



## Kent Mashimo

April 8, 2001 - April 25, 2023

Son to Hiroshi Mashimo and Martha Lundgren, Kent Akira of Lincoln/Sudbury MA was the youngest among his siblings, Elise and Bryce.

On a tranquil spring day of April 25th, he departed us. The more one knew Kent, the less one knew Kent ...and this, coming from his father who was present from the moment of first breath to his final, may seem odd. Yet for those who knew him, his understanding was often awesomely beyond our own: his intricate purposeful folds that eventuated in his artfully intricate Origami, the outpouring of passion and dazzling technique playing Toscanini or Bach violin pieces, and his jaw-dropping precision of tying delicate fly-fishing lures. Such were the complexity and beauty within an unfathomably profound soul that remained largely quiet and humble, with occasional moments of outwardly beaming joy or ecstasy that melted those around him with sheer radiance and filled our hearts with his energy and passion.

He was truly touched by God's gifts of patience, skill, inquisition, kindness and persistence - so manifest in his studies of martial arts, his calligraphy and sketches, his love of the sciences, and his nuanced appreciation of the arts.

As we envisioned the mirage for a longer life and promising future, and looked forward to his college graduation in the near horizon, we take solace that he is at peace, carrying the spirit of eternal love and faith of those who knew him into the next world. He flourished with the splendor of a spring Japanese Cherry Blossom, and his passing reminds us of the evanescence of beauty and life, but the durability of memories and love that fill our hearts. Hiroshi

Kent's father

# Tribute Wall

HR

“ Heather R. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kent Mashimo.

Heather R. - September 01, 2023 at 01:38 PM

MM

“ Goodbyes are only for those who love with their eyes. Because for those who love with heart and soul there is no such thing as separation.”  
May your soul continue his journey of love and happiness for eternity. Will always keep you in my prayers.

Mansi Mkarimi - May 21, 2023 at 01:42 PM



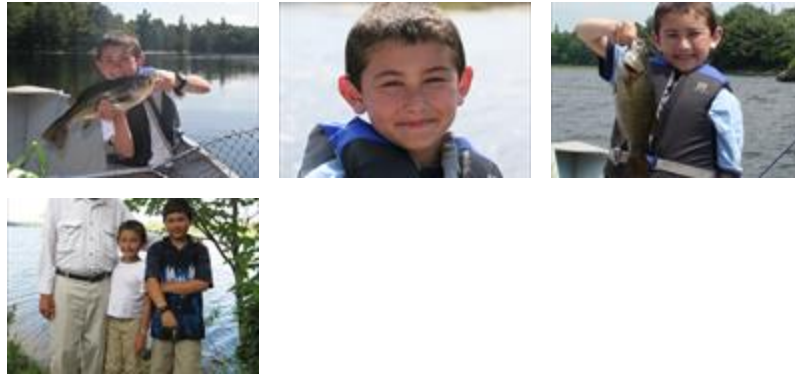
“ Godiva Gold Ballotin (36 pc) was purchased for the family of Kent Mashimo.



May 17, 2023 at 07:57 PM

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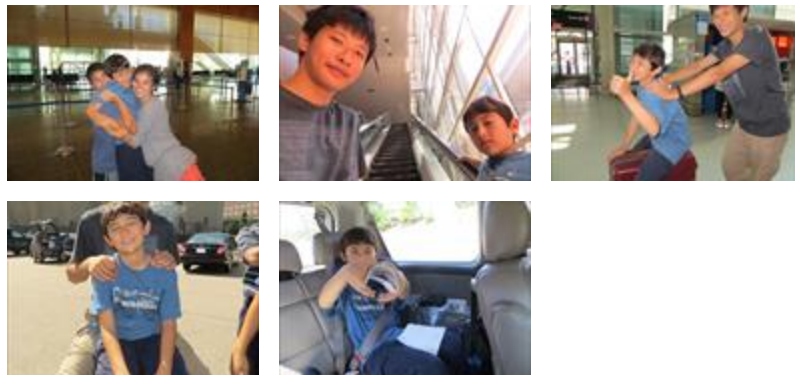
“ Kent, I'm glad for the time we spent together, especially in Canada. I'm sure you and Grandpa are fishing off of 'Earnie's Rock' or 'Less' Point' right now.



