

Milton Ota, 73, passed away at his home in Fargo, North Dakota, under the care of HIA Hospice.

Milton was born on December 3, 1952, in Honolulu, Hawaii, to Raymond Mareto and Chieko (Yoneshige) Ota. He graduated from McKinley High School in 1971 and went on to earn a bachelor's degree in general music from the University of Hawaii in 1976.

On September 4, 1999, Milton was united in marriage to Charlene Ota in Honolulu. Together, they shared a love of travel, often attending conventions and expos focused on advancements in assistive technology for the blind—an interest that was especially meaningful to Milton. He dedicated nearly 30 years to his work as a braille proofreader for the Library for the Blind in Honolulu, where he took great pride in supporting accessibility and staying informed on new developments in the field.

In 2012, Milton and Charlene moved to Fargo, where they built many lasting friendships. Music was a central part of Milton's life. He shared his talents generously through church and community groups and was especially devoted to the worship team at Atonement Lutheran Church, which held a special place in his heart. A longtime member of the Lions Club since 2000, Milton also found meaningful ways to serve others through his involvement there. He was most often seen playing his ukulele or guitar, though he enjoyed many instruments over the years.

He is survived by Charlene Domier Ota, wife; Mr. B., cat; Catherine Ota Ayabe (Clyan Ayabe), sister; 2 nieces and 1 nephew; an aunt and uncle on his father's side.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the National Federation of the Blind, including Milton Ota in the memo, to go toward establishing the NFB Newslite in North Dakota. This is a service for people with print disabilities to access hundreds of newspapers, magazines, job ads, grocery ads, and TV schedules through phone and internet service. Milton was an avid user of the service, reading newspapers every day because he still had his old account with Hawaii.

IN LOVING
Memory



MILTON OTA

December 3, 1952 - May 4, 2026

Remembering

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MEMORIAL SERVICE

Friday, May 15, 2026 - 11:00 AM

Atonement Lutheran Church

Fargo, North Dakota

OFFICIANT

Rev. Mark Solhjem

CONGREGATIONAL HYMNS

Blake Strehlow, *Organist*

“How Great Thou Art”

“Blessed Assurance”

“Goodness of God”

“Abide”

All are invited to a reception following the service.

"I have fought the good fight,

I have finished the race,

I have kept the faith.

Henceforth there is

laid up for me the

crown of righteousness,

which the Lord, the righteous judge,

will award to me on that day,

and not only to me but also to all

who have loved his appearing."

~ 2 Timothy 4:7-8



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