

Shimeji “Shim” Ryusaki Kanazawa

“The death of my twelve-year old sister, Emiko, when I was still in high school, affected me as it affected our entire community of Kamuela. . . . my sister’s death made me aware of the reality of life’s impermanence and the importance of doing one’s best for others each precious, unrepeatable day.”

“My hopes and dreams are that people will increasingly treat one another with decency and dignity volunteers can make life a little better for those in need – a smile, kind companionship, or a helping hand are priceless contributions given from the heart with no expectation of reimbursement or praise – in the Buddhist spirit of “Dana” – selfless giving.”

Shimeji Kanazawa, November 9, 1995
Moiliili Community Center, 50th Anniversary

Leslie Wilcox (LW): There’s nothing in your remembrances about anger, hostility, bad people?

Shimeji Kanazawa (SK): No.

LW: Cruelty?

SK: No. All of my friends and my family, and everybody, has been really extra special to me. And I really appreciate all of that.

LW: You must encounter people who are rude, have ulterior motives, but you don’t take it to heart?

SK: No. No; I just turn them around. [CHUCKLE]

LW: You turn them around; how do you do that? I’d like to know that skill. How do you do it?

SK: I just look at the good side of them, and try to make them come along.

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More story stories and photos at: www.shimejikanazawa.com

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Honpa Hongwanji Mission

Celebrating the Life of Shimeji Kanazawa

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To Our Children

Rene Maruyama

Opening Remarks Emcee

Chanting of Sanbujo Ministers

Presentation of Posthumous Title or Ingo Rev. Bert Sumikawa

Chanting of Shoshinge Ministers

Offering of Incense by Immediate Family and Relatives,
Dignitaries, Representatives of Organizations & Congregation

Epistle on White Ashes Rev. Bert Sumikawa
(*Hakkotsu no Gobunsho*)

Minister's Message Rev. Shigenori
Makino

GATHA- "To Our Children" Congregation
Led by Ms. Madeleine Kanazawa

Eulogy Dr. Mary Bitterman

Danny Boy Mr. Kurt Kanazawa
Accompanied by Mr. Ernie Morikubo

Remembrances Mr. Terry Ryusaki
Mr. Chris Kanazawa

Appreciation Mr. Sidney Kanazawa

Nembutsu Congregation

Closing Remarks Emcee

Please join us for refreshments in the social hall after the service

Let the warm sun glow from your face.
Let the stars laugh brightly in your eyes.
Let the mountain tops soar in your mind, and what's more
Just let your heart flow like a river to the sea.

(Chorus)
You can turn, turn, the tide
If you reach out,
deep inside
Find your Light, let it shine
For your sake and mine.
Spread out your wings! Be one with Life!
All is right.

If the road becomes weary and long.
If the winds blowin' against you are strong,
Lift your gaze up high; look at this dirt road from the sky
And you will see that this journey is worthwhile.

(Chorus)
You can turn, turn, the tide
If you reach out,
deep inside
Find your Light, let it shine
For your sake and mine.
Spread out your wings! Be one with Life!
All is right.

I have traveled through lands far and wide.
I have laughed and loved and lived... and I've died.
I would gift to you my sight,
but only you can search thru this night.
Open your heart, embrace the Truth and Infinite Light.

(Chorus)
You can turn, turn, the tide
If you reach out,
deep inside
Find your Light, let it shine
For your sake and mine.
Spread out your wings! Be one with Life!
Come alive!