



Esther Latai Keiki

May 20, 1932 - September 12, 2015

ESTHERL KEIKI, FIRE KNIFE DANCER, NANAIKAPONO JPO CROSSING GUARD DEAD AT 83

ESTHER LATAI KEIKI, NANAKULI'S FINEST FEMALE KNIFE DANCER AND FAMOUS CROSSING GUARD FOR NANAIKAPONO JPO DIED PEACEFULLY ON SEPTEMBER 12TH IN HER HOME AT NANAKULI, 3RD ROAD! SHE WAS 83.

ESTHER WAS BORN IN HONOLULU ON MAY 20TH, 1932 ESTHER WAS A MASTER FIRE KNIFE DANCER AND CONTINUED TO DANCE WELL INTO HER SEVENTIES. SHE VOLUNTEERED FOR OVER 30 YEARS AT NANAIKAPONO ELEMENTARY AS A JPO MONITOR. SHE WAS LOVED BY THE ENTIRE NANAKULI COMMUNITY. ESTHER WORKED AS A SECURITY GUARD FOR MANY YEARS AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS BUT MOSTLY AT HONOLULU AIRPORT WITH FREEMAN GUARDS. SHE HAS PARTICIPATED ON MANY BOARDS IN THE COMMUNITY, VOLUNTEERED WITH THE WAIANAE CIVIL PATROL LAW ENFORCEMENT AT THE WAIANAE POLICE STATION. SHE ATTENDED LAIE ELEMENTARY AND GRADUATED FROM MCKINLEY HIGH SCHOOL.

SHE IS SURVIVED BY SONS: WILLIAM "WONGIE" JR (GEORGIE-ANN), BALDWIN "KAENA" , WAYNE "KUI KONG" (JERRI LEE), CRAIG "VUNI"

(PEGGY). DAUGHTERS: CHARMAINE "PIKAKE" MOKIAO (ROBERT), JOHANNA "TALA" MOKIAO, NOVELENE "PAKALANA" ROBINSON, HAROLYNN "LOKE" YUEN.

GRANDCHILDREN: 25 GREATGRAND CHILDREN: 37

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SISTERS: MOANA ALLEN(PUNALUU), POLA WONG (LAIE), CLEO AKINA (HONOLULU), VERNA ALLISON (NEW MEXICO), JAN CORONA (SAN DIEGO), YVONNE "KWAJI" LEE(MAILI), LOUELLA "CUDDLES" KING (MAILI), APRIL EIKO ALAPAI(OKINAWA), DOROTHY ALAPAI(AIEA), ANA CAIN(SOUTH CAROLINA), NANCY JEDRO (TEXAS)

BROTHERS: GEORGE ALAPAI (GEORGIA), JOHNNY ALAPAI (HONOLULU)

STEP MOM: MITSUE ALAPAI (FLORENCE, SC)

COUSINS: IRENE CORREA(WASHINGTON), ROBERT AND LEROY HASKELL (HONOLULU), ALOMA WILLIS (PEARL CITY), MINAMI RAGAN (ALABAMA)

PREDECEASED: HUSBAND WILLIAM KEIKI SR, MOM ANNA TEUILA LEOTA FANENE, FATHER JOHN BLOOMFIELD ALAPAI, FATHER THOMAS LIAE FANENE. SISTERS SHIELA TOLLEFSEN, HELEN TIKI NAMAHOE PANG. BROTHERS: REID AMONA LEOTA, PENROD TOMMY FANENE, CHARLES NAMAHOE AUNTIES: LORRAINE HASKELL, VAIOLINI NIKO. UNCLE ALEMA LEOTA. COUSINS: LILIU KAUHAAHAA, WALTER GOMEZ, BILLIE TUPUIVAO, ARLINGTON HIRAM, MOANA LOU HANNEMANN, EDMUND HIRAM, IPOLANI THOMPSON, JEFFREY HIRAM, ERMAINE NIKO.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **25.** 5:00 PM - 8:30 PM (HST)

Kalaeloa Chapel
2074 Lauwiliwili St.
Kapolei, HI 96707

Service

SEP **26.** 10:30 AM (HST)

Kalaeloa Chapel
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Kapolei, HI 96707

Burial

SEP **26.** 12:30 PM (HST)

Nanakuli Homestead Cemetery
Waianae, HI 96792

Visitation

SEP **26.** 8:00 AM - 10:00 AM (HST)

Kalaeloa Chapel
2074 Lauwiliwili St.
Kapolei, HI 96707

Tribute Wall

DA

“ *My sincere condolences to your family. May you find comfort found in the words of Isaiah 25:8*

