



## Aaron Ichiro Hilbun

October 20, 1973 - April 7, 2019

Oboist Aaron Hilbun, 45, went to the Lord on April 7, 2019. He was the only son of the late Paul R. Hilbun and Kikuko Hilbun, was born in Okinawa on October 20, 1973. He attended public schools in TN. He was gifted in Music and pursued Music, graduating from Illinois University with a BA, Iowa University with MA and a Doctorate degree with Florida State University in Music. He performed as a free-lance oboist in many different Orchestras in Central Florida. He also taught at Rollin's College and other Universities. Aaron's memorial service will be held at the Good Shepherd Episcopal Church in Maitland, FL at 2:00 p.m., on May 21, 2019 with Rev. Camron MacMilan officiating. The committal will follow the service in the Memorial Garden of the Good Shepherd Episcopal Church, located at 331 Lake Ave. Maitland, FL 32751. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be sent to Good Shepherd Episcopal Church, or Scholarship Funds at Illinois University, or your favorite charities.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

MAY 21. 2:00 PM (ET)

Good Shepherd Episcopal Church  
331 Lake Ave.  
Maitland, FL 32751

# Tribute Wall

YS

“ Yukiko S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Aaron Ichiro Hilbun.

Yukiko S. - March 15, 2024 at 07:13 PM

KH

“ Happy Valentine. Sun is shining, but have snow flowery this morning. Suppose to fall into single digit today. I have to fill up birds feeders so birds will have some foods in cold weather. These tiny birds looks so big because they fluff up their feathers. I like to watch them. I put a new feeder for blue birds, filled with special blend of warms and sun flowers. Hope I can attract more Easter Blue Birds. Aaron, I talk to you every day, can you hear me? I wish you would answer me. How is dad? Peace Aaron. Praise God playing oboes in the Heavenly Orchestra. Love you very much.  
Mom

Kikuko Hilbun - February 14, 2020 at 09:38 AM

KI

“ Merry Christmas to you, Aaron. I miss you lots. Thank you taking me to the Midnight Mass at Mary, Queen of Universe last year. I was very happy when you received communion that time. You received "Body of Christ, the bread of heaven". Aaron, I miss you lots. I talk to you lots, hope you are listening to me. Peace, Aaron. Play oboe in heavenly orchestra. Love you, Mom

Kikuko - December 27, 2019 at 08:31 PM

KH

“ Hi, Aaron. It is your birthday today, Oct. 20th. You would be 46 today if you were on earth, with us. I know you are in Peace, Peace only Jesus can give you. To think that you are playing your oboes in Heavenly Orchestra with angels make me happy. I love you and I miss you so much. HAPPY BIRTHDAY, ICHIRO. MOM

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**Kikuko Hilbun** - October 21, 2019 at 02:57 PM

AS

“ I got to know Aaron very well, keeping in contact near daily. When I didn't hear back from him, I googled his name and found this. I am crushed. What a loss. He was so kind and intelligent and funny and the list goes on.

*Aaron shared things with me that I think his mother Kikuko would find comfort in knowing.*

*Aaron spoke very highly of you Kikuko and loved you very much, and you should know the last few months before his passing, Aaron told me he had been attending a nearby Episcopal church. He said he went because he liked the priest there and I wanted his mother to know he was indeed a believer.*

*I'm sorry for your loss, but I hope this knowledge brings you some peace. I truly believe he has gone home and he's at peace.*

*Praying for your family.*

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**Ash** - May 26, 2019 at 05:08 PM

JC

“ I can scarcely believe this has happened. I knew Ichiro well. We taught English together in Japan. I considered him a good friend, staying in contact years after we both left Japan. Distance was an issue, because I was in Australia, while Aaron was in Florida. I tried to reach him on his Skype account earlier this year, but to no avail...

