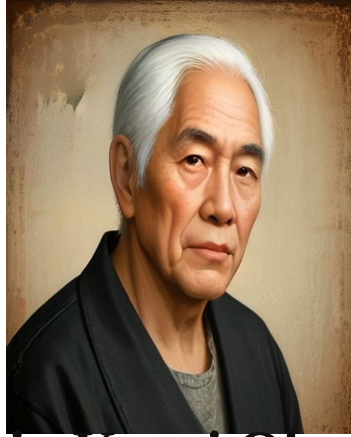




Edwin Keoni Okamoto

June 11, 1947 - August 14, 2026

Hilo, Hawaii

Edwin Keoni Okamoto died in Hilo on August 14, 2026. He was 79. Born in Hilo on June 11, 1947, into a Japanese-Hawaiian household that treated work as a language. He learned early that a day is something you finish, not something you wait for.

He kept boilers honest through harvest nights when molasses sweetened the air. Gloves hung by the door smelling of sugar and work; he measured pressure the way others measure prayer. Colleagues still mention work gloves smelling of molasses.

He married Leilani in 1969. They kept a house that stayed modest when the neighborhood did not. They raised two sons through public schools and ordinary weather. After Leilani died in 2019, he kept the routines that still made sense: the walk, the garden, the Sunday call.

Neighbors remember coffee offered before questions. He liked early mornings before the heat or the noise. He died in Hilo, among streets he never needed to explain. The key is still under the same brick.

Services

A memorial gathering in Hilo with coffee afterward. In lieu of flowers, a gift to a local workers' fund, clinic, or neighborhood library is welcome.

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