

Honoring Gerry Matsumoto

Gerry Matsumoto married into my family by marrying my mom Honey (born Constance Rich).

Gerry was a 20-year U.S. Navy vet and decorated war hero as well. Ironically, he and his family were placed in one of the Japanese Internment camps during WWII when he was eight years old.

Gerry was my hero; he was always there for me when I needed him and he never judged me for my mistakes. He taught me to stand up for what I believe in. He also taught me to work hard and showed me by example.



Gerry was a very compassionate and kind person but as most Japanese people, he rarely showed his feelings. Though he may never have said it out loud, I know that he was really proud of his family and our family as well. Some of you may have met Gerry at the 2005 Family Reunion in Iowa.

To his friends and family, Gerry was a very kind person and was always ready to help, but he never wanted to be acknowledged for anything he did. When he helped, he simply helped. He showed strength until cancer took him on June 26, 2008.

Gerry worked most of the time, but when he relaxed, he loved to fish! He especially liked ocean fishing in Mexico.

