



# Rebecca Galicia Hambaro

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## Rebecca Hambaro Obituary

Rebecca (Becky) Galicia Hambaro of Honolulu passed away at Kaiser Hospital at age 92 on September 29, 2019. She was born November 20, 1926 in Manila, Republic of The Philippines and was one of nine children. Her father was Quirino Galicia and mother Paulina Menson. Rebecca's siblings were brothers Enrique, Quirino Jr., Manuel, Arsenio and sisters Evelyn, Fay, Lillian and Annette Ikehara.

Becky came to Hawaii in 1946 having married Frank E. Hambaro, a Decorated U.S. Army Combat Veteran of WWII and the Korean War. They were married for over 62 years until his passing in 2007.

Becky is survived by her four adult offspring:

Julie Morgan (Daniel) of Spokane, WA.,

Frank Hambaro Jr. (Toni) of Mountain View, HI,

Cynthia Soon (Richard Jr.) of Honolulu, HI

William G. Hambaro of Makaha, HI.

and her sister Annette Galicia Ikehara (James) of Hilo, HI.

Rebecca Hambaro has numerous grandchildren and great grandchildren.

As a young girl, Rebecca endured the hardships of the Depression era, wartime occupation of the Philippines and still had hope for the future. In 1950 Rebecca and her husband was one of the



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first fee simple owner/builders of a farm and houses in Waianae, Oahu. She eventually owned and managed properties in Makaha, Waianae, Waipahu, Aliamanu and Salt Lake. She believed in faith in God, country, honor, education, family, and the value of hard work.

An accomplished homemaker, mother, grandmother and great grandmother Rebecca was also a devout Christian. Mom loved to sing, dance, and read her Bible daily. She was known for having the kindest and happiest heart. She was surrounded by her family in her passing.

All are welcomed to attend a service for Rebecca Hambaro at Mililani Memorial Park and Mortuary, Makai Chapel on Friday, November 1 at 6:15 p.m.

Private viewing for immediate family from 4:30-5:15, Viewing for family and friends continue from 5:15-6:15.

Private graveside service for the family will occur on the following day at Mililani Memorial, 10:00 a.m.

To send flowers to the family, please visit our floral store.

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MR

**Marsha Robinson** posted:

Mrs. Hambaro (Momma Hambaro) was a very special soul loved by many. I had the pleasure of helping her son, William Hambaro take care of his mom and give his sister, Cindy a break from being the primary care giver for Momma Hambaro. I have some many great memories of Momma Hambaro. I still remember the first day I met her; she handed me a flower from her flower garden at Wanaka Street. William and I lived down stairs from her at the Wanaka Street house for three years before moving to Makaha. I can still hear her knocking at the back door at the Wanaka Street house. William and I spent several Mother's Days with Momma Hambaro. And I would not traded those memories for anything; because, it brought lots of joy to her son. Momma Hambaro and I loved watching "I Love Lucy". She loved relaxing in the garden at the Makaha House while watching the momma hen and her chicks run around in the yard. I am so grateful to have known such a kind, loving, and gentle soul. I will miss you dearly. And you will forever be in my heart!

October 30 at 12:06 PM

LH

**Laurie Hambaro** posted:

Mom went to heaven to be reunited with her husband Frank. She asked me me how my mother, Dolly was when I visited her a few years ago. I told her that Dolly had passed away in 2011, Becky kept asking "how is your Mom?" Finally I told her that Dolly was in heaven with frank and they were having a whiskey together. Becky understood, Becky was a warm and accepting person. She loved all her children. When her grandson Garrett and Grandaughter Jade were born she came to the mainland to teach me how to take care of them. She loved to cook. There was always food. , Pork Adobo, Pansit, chicken long rice, Beef Stew, pot roast and my favorite coconut, sweet rice, sugar, steamed in leaves. Thank you Julie, Frank, William and Cindy for taking good care of Mom in her final years, and continuing family traditions.

October 30 at 3:21 AM



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**William Hambaro** posted:

My mom had dementia for many years before she passed. I think if not for my sister Cynthia, she would not have lasted as long or as well as she did. I am forever thankful. At times, I would take my mom for weekends at the home in Makaha she helped build along with my father over a half century ago. It is where they raised the family. Recently, I could see her frailty as she struggled to walk even with my help. Often she would gaze unblinkingly into the distance in what I would call the thousand mile stare. Yet occasionally she would come out with an impish smile and the look of recognition at who she was and where. Moments of brilliance. One early morning I heard her rustling in bed. She had fallen previously necessitating a hospital visit a month earlier. Rushing to her side I gently put my fingers under her nostrils feeling for breath. Faintly, but still there. Relief. Still, I knew the day was just beginning, with more care awaiting. I have a faded picture of my mom and I. She is holding me as an infant. Those same thoughts of care surely ran through her mind when she held me in her arms as I now held her. And I thought perhaps as she once did -- that there is no greater joy. Miss you forever mom, Bill

October 23 at 5:53 AM

JM

**Julie J Morgan** posted:

Mom, you always thought the best in each of us, unwavering in your faith, and with a happy heart. I will miss you. Love, Julie

October 19 at 4:55 AM



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