Bill Lundgren - May 14, 2023 at 07:56 PM

YA

“ 14 files added to the album Kent



Yasuhiro Ashida and Takashi Ashida - May 11, 2023 at 12:50 PM

JK

“Hiroshi and Family, I was so sadden to hear of the loss of your son. Though Kent's life was short, it was filled with great love of family and friends. My family will keep you in our hearts and prayers...“Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid. (John 14:27) Jeff Klindworth and Family

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**Jeff Klindworth** - May 10, 2023 at 04:13 PM

BQ

“We are all heartbroken over the loss of Kent! We all have such fond memories of him (and our families) growing up together. Kent had such a wonderful sense of humor and sense of adventure. He will always have a very special place in each of our hearts. Rest in peace sweetheart we are all the better for having had you in our lives. Bernadette, Mark, Terese, Thom, and Timmy

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**Bernadette Quirk** - May 10, 2023 at 08:59 AM

RB

“I never had the pleasure of meeting Kent but if he was anything like his father I m sure he was one of the kindest and amazing human beings ever! I'm so sorry and sad that he's no longer with us and his family but I'm sure he's making everyone in heaven smile like his Dad on earth and he's on to the next great adventure in heaven. God bless you Kent and hope to meet you someday in heaven.

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**Ray Bengermano** - May 10, 2023 at 08:59 AM

GL

“ I know God has his arms wrapped around Kent so I wish to offer the family this thought ...

*Don't be dismayed at goodbyes...*

*A farewell is necessary before meeting again...*

*and meeting again, whether moments or lifetimes, are certain for those who love...author unknown*

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**Gary Lucinski** - May 09, 2023 at 08:17 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Kent Mashimo.*



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May 07, 2023 at 08:09 AM

AB

“ *We are so sorry for your profound loss, Hiroshi, Martha, Bryce and Elise. We have such fond memories of Kent from Cub Scouts. Sending our deepest condolences and prayers. Ann, Randy and Christopher*



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**Ann Braithwaite** - May 06, 2023 at 03:26 PM

JM

“ 8 files added to the tribute wall



John Murphy - May 06, 2023 at 03:05 PM

RT

“ my most sincere condolences

R. Alberto Travagli - May 06, 2023 at 02:55 PM

ML

“ Kent was a wonderful and caring young man. He had a gift for the arts and exploring nature. I love him dearly and he is in peace. Love always, Mom ~. Martha Lundgren

Martha Lundgren - May 05, 2023 at 02:47 PM



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May 04, 2023 at 06:22 PM

MB

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



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**Mary Beth Bruce** - May 04, 2023 at 06:12 PM

ML

*Thank you!*

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**Martha Lundgren** - May 05, 2023 at 01:52 PM

HM

*Thanks Mary Beth - you played an immense role in the happiness and growth of our three kids - thanks for all your love and kindness*

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**hiroshi mashimo** - May 05, 2023 at 10:32 PM

DC

*Our thoughts and prayers are with the family of this beautiful young man. He made the world a better place.*

*David Cohen, on behalf of the BWH GI Division*

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**David Cohen** - May 14, 2023 at 09:03 PM

KC

*I got to know Kent when he worked as a research assistant in my lab at UMass. He helped us work out and refine our procedures for testing participants in online perceptual experiments, which was new for us. His work was part of our efforts to find new ways to do research during the pandemic. As Kent learned more about how perceptual experiments are conducted, he took on the task of designing a new set of visual shapes to use as stimuli, and we are using the shapes he created in one of our current experiments. I enjoyed my conversations with Kent because he was an engaged and insightful student, but also because I often got to hear about his latest fishing trip with his father, or one of his other activities.*

*I was fortunate to spend a lot of time with Kent's father many years ago, when we were both college students working to get through a challenging physics course, and we have kept in touch over the years. I have always appreciated Hiroshi's insight, uplifting optimism, and care for everyone around him. I was very glad to also have the opportunity to get to know Kent, and to build a connection with another member of the Mashimo family.*

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**Kyle Cave** - May 17, 2023 at 09:16 AM

JD

*It is with great sadness that we just learned the loss of Kent. Hiroshi, Martha, Bryce and Elise you will be in our prayers. We have such fond memories of Kent from Cub Scouts and middle school science fairs. Sending our deepest condolences. Let us know if there is any way we can be of help for the difficult journey ahead.*

*Daryl, Jackie, Jack, Samuel, Caleb, and Katie Drummond.*

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**Jackie Drummond** - July 03, 2023 at 10:01 AM