



Beatrice Hernandez

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E ho‘omaha me ka maluhia

On September 18th, after a long battle against cancer and other chronic illnesses, our Queen Bea passed, quietly and peacefully. She was not in pain.

We had been saying goodbye to her often over her final days, and her door had been open for her grandchildren to cycle through as they needed. After she passed, we dressed her in one of her favorite outfits with a fresh flower lei around her neck and a blessed rose petal rosary in her hands. The grandkids climbed up on the bed to smell her lei and rosary, hug her, and say a final goodbye.

Beatrice was an adoring wife. She loved Norbert deeply . She always joked that he made the decision to move to Hawai‘i without even asking her. He knew it was the right move for them, and she knew he was right. They made a happy life together, going out often to shop, go out for lunch, go for acupuncture, drop-off or pickup the grandkids from school and generally, enjoy island life.

Beatrice was a loving mother. She took her daughters, Michele and Dana, out shopping – real-life Kmart “blue light specials” – and out to movies, always with snacks hidden in her purse. She learned to drive when the kids were little and then there was no stopping her! In Hawai‘i, she loved going out for pedicures, to thrifts or to pickup furniture from people around the island. She was always on the go!

Beatrice was a generous “Nana.” In Chicago, she loved showing off her granddaughter and taking her out and about around the neighborhood. In Hawai‘i, she loved the bustle of living with her 5



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grandkids, going out to soccer practices and games, gymnastics, aerial, and dance. She loved Saturday morning garage sales and bringing goodies back to the family. She was always ready to play UNO, Rummikub and even learned Mah Jong – she loved games!

Always in the middle of everything, we will miss her dearly and feel her absence daily. We are grateful for the time we had with her and the memories we made will always make us smile.

Her final resting place will be at the Veteran's Memorial Cemetery #2 in Hilo, HI, with her husband, Norbert.

A hui hou, Nana!

<https://www.homelanimemorialpark.com/obituaries/norbert-hernandez/obituary>

In lieu of flowers and to honor Norbert/Beatrice, donations may be made to Diabetes Youth Families (<https://dyf.org>). This organization, and the staff, are dear to their hearts. We host many friends and family from DYF and donate our ohana to them every year.



Events

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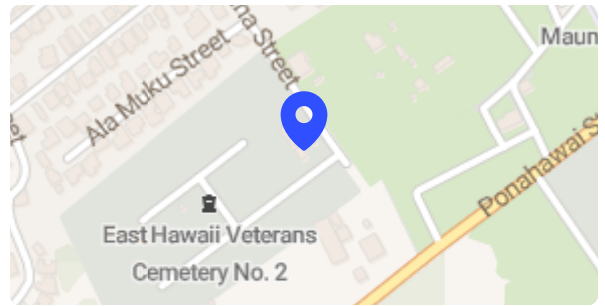
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Cemetery Details



Veterans Cemetery #2

110 Laimana Street, Hilo HI 96720





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U

Uma Patel lit a candle in honor of Beatrice.

My first memory of Bea was when I got a transfer to Walgreens and how Bea like a momma bear embraced me. Even though after working together for many years we always managed to keep in touch. When I had my girls she always made sure how they were. I remember visiting with both my girls to see your parents when they were living in carol stream we had such a nice visit. Whenever we talked on the phone first thing she would always ask how're the girls doing as well as my husband. Last time we talked was sometime last year was so happy that I had a chance to talk to her. I will never forget Bea & Norbert they were so wonderful to me was truly blessed knowing them. Uma



January 7 at 7:29 AM

N

Natalie Joyce-Maeda lit a candle in honor of Beatrice.

To Mrs. Bea Bee, there was always a smile on your face. You loved your 'ohana and that is the basis of my memories of you :) My first memory was as a child in Chicago on 4th of July. Playing by the RR tracks, eating fried chicken with all and watching the fireworks. Too bad we didn't jump on that train as an adult and visit in Chicago again. It was good to see you and 'ohana in Berkeley, at Dana's. We were happy for you and Norbert to move to Big Island with your 'ohana. Could always "feel you" just across the channels, happy and busy! Wishing you even more love & light, Natalie, Owen & Sierra Maeda



November 3 at 12:44 PM



Colleen Toohy lit a candle in honor of Beatrice.

I so appreciate Beatrice and her contribution to my life. She is still a role model for me as an adult. Dana's house in Chicago was always a safe place when I was a teenager. Beatrice's kindness and understanding was clear always clear. Thinking about her always reminds me what it means to be a good person.



November 1 at 8:27 AM



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Eric Abram shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.



Throughout Cousin Bea's life, she exemplified kindness and generosity. Even from a young age, I witnessed her caring for people so compassionately. She was truly selfless, always prioritizing the comfort and happiness of others before her own. It's rare to meet someone who thought of others as constantly as Cousin Bea did. I'll always cherish the memories of us sitting down for a competitive game of Rummy. Those games were never just about the cards, they were about the laughter, the fun, and the loving bond. One of the most beautiful connections I've witnessed, however, was the one she shared with my grandmother. Their family bond was truly special, filled with mutual devotion and love, and it was a gift to see how much they meant to each other. Cousin Bea's memory will continue to be a comfort to everyone lucky enough to know her. She will be profoundly missed.

October 29 at 9:09 AM



Dana Hernandez shared 2 photos to the **Tribute Wall** album.



Our first Hawai'i Halloween in 2019! Trunk or treat at the elementary school, and Nana manned the trunk and distributed candy!

October 27 at 3:27 PM



Edward Ennis posted:

Bea was a very charismatic, engaging person. She proudly kept my wife and I updated on her life with cards and photos of her beautiful family.

October 25 at 12:45 PM



Richard Hernandez posted:

I loved our trips to Premont Texas it was always a great time driving them around town and hanging with Uncle Joe on the farm

October 24 at 8:34 AM



Richard Hernandez shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

Me and my sister ❤️❤️❤️



October 24 at 8:31 AM



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A

Adrienne Fiedler posted:

My memories will be that my friend left me with good memories which can never be taken away from me and you can carry in your heart forever in a loving way

October 23 at 9:37 AM

D

Dana Hernandez shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

I spoke to my mom's dear friend, Adrienne, today and a memory came up of my mom's kidney surgery in 2013. I found this photo from the holding room of my viejos.

October 23 at 9:16 AM





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Memories only last if you share them

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



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