

George Mesman

January 20, 1946 - December 13, 2010

George began his journey through this world in Jakarta, Indonesia. On his mother's side,

George was a descendent of the Mesman family, who came as settlers in the 17th century to what were then the Dutch East Indies, and of a granddaughter of the Raja of Boni on the Island of Celebes. He spent his early childhood in Makassar, the principal city of Celebes or Sulawesi, as it is now known. As a youth, he was sent to live in The Hague, initially with a foster family, to claim his Dutch citizenship and attend school.

Among his adventures, as a young teen-ager George traveled by himself across Europe and Asia on the Trans-Siberian Express and then by ship to meet his Japanese father for the first time. He completed high school in The Hague and graduated from the University of Amsterdam. George was an athlete and a member of the Dutch National Korfbal Team, which competed throughout Europe and toured the United States.



George continued his post graduate education in the United States and received a Ph. D. from the Graduate Center of the City University of New York. When he was living in New York, he became a naturalized U.S. citizen, while retaining dual Netherlands citizenship. In 2001 George moved to Hawaii with his young daughter.

Ever modest about his background and accomplishments, George found great fulfillment in Hawaii by mentoring and coaching children and giving kind encouragement and assistance to his friends in many small ways.

George was taken from us far too soon. He will be greatly missed by his family and a multitude of friends in Hawaii, California, New York and elsewhere in the United States and in Holland, England, Spain and Japan, but not more than by Uncle James and George's beloved daughter Emilie, who was the most important person in his life.

After the holidays, his family and friends will gather for a celebration of George's life.