jerry got to spend his last years so close to most of you. We offer our condolences to all of you and are glad that you have each other for support and comfort in these very tough times. Our prayers are with your families.

Kirk, Amy, Emily and Tommy Chittick

Amy Chittick - March 22, 2013 at 08:18 AM

HA

“ Jerry was a valued friend during the time he practiced law here in South Bend. We are the same age and his passing brings home how limited the time is that we all have to enjoy our lives and family.

Though I have not had contact with him since he moved away, I write to offer my sincere condolences and sympathy to his entire family.

May you be sustained by the good memories that you share as well by the love and comfort of friends.

Hal

Hal Brueseke - March 22, 2013 at 08:18 AM

MM

“ Jerry was a classmate of mine at Central High School in South Bend. We graduated in the class of 1961.

His life seemed to have been challenging and successful.

My sympathy to each of you in your loss.

Mary (Mimi) (Snyder) Moore - March 22, 2013 at 08:18 AM

SK

“ Aunt Yuki & the rest of the family,
As we were dealing with our own loss (Sue's Dad), you, Rick & Linda, Gina, etc were all on the back of our minds. We are so sorry for your loss. He was a very personable & loving cousin-and one we all enjoyed being around! Our hearts go out to all of you! He will be missed!

Sue, Greg, Brad & Kurt Nakanishi - March 22, 2013 at 08:18 AM

WE

“ Yuki,

I am so sorry to here of the loss of Jerry. The obituary in the South Bend Tribune brought many fond memories of our families together. All of the Doi family has you in our thoughts and prayers.

Wes Doi

The George Doi Family

The family of Tuggy and Alice Itow

Wesley Doi - March 22, 2013 at 08:18 AM

HF

“ Jerry and Gina were a big part of our lives for many years. They would watch our children, we'd spend outings to include Disneyland, exchange recipes, and the many times they opened their home for family. I will remember Jerry for his personality, conviction of morals and values, love of family, and intelligence in so many areas. He would research gardening, invent something new, make a gourmet meal, reupholster a chair, and all with humility. I really looked forward to spending more time with both of them in the future. Jerry will be sorely missed.

Hundley Family Hundley - March 22, 2013 at 08:18 AM

MA

“ My family felt so privileged to be your neighbors while you lived in California. Jerry's spirit, intelligence, and compassion were exceeded only by Gina's vivacious personality and love for her family.

Hope all can find comfort in his memory. I know he is smiling down at all of us now--quiet, confident, and loving.

Much Love

Maribeth

Maribeth Daniel - March 22, 2013 at 08:18 AM

JT

“ Rick,

You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers throughout this difficult time. Thanks for making available the obituary website. This enabled Teanne and I to both read up on Jerry - what a terrific guy!

Please let us know if you need anything at all, and know that we are praying for your whole family through this difficult time. The sadness will pass, and in time you will fill your mind with all "the good times" and wonderful memories that you shared with Jerry over his life time!

Teanne and Jim Moore

Jim and Teanne Moore - March 22, 2013 at 08:18 AM

JO

“ *His classmates at SB Central missed his presence at the joyous 50th anniversary reunion last June. We know he would have loved old friends had his health permitted. On behalf of the reunion committee and the class of 61, accept our condolences and prayers for the comfort of those who loved Jerry. What a wonderful photo and great way to remember him!*

John Miller - March 22, 2013 at 08:18 AM