

in the Alabama Hills when he organized rock stars to teach disadvantaged kids to climb, then everyone built trails alongside the BLM ranger. And as Kevin Kleinfelter pointed out, “He was also a legendary entertainer. A Strassman party was not something to miss. Anyone who’s attended one of these events will know what I mean.”

Mike had been battling for years with crystal meth. Last spring he wrote a song about it, “Sorry Ass Tweaker.” which Peter Mayfield used to introduce a video warning to teenagers www.chromadynamics.com/lifeormeth.html. It’s powerful. And poignant.

Mike, I have a bottle of your ashes right here. Next spring I’m taking you with me up Birch Mountain again. We always talked about climbing that long, Dark Star–like buttress together. Our project deteriorated into wrangling over naming it after your dead friend or mine. Now it’s gonna be you.

DOUG ROBINSON

SADAO TAMBE 1916–2007

Sadao Tambe, born in Kyoto, Japan, learned climbing as a member of the famous Keio University Alpine Club. After earning his degree in economics in 1939, Sadao started his career in management with Nippon Yusen Kaisha, one of the largest shipping companies in Japan, which blessed him with the chance to travel to many foreign countries until his retirement. Sadao earned fame as one of the foremost translators of mountain books in Japan, and he published many books, especially about Himalayan expeditions, which led to strong friendships with Nepalese, Indian, Pakistani, and Chinese mountaineering authorities. He also translated *Americans on Everest*, by James Ramsey Ullman, which allowed him to meet and befriend Bill Putnam, then president of the AAC. Bill invited Sadao to the General Assembly of the UIAA and introduced him to board members from around the world.

Sadao was a member of the Japanese Alpine Club from 1965, served on the board of the Japanese Mountaineering Association starting in 1970, and was vice president of JMA from 1975 to 1984. He was elected to the board of the UIAA in 1976, where he served for eight years. Among his diplomatic achievements were active behind-the-scenes negotiations that led to a unanimous UIAA vote to accept mainland China into the UIAA. Sadao was also a long-time member of the AAC. Sadao is survived by his wife Tsukiko, three children, and four grandchildren. We miss Sadao and will always cherish his memory in our hearts.

TAKEO YOSHINO

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<i>Peter Absolon</i>	<i>Eaton Cromwell, Jr.</i>	<i>Ed C. Holt</i>	<i>Duane McRuer</i>
<i>Robert G. Allison</i>	<i>Curt Dempster</i>	<i>Lara Kellogg</i>	<i>Chris Nolen</i>
<i>Robert Hicks Bates</i>	<i>Joshua Fonner</i>	<i>Chuck Kroger</i>	<i>Thomas C. Russler</i>
<i>Kurt G. Beam</i>	<i>John Kevin Fox</i>	<i>J. Alex Maxwell</i>	<i>Michael A. Strassman</i>
<i>David L. Blockus</i>	<i>Walter T. Haswell, III</i>	<i>Richard McGowan</i>	<i>Sadao Tambe</i>
<i>Rev. Harold O.J. Brown</i>	<i>Douglas L. Hoffmann</i>	<i>Russell McJury</i>	<i>Bradford Washburn</i>