



Sheila Brown Clark

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Sheila Brown Clark passed away peacefully in the afternoon of May 3rd at her home in

Mt. View. Born on September 17, 1934, at the old Hilo Hospital, Sheila was the second daughter of John (Pat) Brown of Cupar, Fife, Scotland, and Irene (Ducky) Brown née Drake of Wagoner, Oklahoma.

Sheila's childhood was filled with abounding adventures, especially in the lush outdoors

with the neighborhood children as her companions – climbing trees and playing in streams were her favorite. This spirit of adventure was a gift she never surrendered, she

carried its joy through her life, sharing it generously with her children and loved ones.

Fond childhood memories included trips on the train up the Hāmākua Coast to Paauiilo with her sister Patricia to the plantation manager's home of William Fraser Robertson and his wife Marjorie, where their parents would join them later by car. Sheila often reminisced about summer holidays at the Kona Inn, swimming in the ocean-front saltwater pool, family stays at Dr. Walter Seymour's beach home, and visits with friends at the Giacometti and Wall homes at Keauhou Bay. Sheila was a 1952 graduate of Hilo High School. She and her sister, Patricia (Hinkley) faced the shadows of loss early when they lost their father in 1951 and then their mother a year later. Kathryn Beveridge, a beloved family friend became Sheila's legal guardian at the age of 17 and would be a cherished maternal presence in her life for over 40 years. Sheila attended the University of Hawaii at Manoa, where she met and fell in love with

David Douglas Clark. They were married on September 11, 1954 at the First Foreign Church, followed by a beautiful reception at the Hilo Yacht Club.



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Sheila and David brought three children into this world: David John, Heather Leinaala, and Mary Kathryn Kehaunani, all born in Hilo. David's work at Theo H. Davies transferred the family to Kauai in 1959. Their years together on Kauai raising a young family were, in her words, the happiest days of Sheila's life. An excellent seamstress, she created beachwear and started a cottage business with her dear friend, Barbara (Babs) Faye, in Lihue. She was also active in the Lihue Union Church, serving as the Board Treasurer. In 1971, Hilo called them back. Sheila enjoyed reconnecting with friends and family both new and old, spending time creating a beautiful home in Keaukaha and playing tennis at the Hilo Yacht Club. A few of her community interests included volunteering with the Friends of the Hilo Library's yearly sale, and sharing stories as a docent at the Tsunami Museum. Health and wellness were among her passions, leading her to launch a business distributing NeoLife supplements and products. By teaching her customers about nutrition and health independence, she helped others improve their overall well-being and created a network of like-minded, health-conscious individuals. Sheila's ultimate passion was her spiritual work and study, which she began pursuing on Kauai and continued throughout her life.

She was fiercely proud to be from Hawaii, embodying the aloha spirit and expressing her love for her birthplace, its traditions, flora, fauna, and people. Sheila was known for her deep love and free laughter. She sought Truth and valued honesty, often expressing her feelings openly and in her way. As a great storyteller with an impressive memory, she will be deeply missed! She is predeceased by her sister, Patricia Lei Dora Brown Hinkley in 1998; former husband, David Douglas Clark in 2015; son, David John Clark in 2020 and youngest daughter, Mary Kathryn Kehaunani Clark-Alexander in 2020. Sheila is survived by her daughter, Heather Leinaala Johnson and son-in-law D. Douglas Johnson of Anchorage, AK; daughter-in-law Kathleen (Katty) Ann Clark of Mercer Island, WA; son-in-law, Brian Michael Alexander of Florence, OR; grandchildren, Austin Clark Johnson and Grace Leionaona Jacobsen of Anchorage, AK; Peter Dane Clark and Delaney Ke`Alohilani Clark of Mercer Island, WA; and great-grandchildren, Penelope Olive Johnson and Bode Wrenn Jacobsen of Anchorage, AK.



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Memorial Service

 **Sunday**, October 20, 2024

 2:00 PM HST

 **Hilo Yacht Club**
77 Laehala Street, Hilo HI 96720





Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Sheila by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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