*What a shock to run his name Google and find this!*

*He was a "salt of the earth" kind of person - absolutely natural, no bullshit, just how it was... Yes, I nearly punched his teeth out once, but after that, we continued to be friends - I would say very good friends. May God forgive me.*

*There are some real snakes in this world. Ichiro was not one of them. I can still remember the way he used his "anger" to navigate the world, very successfully IMO. What a character he was, knowledgeable, funny, strong willed, smart. I'll miss him forever.*

*I am shocked, devastated in fact, to hear that he is gone. I would dearly love to know how it was that he came to pass so suddenly, without any warning. If anyone can tell me how this came to be I'd appreciate it. What on earth went wrong?*

*To the others that knew Aaron well and are mourning, I can tell you that he was a stand-up guy. Direct, honest and full of courage. I will miss him dearly. This world was a better place when he was here.*

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**Jerry Clancy** - April 30, 2019 at 09:08 AM

AS

*"This world was a better place when he was here." Truer words have never been spoken.*

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**Ash** - May 26, 2019 at 07:08 PM

SH

“ So sorry for your loss Kikuko. I can't imagine the pain of losing a child. What a blessing he must have been to you and knowing he was a believer is comforting. I am Waunita's sister Shirley and we fondly remember you. Our prayers go out to you. Lew and Shirley Huston.

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**shirley huston** - April 23, 2019 at 09:29 AM

KG

“ Aaron would always update me on the latest news and gossip from the Nashville, Tennessee orchestra scene. We would talk about mutual friends and colleagues both from TN and FSU. I really enjoyed these conversations with him and they will be missed.

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**Kevin Gallagher** - April 22, 2019 at 11:16 AM

PA

“ Aaron was a good friend. And bright. And funny. I will truly miss him.

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**paul** - April 18, 2019 at 01:24 PM

JB

“ Aaron and I had a special bond. We shared many secrets. I could never stay mad at him. I had hopes for him many times over as he struggled with life and himself.

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**Jennifer Benson** - April 16, 2019 at 08:59 AM

MC

“ He was one of the funniest nicest people I have met. He had his struggles but eventually overcame them and for that he should be proud. Myself and my wife went biking and kayaking with him and enjoyed our times with him. He was very smart and talented and fun to be around. My wife and I will miss him. Sorry for your loss and sorry people like him are no longer around. He will be missed.

mikel and mary carpenter - April 15, 2019 at 07:34 PM

PS

“ A talented young man taken way too soon. So very sorry he's gone. Praying for peace.



Pat Shannon - April 15, 2019 at 04:22 PM



“ 3 files added to the album Memories Album



A Community Funeral Home & Sunset Cremations - April 15, 2019 at 08:24 AM

KH

October 20, 2020. It is your birthday. It is your 2nd birthday since you are gone. I placed a statue of St. Francis at Good Shepherd Episcopal Church's Memorial Garden to remember you. You are a great son. I love you. I miss you. Thank you watching over me as I drove back to TN.

Kikuko Hilbun - October 21, 2020 at 10:20 PM

KH

*Hello~, Aaron. Christmas time. It is 2nd Christmas without you. I enjoyed being with you on Christmas in 2018, you decorated Christmas tree so elegantly, we went together to Queen of Heaven Catholic Church, many good memories. I miss you very much. I talk to you every day, every day and think of you every moment. Playing in Heavenly Orchestra on this Christmas?*

*I wonder what Christmas will be like in Heaven. Hi, say to dad. Aaron, go to Jesus when you have a problems. Jesus is your savior, friend and advocated. Let me tell you what is going on this earth, world, and America. Coved-19 is spreading all over the world, America is worse. Every one live in fear of catching it. Gov't recommend social distance and wear mask. Many stores are closed and people are out of works. The economy is bad. President Trump lost the election. You are glad to know it, I am sure. Aaron, pray for the world peace, please. Mom*

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**Kikuko Hilbun** - December 24, 2020 at 08:06 PM

FC

*Mi nombre es Francisco Pereda. Conocí a Aarón Hilbun en Trujillo-Perú en 2004. Tuve la maravillosa oportunidad de hacer música juntos, tanto en música de cámara, como solista y en música sinfónica. Hasta hoy guardo en mi memoria el maravilloso solo de Corno Inglés de la Sinfonía "Nuevo Mundo" de Dvorak. que gracias a él pudo Trujillo escuchar ese bello y nostálgico pasaje musical. Reconozco en Aarón sua grandes cualidades de artista y ser humano. Recibe mi "Post Mortem" agradecimento.*

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**Francisco Pereda Calderon** - April 16, 2023 at 09:56 PM