Dawn - October 23, 2015 at 04:13 PM

YO

“ *Yes! Dis special wahine is so MAIKAI!! Husband worked w/ her. HPD (Sgt. Chin & Officer Kamai) Good fun days! We got to see her on Maui! We will miss -U (Keiki)
Good Bless ur Ohana! ! Sorry ! We can't make! Aloha NUI! Brada Stanley & Sista
Yvette Opiana*

Yvette Opiana - September 24, 2015 at 02:44 PM

SH

“ *My family and I have had a wonderful gift and blessing of knowing this Extraordinary,funny and soft strict Beautiful Lady all our lives!! To our Mom,she was like a sister and to us our aunty,we only lived across da street in beautiful Nanakuli.I remember one of da times I had come home for vacation and was visiting and I seen her walking down da street and went out to greet her and we hugged,cried and held hands and talked, laughed and shared and she said 'just like old times' and I said 'ae will hold in my heart always'.To Maine,Tala,Wongie,etc,I love you all and Yes We Will See Her Again!!! Much Love and Prayers. Sharon Nakila Henard,ColoradoSprings,Colorado*

sharon henard - September 23, 2015 at 11:06 PM

PK

“ *I read this sometime ago and thought That's Ma.....Please don't cry because I died/ Smile because I lived!/ Know that I am in a happy place!/ Know that we will meet again!/ I will see you there!*

Ma would want us to CELEBRATE her life.... Rest Ma....your work here on earth is done... we will miss you.

Peggy Keiki - September 23, 2015 at 07:27 PM



“ *My dearest grandma Esther Latai Alapai Keiki
I am truly honored, blessed , and so very greatful to my Heavenly
Father for allowing me to be apart of your bloodline. I cannot
express how much of a perfect example you were to each and
every person that you came in contact with, especially your family.
You are my legacy and we will chant and praise your name in
everything that we do in our lives and for the rest of our lives. I will
continue your legacy thru my children, there children and so forth
and so on. Grandson Chad, could not stop saying how much he
enjoyed taking you riding and seeing your face light up as you were
so happy to get out of the house and he enjoyed your talks and love
that you showed him allowing him to be apart of your special life .
My eldest son Robby along with Rodsen, Rochelle, Ronaven,
Royasen, Rosely, and ChadRaider said a special prayer before we
left Las Vegas expressing how much they will miss you and the love
you shared with your family made such a great impact on all of our
lives. We embrace all that you have thought us and will never ever
forget your Legacy that lives in each of us. Our tears that we shared
when we heard of your Passing was nothing but good tears and the
best memories of grandma going to performances, graduations,
giving births, traveling the world, folding all our clothes, keeping
everything tidy and clean, most of all my favorite is JPO I was
aways the captain along with my 4 sisters. I can go on and on but
the memories will live on and I will keep sharing stories of you as
long as I live. I love you grandma Keiki I truly will miss you forever.
Until we meet again Manatua Pea Aiga!!
Aloha A hui hou
Your granddaughter Loke Mokiao Grandson Chad and "Da Tribe"*

Charrochelle Mokiao - September 23, 2015 at 05:13 PM



“ *She was one of the most sweetest most kindest person I knew when I went to Nanaikapono and was a JPO my heart goes out to her family you will truly be misses Ms.Keiki*

Nancy Kealohapauole-Watts - September 23, 2015 at 01:56 AM



“ *I had a wonderful and most memorable time being her co-worker at the Honolulu International Airport in the 70s...a remarkable women. It was an honor to have known her as part of my life...she'd often tell us of her days being a Kumu Hula which included my cuzn and my sister. Thank you so much for the memories dear Esther...may you rest in the arms of ke Akua. For old times sake ... condolences to Keiki ohana..she lives in you..beautiful ohana Matriarch. Tabag Family. Waianae.*

Flo K. Tabag - September 23, 2015 at 01:35 AM



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Dawn Wemple - September 23, 2015 at 01:32 AM



“ *I remember when I was at Nanaikapono and I was in JPO. And I met Grandma Keiki she was a nice loving gentle person. And she will be missed. Love you Grandma.....*

