



## Mr. Dean S. Yamamoto

July 22, 1963 - August 16, 2015

Mr. Dean S. Yamamoto, 52, of Cortland passed away unexpectedly on Sunday August 16, 2015. Born July 22, 1963 in Newark, New Jersey, Dean was the son of George S. and Yoneko Toma Yamamoto of Cortland, who survive him.

Dean was a 1981 graduate of Cortland High School and went on to receive his Bachelors degree in Sociology and Economics from S.U.N.Y. Fredonia. He had been employed for several years as a residential counselor for Unity House in Ithaca, N.Y. Additionally, Dean loved connecting with people, cars, reading and was a member of the New York Buddhist Church in New York, N.Y.

In addition to his parents, Dean is survived by a son, Chris Yamamoto of Cortland, a sister, Ann Mohammed and her husband, Fareed Mohammed of Michigan and their children, Marisa, Jared and Brandon of Michigan.

Services will be private and at the convenience of family. Burial will take place privately in Honolulu, Hawaii. Contributions in Dean's memory may be made to S.P.C.A. 879 McLean Rd., Cortland, N.Y. 13045. Condolences may also be sent to the family by visiting [www.riccardifunerahome.com](http://www.riccardifunerahome.com)

Arrangements are under the direction of Riccardi Funeral Home, Cortland, N.Y.



# Tribute Wall

CR

“ *I am going to miss you dean my buddy .  
we had a good time with you working at our house .*

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**craig** - May 18, 2018 at 11:03 AM

SD

“ *We are so saddened to hear of Dean's passing. He was such a fine man, wonderful son, and wonderful father. We will miss stopping to chat with Dean on our walks around Lamont Circle. Our hearts go out to Dean's parents (admired friends of my late father Guy Passeri) and to Chris, my former student of whom I am so proud. Our thoughts and prayers are with you! Stephanie Passeri-Densmore and Bob Densmore*

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**Stephanie & Bob Densmore** - May 18, 2018 at 11:03 AM

TQ

“ *The Quail family are still in shock. Grandpa and Grandma we send our love and prayers. Chris you are part of the Quail family and we will always be here for you. We know your dad is very proud of you and will be watching over you. Anytime you need to talk or just stop by to visit our door is always open. The Quails*

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**Theresa Quail** - May 18, 2018 at 11:03 AM

SM

“ Sorry to hear about your loss from another Fredonia State Alumni Bob Noe. I met Dean when I transferred to Fredonia in 1983, we lived in the same dorm along with Bob Noe and Andy Ceransani (?). Dean was one of the first students I met at Fredonia and will always remember his smiling face, his sense of humor, and caring ways for others. I am very saddened by this news, my condolences to the family.

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**Scott Medole** - May 18, 2018 at 11:03 AM

JS

“ I was so in shock to learn of Deans passing. He was a friend, confidant and the best person I could have known . Will miss his smile and his humour and his concern for others. He was close to a father to my daughter then her own and for that, I thank you. My condolences to the family.

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**Johnna ( joni ) Stewart** - May 18, 2018 at 11:03 AM

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“ Dean never met a stranger. He had such a big heart and would give the shirt off his back to anyone. His smile instantly made you happy even if you were having the worst day ever. Dean you'll be missed by so many. I am thankful that I got to call you my friend. Rest in peace and watch over Chris. My thoughts are with Dean's family at this time.

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**Karen Hughes (Trabucco)** - May 18, 2018 at 11:03 AM

RC

“ I worked with Dean at the George Junior Republic many years ago.....I fondly remember his quick smile and good nature. He had a gift for working with children. My sympathies to his family. Rosemary Collins

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**Rosemary Collins** - May 18, 2018 at 11:03 AM

EB

“ Dear George S. and Yoneko Toma Yamamoto I am so very sorry for your untimely loss. I worked with George and Dean at ETL and meet him many times over the years. He was very pleasant, funny and entertaining to talk with, he enjoyed talking about cars and his family and we always talked about Hawaii when I saw him in stores and restaurants. He also talked me out of working at GJR telling me the work would not be for me. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your entire family, may GOD bless all of you.

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Edward Barry - May 18, 2018 at 11:03 AM

CF

“ Mr and Mrs Yamamoto  
I worked with Dean at ETL. He was a great guy and fun to work with. I remember chatting with Dean when he was going to China, in the mid-1980's. He was also generous and kind. I had seen Dean a few times around Cortland in the past few years. Even though it has been quite a while since I chatted with Dean, I always thought of his ready smile and kindness.

I am sorry for your loss. I understand, as my wife of 11 years died just before Thanksgiving 2015.

Charlie Ferris

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Charles Ferris - May 18, 2018 at 11:03 AM



“ To Dean's Family,  
We are so very sorry to hear of Dean's passing. Please know you are in our thoughts and prayers.  
Sincerely,  
Maggie, John and Katie Bardsley

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August 22, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AA

*Our sincere condolences to the Yamamoto family, from the Abdemur family , Albert, Arturo, & Elsa . Your old friends from East Orange , NJ . I've tried for years to reach out to Dean , mom Elsa always loved to receive the Christmas cards . I'm personally saddened to hear of Dean's passing , my childhood friend. I'm still in touch with other childhood friends and speak to them about Dean. Our prayers to the family .*

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**Albert Abdemur** - July 07, 2020 at 12:58 PM