



In Honor of BEN YEE

A TRUE RAINBOW WARRIOR



Ben Yee was a great person and no one has really ever done more for University of Hawaii football and also touched so many former coaches and players in a positive way without asking for anything in return. He left a great legacy!

Bob Wagner, UH coach and co-founder of Nā Koa



From the slopes of Haleakala where the deer and goats roam and the slopes of Mauna Kea where sheep call home all the way to the far reaches of Canada where Uncle Ben shot his black bear. Uncle Ben took away memories and lucky for me I got to share some of them. Uncle Ben had truly reached the last stage of being a hunter, the Sportsman stage. It didn't matter to him that he wouldn't shoot anything the whole day, what mattered to him was just enjoying nature.

Joe Freitas, friend and hunting buddy and son of Ben's original hunting partner



Throughout all the great coaches and players, Rainbows and Warriors the one constant positive was Ben Yee!

Rich Miano, UH player, NFL player, UH coach/broadcaster



In my 45 year connection to the University of Hawaii, I have never met a person that loved the school athletic programs more than Ben Yee. From the time I played baseball in 1973 with Les Murakami to our Warriors Sugar Bowl appearance, nobody loved the Warriors more. I don't think he ever missed a game I played or coached in, on the road or at home. He was always there with his signature toothpick.

But most of all, in times of need he was always there. Sometimes you didn't even have to ask. When we needed funds to help our athletes graduate, Ben took the lead and raised the money, and every athlete from 1999 on had a chance to finish their schooling. He made sure we had the money when we needed to upgrade the Study Hall, increase tutors, improve the Alex Waterhouse weight room, or make improvements to our locker room. He got the money to do it all, all because Ben cared! He loved the UH Warriors. He loved all of us. He will always be missed but will never be forgotten.

June Jones, UH player and coach

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Ben was the consummate Gentleman who loved The Football Bows and always had their back. He was their 12th Man! He will be missed.

Dr. Reynolds, longtime UH Dr., broadcaster and friend



Ben Yee was one of the greatest people I have ever known. A man of strong character, great integrity and if he was your friend you always knew he'd be there. We've lost a special man and the University of Hawaii has lost one of its greatest supporters. Behind the scene he was such a difference maker and wanted nothing in return. Few are like Ben. Gone but never forgotten.

Artie Wilson, UH BB, Fab Five, broadcaster, Ben's realtor, friend



When I think of Ben Yee, I think of the ultimate, loyal friend. Our friendship started in 1975 when I accepted a job as a defensive backfield coach at the University of Hawaii. One of the first people I met was Ben. He took me around and introduced me to many locals. It made me feel like Hawaii was my home. Ben was as selfless of a person as I have ever met. He loved the University of Hawaii and enjoyed doing whatever he could to support the football program. Ben thought of them as family. Knowing Ben for over 40 years, he never changed. He always had a smile and made everyone feel good about themselves. Ben will be missed by many, forgotten by few. I will always consider him a very special friend.

Dom Capers, UH Coach, current Minnesota Vikings coach, longtime friend



Ben's love and unwavering loyalty to the UH football program, adding to his countless unselfish contributions in every phase of supporting the many different players and coaches over more than 5 decades leaves an unparalleled legacy. Ben Yee was the ultimate letter winner in UH football.

Rick Blangiardi, UH player, coach, broadcaster, Nā Koa president



Ben was the most consistent, positive, reliable and supportive human being I've ever met. From the time he first welcomed me unconditionally to HI when I was 18, to the tremendous friendship we would create over the next four decades we likely looked like an odd fit. But, Ben was a constant in everything we did. It was never about Ben, it was always about everyone else. He enriched me, our family and everyone that had the pleasure to meet Ben. Our ohana is forever grateful for Ben's strong presence and support in our lives. Ben was a once in a lifetime friend. We miss you Ben, RIP.

Kent Untermann, UH player, friend, biz partner

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