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Terry Davilee Kaʻiʻini Burgess Ernest Ah Yo was born in Honolulu, Hawaii on April 26th, 1950, to David Kaʻono Lindsey Sr. and Lillian Mae Burgess, as Davilee Kaʻiʻini Burgess. She was hanaiʻd to and eventually formally adopted by her aunt on her motherʻs side, Harriet, and her uncle, Manuel Ernest. She grew up on Oʻahu and lived most of her life in ʻAiea. She married Melvin Ah Yo and had a son and a daughter. She loved her family and the many friends that made up an even bigger extended family.

Terry was part of the first graduating class from Alvah Scott Elementary, attended ʻAiea Intermediate, ʻAiea High, St Andrewʻs Priory, and eventually graduated from Roosevelt High School in 1968. She also went on to attend and get her certificate in Cosmetology from the College of San Mateo in 1975, also becoming a licensed massage therapist later in life. She was confirmed as a member of Our Savior Lutheran Church in ʻAiea in 1964.

Besides being a wonderful wife and mother, she was a model, performed the hula in Waikiki for Halau Hula o Maiki and the Kahauanu Lake Trio, was a hairdresser at JCPenneyʻs salon, a massage therapist, a volunteer wig and make-up artist with the Hawaii Opera Theater, a super chaperone and supporter of the Hawaii Youth Opera Chorus, and retired as the office manager for Bete Muʻu Inc.

Terry had many talents and she loved using them to help others, instilling in those around her the value of hard work, kindness, generosity, humility, courage, laughing often, eating dessert first, and being a loving and caring person. She loved to travel, loved to dance, loved to garden, and loved her flowers and making leis. She loved beautiful things and making things beautiful.

She fought through multiple bouts of cancer, from when she was 19, all the way up until her final moments. While undergoing rehabilitation at the Care Center of Honolulu, gathering her



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strength for the battle ahead, she passed away on the morning of April 17th, 2024. Her optimism, strength, and hope never seemed to falter during the challenging times, and she continues to inspire those who knew her.

Terry Davilee Kaiini Ernest Ah Yo is survived by her husband, Melvin; son, Mark; daughter, Melanie; and 3 brothers, Bunny, David, and Norman and 3 sisters, April, Mae-Nell, and Mackie. She leaves behind her extended family and all the many friends she made along the way.

Please join us in celebrating Terry on Friday, June 7, 2024, at Mililani Memorial Park in the Mauka Chapel. Visitation begins at 5:30pm with services to follow. In celebration of Terry, if you have a Bete, wear a Bete. And while Terry loved flowers, donations in her name to the American Cancer Society can be done at <https://donate.cancer.org/>

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Mae-Nell Kane-Hall posted:

To my loveing older sister you will be missed go and fly with the ohana we will meet up one day.Love and Aloha Your sister Mae-Nell

June 3 at 6:51 AM



Memories only last if you share them

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



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