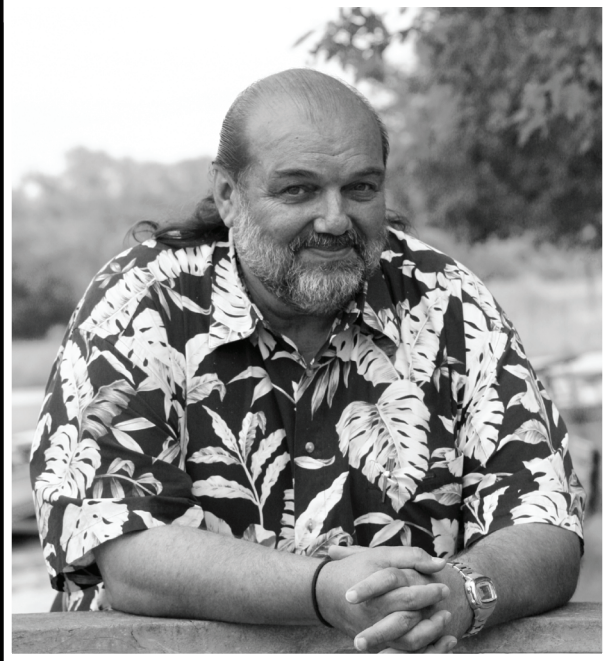


Aloha from Maresa



This past year was punctuated by extremes: extreme successes, extreme losses, extreme changes. Through it all, we were reminded of our core values and what matters most. For me, and I imagine for many of you, it always comes back to ohana. My ohana was rocked by an extreme loss this summer when my Dad, Marty Giovannini, the steady pillar who we all leaned on during times of change, passed away suddenly and unexpectedly.

For him, nothing came before family. But that tenet was inclusive. Friends were ohana. Community was ohana. His students were ohana. Baristas and grocery clerks were ohana. He treated his regular, everyday interactions with the care and kindness that I think we all strive for. And nearly every time we dined out, he made a point to speak to the manager to praise the service—even if it wasn't particularly exceptional.

Simply put, he always lived aloha. And those guiding principles are part of what made him feel so at home in Hawaii. He also loved how his signature Aloha shirts that stood out on the mainland were just shirts, that his aches and pains disappeared into the salt water, and, of course, *pau hana*.

So this holiday season, as always, hold your ohana close, be grateful for community, and remember that we're all doing the best we can with what we have during these times of transition.

We are grateful for your involvement with *Luxury Home Magazine*, whether you are a reader, a Realtor, or another industry professional. Mahalo for letting us share our ohana with you, and we hope to learn more about you and yours in the coming years. Cheers to a warm holiday season and a bright New Year full of health and happiness!

Mahalo,

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