

Honoring Norman Kanehira

Special menu at Ruby Tuesday Norman's Saimin

Message from Rick Nakashima, CEO, Ruby Tuesday Hawaii and Gyu-Kaku Hawaii:

"Norman Kanehira was more than a business partner to our Ruby Tuesday, Gyu-Kaku and Rainbows Team. He was family. We all loved him and looked forward to his visits, warmth, and laughter.

I had asked him many times to write a book on Hawaii's restaurants of the past as he knew who, what and where the former sites were and who owned them, many times with interesting stories included.

One of my favorite memories was when we moved our Corporate offices from Kakaako to Sand Island. He showed up unexpectedly and worked harder than all of the rest of us combined.

I also think of him as my right-hand man for our "Giving Thanks" event every May. He really dove into it when we first spoke of it 8 years ago and he later told me, "why don't we feed the animals at the Humane Society, They're homeless too" We now feed them 500 # every year and 500 # also goes to the SPCA thanks to his idea.

He often asked us to consider adding Saimin to our Menu. He felt it would sell well and the margins would be great. My Operators, Minh and Sean, have created the new dish, 'Normans Saimin', with the care and quality he would've been so very proud of.

I thank God I was able to enjoy Normans' friendship and partnership. Love and Aloha to you Norman."

Thanks,

Rick Nakashima

CEO

Ruby Tuesday Hawaii

Gyu-Kaku Hawaii

Rainbow Drive-In Kalihi

Norman Kanehira, 1949 – 2019 former Foodservice Sales Manager and Account Executive

