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F rank Velligas Obituary

Frank Ka'ahanui Velligas, 97, of Wahiawa, Hawaii, passed away on January 13, 2023. He was born on August 5, 1925 in Maui, Hawaii.

He is survived by sons, Dalton Velligas (Nona), Robert Velligas, Frank Velligas (Jeanette), and John Velligas (Ronalyne); daughter, Pauline Sawai (Gary); 13 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren.

Mass Service will be held on Thursday, March 23, 2023 at Our Lady of Sorrows Church (1403A California Ave., Wahiawa). Visitation begins at 10:00 am, and service 10:30 am. Committal Service to be held 1:00 pm at National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific, Punchbowl.

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Lee "Nick" Banicki posted:

Frank Velligas was my platoon sergeant at Fort Riley, KS and in Vietnam. I was a 19-year-old kid and pretty nervous while sailing across the Pacific on the USNS General Gordon en route to Vietnam in June 1965. Frank was very good at reading people and he saw right off I needed some uplifting. He took me aside and provided the assurances and encouragement I needed. We talked many times on board the Gordon and in Vietnam. He shared stories of his growing up in Hawaii and we discovered we both had a mutual connection - we both had prior service as Army firemen before we went into the Infantry. I also learned he fought in the Korean War and was a prisoner of war. Having a combat savvy vet as my platoon sergeant really eased my mind. I remember he noticed that I always carried an old 48-star American flag in my breast pocket and so he always referred to me as the kid with the flag. The last time I was wounded he visited me in the field hospital and asked if I still had the flag. I reached over and showed it to him and he smiled. He really cared about the troops under his command. I will always cherish his friendship and kindness. Rest assured he is a man I will never forget.

February 25 at 8:43 AM



Cara Sawai March 18 at 12:06 AM

Aloha Lee! Thanks so much for sharing this memory. I'm not sure if this will ever reach you, but I'd love to hear more about this. I hope we have an opportunity to connect.



Memories only last if you share them

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



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