



# Shigeaki Hattori

November 3, 1963 - April 5, 2025

Shigeaki Hattori, 61, passed away April 5, 2025. He was born on November 3, 1963, to Hideyasu Hattori and Momoe Hattori. His family includes his sister Hideko Hattori, his partner Ikuko Hattori and his daughters Kanae and Sena Hattori.

A native of Okayama, Japan, Shige moved to the United States in the 1990s to pursue his dream of becoming an open-wheel race car driver. His career took off when he won two INDY NXT by Firestone races in 1998. He made his first IndyCar start in 2000 and raced at the highest level of American open wheel racing 26 times through 2003, including two starts in the Indianapolis 500.

His passion for motorsports ultimately led him to NASCAR, where he competed as a driver in the NASCAR CRAFTSMAN Truck Series (NCTS) in 2004 and 2005. He transitioned to team ownership in 2008 and founded Hattori Racing Enterprises (HRE).

The organization began competing in the NASCAR K&N Pro Series and found success winning races before entering the NASCAR CRAFTSMAN Truck Series in 2015. With Shige's guidance, the HRE team broke through for the first win at Atlanta Motor Speedway in February of 2018. He won 14 NCTS races as a team owner and reached the ultimate achievement by winning the 2018 series championship. Shige's business development allowed HRE to expand into the NASCAR Xfinity Series from 2019-2021 and he launched a sports car venture, Hattori Motorsports in 2022.

Shige was known for his relentless drive, focus and competitive spirit. Team ownership through HRE had become both his passion and his life's work. His efforts as an owner impacted numerous drivers and crew members throughout the NASCAR industry.

A service to celebrate his life will be held on Wednesday, May 21, 2025, at 6:00 PM at the Heritage House at Cavin-Cook Funeral Home, Mooresville. The family will receive friends following the celebration until 9:00 PM.

For those unable to attend the service please use the following link to view the service: <https://view.oneroomstreaming.com/index.php?data=MTc0NzY4MDI3NTM2MzlwNiZvbmVyb29tLWFKbWluJmNvcHlfbGluaw==>

Cavin-Cook Funeral Home, Mooresville, is serving the family of Mr. Hattori.  
Condolences may be made to the family at [www.cavin-cook.com](http://www.cavin-cook.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Cavin-Cook FH & Crematory

494 E. Plaza Drive  
Mooresville, NC 28115

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

MAY 21. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Heritage House at Cavin-Cook Funeral Home & Crematory  
494 East Plaza Drive  
Hwy 150  
Mooresville, NC 28115

## Receiving Friends

MAY 21. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Heritage House at Cavin-Cook Funeral Home & Crematory  
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Hwy 150  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Cavin-Cook Funeral Home & Crematory created a Webcast in memory of Shigeaki Hattori*



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**Cavin-Cook Funeral Home & Crematory** - May 19, 2025 at 02:46 PM



“ *Jessica H. planted a grove of 5 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Shigeaki Hattori.*

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**Jessica H.** - May 21, 2025 at 09:55 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Shigeaki Hattori.*



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May 20, 2025 at 05:11 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Shigeaki Hattori.*

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May 20, 2025 at 05:11 PM

TT

“ Tyler Gibbs and friends at TRD purchased the *Serenity Wreath* for the family of Shigeaki Hattori.



Tyler Gibbs and friends at TRD - May 20, 2025 at 12:15 PM

TT

“ Tyler Gibbs and friends at TRD planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Shigeaki Hattori.

Tyler Gibbs and friends at TRD - May 20, 2025 at 12:15 PM

YE

“ Yousuke E. purchased the *Beautiful in Blue* for the family of Shigeaki Hattori.



Yousuke E. - May 20, 2025 at 10:29 AM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray* was purchased for the family of Shigeaki Hattori.



May 20, 2025 at 10:06 AM

EI

“ ENEOS USA Inc. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Shigeaki Hattori.

ENEOS USA Inc. - May 19, 2025 at 02:01 PM

EI

“ ENEOS USA Inc. purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Shigeaki Hattori.



