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Kathleen Yvonne Akau Obituary

Kathleen Muliwai Yvonne “Kathy” Akau, affectionately known as “Baby”, departed this life peacefully at her home surrounded by her family on April 20, 2024. Born in Honolulu on August 20, 1944, to parents George Stancil (Hattie) and Frances DeMello Peoples (Pop John). Kathy’s early education was at St. Francis and Roosevelt High School. Her career began as a professional hula dancer and she later pursued her passion for mechanics by founding the Family Automotive Service Team (FAST), which she operated successfully for 33 years until her retirement.

Kathy’s lifelong romance began at age 13 when she met Joseph Akau Jr. (Dodi), who would become her husband the day after she graduated from high school. They exchanged vows at Central Union Church on June 9, 1962, and cherished each other for 67 years until Dodi’s passing in 2021. Together, they enjoyed travels and memorable times in Las Vegas, often accompanied by many of their ohana.

Kathy often expressed that her family was her greatest accomplishment, famously stating, “Ohana is the most important thing in life.” She leaves behind a loving family, including her sons Dodi (Brooke) and Josiah, daughters Tita (Tracy) and Joelle (Kealii), along with her cherished grandchildren Poni, Akilah, Alisha (Patrick), Kawailani (Tiffany), Kea Boy (Macey), Piehu (Harley), Alapaki, Alakea (Kaili), Jayce, Alanui, and great-grandchildren Ekahi, Leimomi, Judah, Kanelo, Kaulanakila. Her legacy of love and unity continues to live on through them.

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AL

Alenna Kaopuiki 🌸 posted:

Aunty Cathy Mahalo piha for allowing me to share weekly Bible truths with you. Thank you for allowing my keiki to love Boozer. Thank you for your love and aloha ʻōʻyē – Joelle, thank you for showing me heartfelt love. me ke aloha pumehana Alenna Kaopuiki and ohana ʻōʻyē,

June 15 at 6:38 AM

SG

Sherri & Stanley Gabin posted:

I will miss you Aunty Kathy. Thank you for your love and kindness in my life. I will cherish the memories we've made, laughter and tears shared, advise and lessons learned on my continued journey. Thank you for always being there for me and for taking the time to teach all of us what family is all about. You're the best! We love you ʻāī, A Hui Hou ʻōʻyē™

June 12 at 12:47 AM

JB

Jane Crabtree O'brien posted:

Kathleen was my cousin and I always admired her from afar. We did not meet until she came to the Stancil reunion after we were older adults. I loved her so very much. My love and blessing to my ohana in Hawaii.

May 10 at 8:24 AM

VC

Valerie Costa posted:

Aunty Kathleen was so special in our life was there from our childhood she is so a family to us and been in our life like forever always sharing family memories I will miss Aunty with all my heart. There's no words that I can say by just kindness beautiful soul she have shared with us , I will miss her deeply I'm speaking for all my Siblings she was a very special person in our life Charles and Hazel Costa we love you Aunty ʻāī,

May 9 at 5:07 AM



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