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Kevin Valentine Kuikanoa "Noa" KA'AKIMAKA, age 76, was born on December 7, 1947, in Honolulu, Hawaii, and left us on August 27, 2024, in Hilo, Hawaii. Noa's remarkable journey began in Aiea, Hawaii, where he graduated from Aiea High School before serving his country with honor at multiple bases, including Kincheloe AFB Michigan, Pleiku AFB Vietnam, Altus AFB Oklahoma, and Hickam AFB Hawaii. His dedication and bravery earned him numerous commendations, reflecting a life committed to service. Following his military career, Noa embraced his calling as a firefighter and engineer with the Federal Fire Department on O'ahu, where he continued to make an impact in his community. His adventurous spirit led him to reside in various beautiful locations across Hawaii, such as Halawa Heights, Mililani and Waimanalo on 'Oahu, Kaluakoi on Moloka'i, and Waimea and Kalopa on the Big Island. Each place held cherished memories and friendships that enriched his life. A gifted artist and passionate musician, Noa had a deep love for playing the ukulele, guitar, and a myriad of other instruments, sharing his musical talents with all those around him. An avid sports enthusiast, he enjoyed playing softball and volleyball, and dedicated his time to coaching his daughter's teams with Ko'olau Bobby Sox. His leisure hours were filled with fishing, diving, pen and ink drawing, painting, carving, and landscaping with native plants and fruit trees, all of which reflected his deep connection to the 'aina he loved. Noa cherished his childhood summers on Moloka'i with his cousins, uncles, aunties, siblings, and grandparents, in addition to building memories with his children taking them camping, boating, off-roading, swimming and traveling which formed an immense part of his legacy. His kindness, loyalty, and cheerful demeanor left an unforgettable mark on everyone he encountered. He held tremendous love for his firefighter braddahs and was known for lifting the spirits of those around him. Noa will be dearly missed by his family, friends, and all who were fortunate to know him. Noa is survived by his beloved wife of 56 years, Kathleen



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“Kipi” Barker KA’AKIMAKA, and his cherished children: Calvin Keola KA’AKIMAKA, Kaeleen Kalaniku (Manuel "Junior") MARTINEZ, Kananimaeole KA’AKIMAKA, Kevin V. K. "Kui" KA’AKIMAKA II, and Kevinette Ka’ila (Steven) PARIS. His legacy continues through his grandchildren: Kapeka & Haunani BOOK, Kamika, Kamauliola & Kanoe KA’AKIMAKA, Heather & Dustin MARTINEZ, Sariah “Ke’ani” KA’AKIMAKA & Pilipo KUPAHU, Koa KA’AKIMAKA, Ke’aho (Kea) KAAWA & Mahie KA’AKIMAKA KA’AWA, Keolamau LAWELAWE-KA’AKIMAKA, Haweo KA’AKIMAKA-BROWN, Caitlin PARIS-KEKAUOHA, Kylee "Kau", Kaylee “Kealani”, Steven “Pauole”, and Shemnon “Ka’imi” KA’AKIMAKA-PARIS, along with his great-grandchildren: Taeya & Alayna MARTINEZ, Leonidas & Paisley NIUMAANA, Psiar PAASCH, Na’ea MIYAKI, Ke’ahē KAAWA HOSE, and Ka’oli KAAWA. He is also survived by his sisters Melveen LEED (Mike), Nalani O’BRIEN, Monette KA’AKIMAKA, Phyllis KUAMO’O; Sisters-in-law: Barbara Barker JOHNSON & Denise “Denny” Barker EMMES; and numerous cousins, nieces, nephews, and hanai great-granddaughters. Noa was preceded in death by his dearly beloved daughter, Ke’alalehua K. KA’AKIMAKA KUPAHU, his mother, Hazel M. PLACE KA’AKIMAKA, and father, Isaiah V. KA’AKIMAKA.



Events

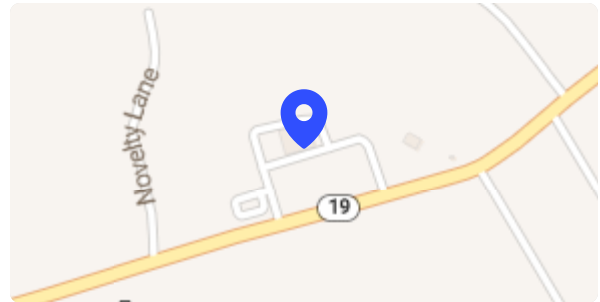
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Celebration Of Life

 **Saturday**, November 2, 2024

 10:00 AM HST


 **Waimea Hawaiian Homes Hall (Kuhio Hale DHHL)**
64-756 Mamalahoa Hwy., Waimea HI 96743

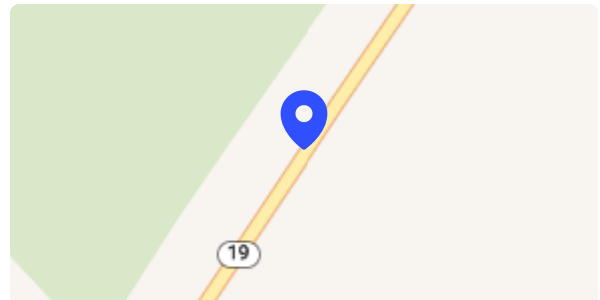


Military Honors

 **Monday**, November 4, 2024

 10:30 AM HST

 **West Hawaii Veterans Cemetery**
72-3245 Queen Kaahumanu Hwy., Kailua-Kona HI 96740





Tribute Wall

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Sandy Pitroski posted:

My memory of Noah is back in Menominee, Mi. in the 60's when he came home with Kippy to visit her parents. It was a bad winter with a lot of snow fall. I would go out to shovel and I would see Noah out clearing the driveway and sidewalk. We would yell at each other "Good Morning" and Noah would say "I Hate this stuff"!! We would laugh and just keep on shoveling. Family Friend Sandy Pitroski XO

September 16 at 6:20 AM



Kipi Kaakimaka September 20 at 9:49 AM

Awwwwwww. Sandy, thanks for this memory. I never knew about this interaction between you guys! Love it!



Anonymous sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Kaakimaka family.



September 16 at 5:49 AM



Doug And Lee Ann posted:

We first met Noa and Kipi when Doug and Noa were firefighters together in Honolulu. We were blessed to reconnect on Molokai years later. We shared many meals together, music, sweet fellowship and even projects together as the four of us were property managers. Noa will be missed but we will always have sweet memories of times shared together. May the Lord bless each of you and surround you with his love and peace. Fondlest aloha, Doug and Lee Ann Mott.

September 4 at 6:01 AM



Ann M. planted a grove of 3 Memorial Trees in honor of Kevin.



September 4 at 4:04 AM



Memories only last if you share them

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



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