

IN MEMORY OF



JEREMIAH JIRO NATHAN
(DECEMBER 11, 1970 – JANUARY 30, 2013)

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In 1970, on the 11th day of a cold, Cambridge, Massachusetts December, Mayumi Oda and John Weil Nathan gave birth to their second son, Jeremiah Jiro Nathan. "Geebo," as we came to call him, was an angelic child with exceptional talents and we marveled as he developed from child prodigy artist, through a career as "Krush," graffiti legend, and finally emerged as "Aquaman," apex predator of the big blue.

But this only tells half the story. G also battled with bipolarity. This ravaging disease yanked G back and forth between a scattered and exhausting mania and a coma-like depression in which he would totally lose all notion of who he was. And where G was dealt many gifts, he was also thrown his share of challenge. Imagine home delivering your stillborn daughter and resuscitating her back to life only to find out a year later that she has Cerebral Palsy. And yet none of us remember having seen him stronger or more alive than in this last role as a doting dad. It was through fatherhood, through caring for his beloved Sarai, that we got to see G become a man.

Since his disappearance, the Internet has churned with outpourings from those that loved him. The response has been overwhelming. We miss him daily, but our main regret is that perhaps he never realized how profoundly he impacted the lives of so many. His mother feels certain that he is back again amongst the angels. His father remains grief-stricken, strained by the weight of loss and tragedy. But I think we are united in hoping that he is at last free from this terrible disease and that he has perhaps found some order of rest on the other side. G, you have touched us all. We have always loved and admired you. We pray that you can now see yourself through our eyes and feel the love that we carry on in our hearts.

Zachary Taro Nathan
Ginger Hill Farm
February 21, 2013

HONORING JEREMIAH JIRO NATHAN

Green Dragon Temple, Green Gulch Farm

2:00 pm, Sunday, February 24, 2013

Big Bell (Obonsho) Signals GATHERING OF ASSEMBLY

PROCESSION enters with objects for altar

All join in THREE BOWS (while seated) and in chanting together
the *Maka Hannya Haramita Shin Gyo* (Heart Sutra)

OFFERINGS of Tea, Rice, and Sweet Water support the invocation of
Compassionate Protector Spirits

Wisdom Water Purification

Honoring the Life of Jeremiah with STATEMENTS
by designated family and friends

RESOLUTION of karma by giving dharma name,
repentance, refuges, and fire mudra

ALL JOIN in chanting the *Dai Hi Shin Dharani*
(Invoking Great Compassionate Mind) – during which family offers incense

ALL JOIN: *All Buddhas, ten directions, three times;*
All beings, Bodhisattvas, Mahasattvas;
Wisdom beyond wisdom,
Maha Prajna Paramita

THREE CLOSING BOWS AND RECESSIONAL

All are invited to offer incense after ceremony concludes,
and to join walk to Muir Beach for flower and fire rituals.

On the death of his child:

“I'm told the world of dew
Is but a world of dew
And yet, and yet....”

Issa

