



## Melvin M. Watanabe

August 7, 1942 - December 10, 2014

Melvin M. Watanabe, 72, passed away on Wednesday, December 10, 2014 at Highland Park Hospital. He was born August 7, 1942 in Honolulu, Hawaii and has been a Libertyville resident since 1988. He was a graduate of University of Hawaii with a degree in engineering. Melvin served 20 years in the United States Army and served tours including, Germany, Vietnam, North Korea and Saudi Arabia. After his years in Military service he became a teacher in the JROTC high school program in Chicago and was also a member of the Chicago Teachers Union. Melvin loved gardening and enjoyed visiting the Chicago Botanic Gardens, traveling, fine dining and playing solitaire. Surviving are his wife, Martha Watanabe in Libertyville; 2 sons, Wesley Watanabe of Quincy, IL and Wendell (Amy) Watanabe of Kenosha, WI; a daughter, Joy (David) Lawson of Brea, CA; 2 grandchildren, Kayla and Zoe; a brother, Jerry (Kathleen) Watanabe of Las Vegas, NV; a sister, Charlotte (Kenneth) Isa of Kaneohe, HI and also by many aunts, uncles, nephews and nieces and many friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, Hideo and Alice Watanabe. A visitation will begin at Noon, Saturday, December 13, 2014 at Burnett-Dane Funeral Home Ltd., 120 W. Park Ave. (Route 176, one block west of Milwaukee Ave.), Libertyville. A memorial service will follow at 2:00 p.m. at the funeral home. Interment will be in Punchbowl Cemetery in Honolulu. Memorials can be made to the Highland Park Kellogg Cancer Center, 777 Park Ave. West, Highland Park, IL 60035. Info, 847-362-3009.



# Tribute Wall

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“ *Martha and family,  
My prayers and thoughts are with you all at the most sad time. Will  
keep you in my prayers always.*

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