ENEOS USA Inc. - May 19, 2025 at 02:01 PM

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“ A grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Shigeaki Hattori.

May 19, 2025 at 12:27 PM

MM

“ Manabu M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Shigeaki Hattori.

Manabu M. - May 19, 2025 at 08:59 AM

RO

“ Rika O. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Shigeaki Hattori.

Rika O. - May 19, 2025 at 07:50 AM

IT

“ IBARAKI TOYOPET purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Shigeaki Hattori.



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**IBARAKI TOYOPET** - May 19, 2025 at 01:41 AM

HT

“ Hylant Toyotsu planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Shigeaki Hattori.

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**Hylant Toyotsu** - May 18, 2025 at 04:47 PM

HT

“ Hylant Toyotsu purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Shigeaki Hattori.



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**Hylant Toyotsu** - May 18, 2025 at 04:47 PM

SK

“ Sushi Koshiki purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Shigeaki Hattori.



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**Sushi Koshiki** - May 17, 2025 at 01:01 AM

AI

“ Aki and Mihoko Ishikawa purchased the Dreams From the Heart Bouquet for the family of Shigeaki Hattori.



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**Aki and Mihoko Ishikawa** - May 17, 2025 at 12:58 AM

TA

“ Truist Julie, John Melissa Tyler Andrew planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Shigeaki Hattori.

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**Truist Julie, John Melissa Tyler Andrew** - May 16, 2025 at 10:57 AM

TA

“ Truist Julie, John Melissa Tyler Andrew purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Shigeaki Hattori.



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**Truist Julie, John Melissa Tyler Andrew** - May 16, 2025 at 10:57 AM

UN

“ Uno&Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Shigeaki Hattori.

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**Uno&Family** - May 15, 2025 at 08:05 AM

UN

“ *Uno&Family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Shigeaki Hattori.*



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**Uno&Family** - May 15, 2025 at 08:05 AM

TC

“ *Toyota Tsusho Corporation purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Shigeaki Hattori.*



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**Toyota Tsusho Corporation** - May 14, 2025 at 04:15 PM

WG

“ *WEINS AUTO GROUP planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Shigeaki Hattori.*

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**WEINS AUTO GROUP** - May 14, 2025 at 12:07 PM

WG

“ *WEINS AUTO GROUP purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Shigeaki Hattori.*



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**WEINS AUTO GROUP** - May 14, 2025 at 12:07 PM

TA

“ *Toyota Tsusho America planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Shigeaki Hattori.*

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**Toyota Tsusho America** - May 13, 2025 at 05:51 PM

TA

“ Toyota Tsusho America purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Shigeaki Hattori.



Toyota Tsusho America - May 13, 2025 at 05:51 PM

AA

“ AISIN World Corp. of America purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Shigeaki Hattori.



AISIN World Corp. of America - May 13, 2025 at 11:17 AM

VS

“ VERTEX SPORTS purchased the Love's Journey for the family of Shigeaki Hattori.



VERTEX SPORTS - May 13, 2025 at 12:59 AM



“ Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Shigeaki Hattori.



May 13, 2025 at 12:54 AM



“ Dear Shige’s family,

*I still can not fully accept the passing of Shige.  
He was always my best buddy, hero and dream.  
Great honor for me and my family to meet him and his lovely family.  
My deepest condolences to his family.  
Shige will be deeply missed.*

*Manaki Iwamoto*



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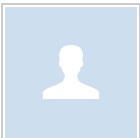
**Manaki Iwamoto** - May 12, 2025 at 07:16 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Shigeaki Hattori.

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May 12, 2025 at 06:58 PM



“ Love’s Journey was purchased for the family of Shigeaki Hattori.



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May 12, 2025 at 06:58 PM



“ *Toyota Battery Manufacturing NC Team purchased the Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray for the family of Shigeaki Hattori.*



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**Toyota Battery Manufacturing NC Team** - May 08, 2025 at 08:04 AM