



Henry Azuma

November 9, 1942 - February 16, 2024

Henry Azuma, 81, of Cape Girardeau, Missouri died Friday, February 16, 2024 at his home.

He was a professor of Sociology and Statistics at Southeast Missouri State University for 32 years after receiving his BA at Kentucky Wesleyan College and his MA and PHD from Louisiana State University. He truly enjoyed teaching and was a faculty advisor for the Beta Psi Chapter of Alpha Phi Omega.

He also served on various community advisory boards, was a leader of Boy Scouts of America Troop 2, and a youth soccer coach for many years.

Henry enjoyed fishing, deer hunting, exploring the outdoors and spending time with his family and friends. His grandchildren were his greatest joy.

Loving survivors include wife of 51 years, Kay Azuma; son, Jason Akira (Anne Light) Azuma; daughter, Gina Marie Azuma (Kevin) Cox; two brothers, Steven Akira (Elaine) Azuma, Paul Morihiko Azuma; sister, Joyce Haru Azuma (Mark) Hanson; two grandchildren, Olivia Mariko Azuma and Samuel Morihiko Cox.

He was preceded in death by his father, Mike Morihiko Azuma and his mother, Annie Misako Azuma.

Visitation will be at 10:30 am to 12:00 pm on Saturday, February 24, 2024 at Ford & Sons Funeral Home - Mt. Auburn in Cape Girardeau, MO.

Funeral Service will be at 12:00 pm Saturday, February 24, 2024 at Ford & Sons Funeral Home with Father Rick Jones officiating.

Burial will follow at St. Mary's Cemetery in Cape Girardeau, MO.

Memorial contributions may be given to the family for a Memorial Tree, or SEMOPets.org.

Online condolences may be made at www.fordandsonsfuneralhome.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **24**. 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Ford & Sons Mt. Auburn Funeral Home
1001 N. Mt. Auburn Rd.
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701
(573) 334-1313
info@fordandsonsfuneralhome.com
<https://www.fordandsonsfuneralhome.com/>

Funeral Service

FEB **24**. 12:00 PM.

Ford & Sons Funeral Home - Mt. Auburn

Tribute Wall

JB

“ I just saw this in July 2024. Out of curiosity, I googled Dr. Azuma. This is sad news. He was my advisor from 77 to 82 and my professor for several classes. I fondly remember my classes with him and my time in Cape. My condolences to the family.

Jim Bell - July 14, 2024 at 08:56 PM

MD

“ I am sorry to hear of the death of Hank Azuma. I had the pleasure of working with him as a colleague for many years. He was a decent, caring person with an open smile and good sense of humor. Ann and I send our condolences.

Max Drake - March 07, 2024 at 10:42 PM

JB

“ My husband used to walk our dogs at Kiwanis park and became friends with Hank. He was such a nice man and we are sorry to read of his passing. Prayers for your family in the coming days.

Jane Butler - February 28, 2024 at 02:39 PM

KB

“ Dr. Azuma's best lectures were out on the terrace on breaks. I learned about internment camps in the U.S. for Americans of Japanese descent through his firsthand account. He left a trail like a comet

Kate (Gish) Becker - February 24, 2024 at 03:42 PM

MP

“ Dr Azuma was my Statistics professor in the early 90s. I thoroughly enjoyed his class as he related very well to us students and he cared about our success. Always had a cup of coffee nearby and that big smile. He was always so upbeat and happy to see us in class. My thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends who are grieving today. RIP Dr Azuma and God Bless!

Mark Ponder - February 23, 2024 at 12:51 PM

PC

“ Paul and Evelyn Cox purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Henry Azuma.



Paul and Evelyn Cox - February 22, 2024 at 09:42 PM

PC

“ Paul and Evelyn Cox planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Henry Azuma.

Paul and Evelyn Cox - February 22, 2024 at 09:42 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Henry Azuma.



February 22, 2024 at 09:02 PM

JM

“ Jenny Syrup-Miles & Lee Miles planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Henry Azuma.

Jenny Syrup-Miles & Lee Miles - February 22, 2024 at 09:02 PM

SM

“ Almost 20 years later and I still remember our pre-class conversations. I enrolled in as many of his classes as I could while attending SEMO. His guidance and knowledge of society has made me who I am in my profession. Prayers that his family is comforted during this difficult time by remembering how large of impact he has left on this world.

Susanna (Deck) McCrimmons - February 22, 2024 at 04:18 PM

KG

“ I taught a few years while Henry was chair of Soc, Antro and SW. I was new to teaching and Henry was a great guide. He was a brilliant man and I greatly enjoyed working with him.

Ken Green

Ken Green - February 22, 2024 at 02:26 PM

JC

“ John C. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Henry Azuma.

John C. - February 22, 2024 at 11:25 AM

JB

“ I regret not having gotten to know Henry Azuma better than I did because I always enjoyed meeting him on campus and saying a brief hello and exchanging a few words. I do know that many students spoke highly of him. I send my sincere sympathy to the family.

John Cashion Bierk - February 22, 2024 at 11:19 AM

JS

“ Wonderful man and wonderful teacher at Semo University. I send my love Jane Cooper Stacy.

Jane Cooper Stacy - February 22, 2024 at 10:42 AM

NH

“ Noel, Karen, Kelly, Boyd, Kyle & Hollie purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Henry Azuma.



Noel, Karen, Kelly, Boyd, Kyle & Hollie - February 21, 2024 at 11:38 PM

RF

“ Ray Hymel and family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Henry Azuma.



Ray Hymel and family - February 21, 2024 at 12:36 AM

RF

“ Ray Hymel and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Henry Azuma.

Ray Hymel and family - February 21, 2024 at 12:36 AM

TR

“ Tom, Holly, Zak & Shelby Ratko purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Henry Azuma.



Tom, Holly, Zak & Shelby Ratko - February 20, 2024 at 10:39 PM

TR

“ Tom, Holly, Zak & Shelby Ratko planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Henry Azuma.

Tom, Holly, Zak & Shelby Ratko - February 20, 2024 at 10:39 PM



“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Henry Azuma.



February 20, 2024 at 04:46 PM

TF

“ From: The Naka Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Henry Azuma.

The Naka Family - February 20, 2024 at 04:46 PM



“ *Bright and Beautiful Spray was purchased for the family of Henry Azuma.*



February 20, 2024 at 04:38 PM



“ *CynthiaBMurphy, MiriamB&JoePalmisano purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Henry Azuma.*



CynthiaBMurphy, MiriamB&JoePalmisano - February 20, 2024 at 04:26 PM



“ *Susan N. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Henry Azuma.*

Susan N. - February 20, 2024 at 10:38 AM