



Longtime NYC Member Glenn Hontz passed away on Wednesday, January 20<sup>th</sup> following surgery for hip fractures. A Celebration of New Life will take place on February 13<sup>th</sup> from 5pm to 7pm at the Smith Memorial Parsonage, 3281 Waikomo Road, Koloa.

In lieu of flowers, donations are preferred to: Koloa Union Church Food Ministry, P.O. Box 536, Koloa, HI 96756.

Glenn held a degree from Columbia University. He taught at Columbia and then at the University of Hawaii at Manoa when he and Virginia came to Hawaii in 1978. Glenn did many things over the years; he organized the agricultural program at Kauai Community College aimed at decreasing Kauai's dependency on imported food. He was instrumental in getting recycling of materials other than aluminum started on Kauai. He also got the pilot green waste program started at Moloaa with Mark and Shakira Darcy Freeman and the County of Kauai. They put together a statewide conference on Kauai's environmental future, negotiated with all of the Kauai high schools to get them to become recycling centers and worked with BFI to supply the first recycling containers. After Iniki in 1992 Glenn was contacted by FEMA and worked on Kauai teaching people about hurricane clips. When Glenn started working at KCC he took up residence at "The Farm" trying to crack the secret formula of marrying farmers and ranchers into the community by building a network of what we now call Farm to Table. His beloved widow Virginia Dunas said, "I know he's still with us. He'll keep working to feed the island, feed its people, and work toward world peace."

See these links for more stories of this remarkable man's accomplishments.

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