

Paul Shino

August 6, 1950 ~ July 21, 2025

Paul Shino, 74, passed away peacefully at his home in Sandy, Utah on July 21, 2025. He was born in Honolulu, Hawaii on August 6, 1950 to Tom Tsutomu Shino and Ann Mineko Suenobu Shino. Paul is survived by his wife of 32 years, Valerie Shino, his four children; Toshiro Shino, Tomoji Shino, Takashi Shino, and Mineko Ferrier-Watson, his seven siblings; Jean Hollis, Alan Shino, Karen Bahde, Russell Shino, Naomi Nessen, Linda Cazier, Wayne Shino, as well as his grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Paul was a notorious work-a-holic but he also enjoyed life to the fullest with many hobbies such as fishing and golfing. He was an avid reader and loved adventure, traveling extensively with his wife and friends. Paul was baptized as one of Jehovah's witnesses September 7th of 2002. Paul could best be described as a man of character. The definition of Character is; The mental and moral qualities distinctive to an individual.

A man of GOOD character: someone who consistently demonstrates positive traits and values in his actions and interactions. Paul Shino.

A man of STRONG character: Someone with positive traits that contributes to an individual's overall integrity, resilience and ethical behavior. Paul Shino.

A Real Character: Someone unique, interesting, or unconventional in their personality or behavior. Paul Shino.

Reflecting on Paul gives anyone who knew him a chance to smile. A chance to cry. A chance to hope. Paul's strength, drive and resilience were worthy of emulation. Of course as a young man, Paul had these characteristics. But after his stroke in 2009, these qualities helped Paul defy the odds. Paul was not defined by his stroke, rather he was able to redefine his life in spite of the stroke. While challenging new limitations surfaced, the emphasis was never on what Paul couldn't do but what Paul COULD do . Even under trial, Paul got things done with style.

It is known that diamonds are formed from pure carbon under immense pressure and heat. Like a diamond, when put under life's pressure and heat, what was purely Paul became beautiful, sparkled, and was unique. The people in his life got to experience that with each and every interaction. His value remains priceless.

He was not a quitter. Some may submit to defeat under such circumstances, however Paul rose above. He faced his challenges with courage and positivity. His kindness never failed. Paul affectionately referred to his female friends as his “Beautiful sisters”, His male friends were his “Handsome Brothers.” Caretakers, therapists, nurses and Doctors all experienced Paul's cleverness and charm. Even upon hospitalizations, Paul's generosity shined through, as he equally gave to his caretakers treats, hope and of course, jokes. Paul treated others the way he wanted to be treated. Certainly not with pity, but with joy, candor, and humor. He was completely confident that his suffering was only temporary. The real life was yet to come. One of perfect health, peace, unity and of course, lots of joy.

There's no way around it. Paul was a real character in the truest form. He had the sliest sense of humor. He was playful and he loved teasing those around him. But even on difficult days, he entertained his friends with jingles – questionable jingles – Geese, monkeys, boats... Those who know the song might have it stuck in their heads. He wanted his friends to be happy and to get a kick out of each and every day.

Evidence suggests a sense of humor and engaging in laughter has positive health benefits, including longevity. Thanks for showing us how it's done Paul! We look forward to seeing you again when we can once again enjoy your company and be recipients of your kindness and admirers of your strength, faith and integrity.

Services information: There will be a memorial service on August 2nd at 5pm at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses at 9936 S 300 E, Sandy UT. For those unable to attend in person, the service will be streamed live via Zoom link. Please contact the family for details.