



# Ira Z. Helfer

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Ira Z. Helfer, 70, of Honolulu, HI, passed away November 23, 2014. Born in Chicago, Illinois. Ira introduced Chicago Style Vienna Beef Hot Dogs to Hawaii. A generous host, he gave away thousands of "Helfer Dogs" to guests, including at his annual Sony/Hawaiian Open party, featured nationally on ESPN and the Golf Channel. Helfer Dogs were so popular, former President Bill Clinton stopped by to eat them on multiple occasions. There was no limit to Ira's generosity in giving away Helfer Dogs as long as you followed his one rule- Never put ketchup on a hot dog! He was involved in the Water Polo Community in Hawaii and supported Iolani school. Survived by his wife, Keiko T. Helfer; Sons, Eric J. (Thea) Helfer, Bryan H. (Dawn Taniguchi) Helfer and Paul A. Helfer; 3 grandchildren, Ryenne, Connor and Mia Jane Helfer; sister, Susan Rosner.

Committal Services will be held on Saturday, November 29, 2014 at 12:45pm at Diamon Head Memorial Park.

Aloha Attire




## Events


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### Committal Services

 **Saturday**, November 29, 2014

 12:45 PM HT

 Diamond Head Memorial Park Cemetery; 529 18th Avenue; Honolulu, Hawaii 96816



## Tribute Wall

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JR

**Jim Recchia** posted:

I'm so sorry to hear about Ira's passing. He and I were teammates at Austin High. He was a good guy. I saw him last at an Austin High reunion. I can't think of anymore to say except I'm sure he will be missed by family and friends.

April 5 at 11:58 PM

TM

**Toby Martyn** posted:

Sending heartfelt condolences to Ira's family during this difficult time. I knew Ira from Oahu Country Club. I always enjoyed our conversations and shared many laughs with him (he had an excellent sense of humor!) over the years. All the best, Toby Martyn

November 28 at 1:30 AM

RA

**Randy** posted:

Aloha Keiko, Eric, Bryan, and Paul, Sorry I can't be there. I'll be on Kaua'i with my mom and wife for the Thanksgiving weekend. I'm sorry to hear about Ira's passing. I remember all his jokes every time I saw him. There would be times right before I was going to coach a game and I was locked into my game plan and the upcoming game, then he'd call me over and start with, "Did you hear the one about..." I always ended up getting a good laugh and it helped calm me down before the first whistle. He was always a good friend to Iolani water polo. Love and aloha, Randy Bart

November 26 at 10:47 AM



# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Ira by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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