

Dear Nobuyo, Hiroshi and Masuhara family

We are very sad to hear that our "father" in Japan passed away. We knew he was fighting a difficult and impossible last fight after a most brilliant live as he wanted it. We will never forget the evenings together or my first stay at Nobuyo's parents house with discussions in sign language where he showed proudly his swimming results and then his picture of his role during the war. We will never forget the dinners at the Osaka sushi bar. We will never forget him as a very warm human being which we loved very much. In a way I am happy that he could live to very long time the way he wanted his love to be, working hard and enjoying food and drink, and that after his cancer was detected he did not have to suffer for too long. Please also hug Nobuyo's mother for us;

Over lunch today I told S of your mail concerning your project and we interpreted this and decide that I (and most probably we) will come in January to Japan. We hope then to have an opportunity to visit his last resting place;

We also wish Nobuyo strength in these difficult times. She should know that it takes a long time to accept that you lost a parent as we both know from experience but we hope that all the good times she had with her father will help to soften the pain of the loss.

We will pray for his soul to find rest wherever those loved ones are that left us.

S & F