

Nita: Do this on official letterhead. Fax to Alice Carew. Please call Alice at (213) 874-9225 or (213) 849-5464 to let her ~~let her~~ know I will be sending a letter to be read at the memorial service for Rai Okomoto. Also, please make sure we are spelling Okomoto right. Get her Fax # and Fax to her today.

(2B) 876-8781

Okamoto

Dear Friends:

I was saddened to hear about Rai Okomoto's recent journey into spirit country. I have great all memories of Rai. He was an interesting man, highly political but almost courtly in some ways. I had a sense that he genuinely enjoyed the company of a variety of women and I would imagine women enjoyed his company. I certainly did. It was easy to share with Rai, the kind of confidence women usually don't share with men.

Though I occasionally talked to Rai on the telephone, I rarely visited with him after my return to Oklahoma. I liked to think about Rai continuing to live in San Francisco, dressed impeccably, squiring some spirited woman around the city. In a spiritual sense he will continue to do that. But his physical presence will be missed.

I knew Rai in his capacity as a member of the Rainbow family. Though long separated, we still seem interconnected in so many ways. As a distant part of that family, I want to extend my condolences to his family and friends.

I would like to end with my favorite quotation about life. As I grow older and lose more of my friends, this Blackfoot quotation means more to me.

"What is life? It is the flash of a firefly in the night. It is the breath of a buffalo in the winter time. it is the little shadow which runs across the grass and loses itself in the Sunset."

I wish a safe journey home to all of you who have gathered today to remember and celebrate the life of Rai Okomoto.

Sincerely,

WPM
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