Calsie-ann Stanton-kamelamela - September 22, 2015 at 11:35 PM

HV

“ Grandma Keiki...such a beautiful and kind soul. Every time I'd see her she had pep in her step,a great big smile and Shaka for those passing by in vehicles greeting her Good Morning!... September 1986, I was kindergarten and first walked to school with all my cousins because that was just how we did,big families as ours...the big ones take the little ones to school...she was our crossing guard and she shined really bright because it was the first time I ever seen violet hair!! I smiled real big because I was fascinated by how bright her hair was and she told me 'Good morning bebe! Have a beautiful day!'...everyday I'd go to school she was the first person to greet us with this big smile...she knew who my parents were,my grandparents too...as a community she knew us all...she was Grandma of Nanakuli and if you act up,she'd tell our parents...well she never did tell...she would know who the kolohe ones were and give them the 'eye'...I would laugh because she only did it to straighten them up...and they did! My best years in Nanaikapono Elementary was with her in it...every event,May day program you'd see her dancing in place and smiling! Having children of my own,Nanaikapono was moved to 3rd road and my daughter was in the first kindergarten classes to start there...I walked her to school her first day and who do I see? I see Grandma Keiki as a crossing guard near the library crosswalk!! I tell my daughter she was my crossing guard at her age and she was scared her first day and even cried...but Grandma Keiki told her 'No cry bebe,Mommy going come back and the teachers are real nice,you going have fun!'...her first week went by really well...I seen her there til' my daughter graduated 6th grade...my daughter is now a junior at Waianae High. I used to see her time to time walking down the homestead Ave with her shades,hat and big purse...hearing of her passing has struck my heart...she will forever be the grandma of Nanakuli,the sweet little lady that made a huge impact in many of our lives...my condolences to the 'Ohana!...Aloha wau...Ke Akua Pu...until we meet again!

-Mahoe and Vilmaire 'Ohana-

Henani Vilmaire - September 22, 2015 at 09:04 PM

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Kinau Tollefsen - September 22, 2015 at 06:58 PM

KT

“ *Aunty esther was the source of everything that is good in this world, never spoke unkind about anyone, always giving people benefit of the doubt, always loving, always smiling, always bringing joy and laughter to everyone and every place that she went, was a faithful servant to the very end. she was always loved by us all and always cheered us on! She could sing, dance, and always delighted us with her siva afi or fire knife dance! Love you aunty and will miss you!*
Love Kina'u

Kinau Tollefsen - September 22, 2015 at 06:57 PM

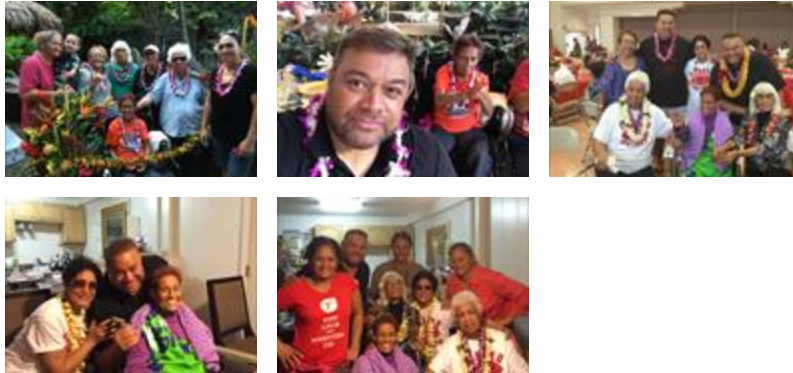
CM

Mahalo Cuzz for your kind words and memories of Grama!! Love you always

charmaine Kamalu Mokiao - September 23, 2015 at 04:25 PM

KT

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Kinau Tollefsen - September 22, 2015 at 06:48 PM

KI

“ *Grandma Keiki is a true Matriarch in Nanakuli! She devoted so much of her life to my hometown & especially to Nanaikapono. I'm glad I got to know her more through JPO & dancing Hula for her ohana. She will truly be missed and has left such a great legacy that will never be forgotten. Rest in love Grandma Keiki, until we meet again!*

Kim - September 22, 2015 at 06:31 PM

CI

“ *Aunty Esther Keiki will never be forgotten. I have many sweet memories of Aunty that I hold deep in my heart and mind. Families are Forever. Much Alofa. Until we meet again. Much Alofa*

Colleen Mano'i Inifi - September 22, 2015 at 05:43 PM

CM

“ *My Darling Grama Esther Keiki!!! you have taught me so much in life. The memories will always be in me and your love has been shared with all of us. I am truly blessed to have been raised by you and to be in your presence. Like I said before I can't think of a major event in my life that you weren't present. You are and will always be my "QUEEN SIVA AFI"!!! Love you my Grama!!!*
*Your 4th grand daughter KAMALU KANOELEHUA LEILANI
IWALANI MAHEALANI MOKIAO*

charmaine Kamalu Mokiao - September 22, 2015 at 04:32 PM