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Mom was a woman of many talents. In her youth, she loved competition with her 3 brothers and 4 sisters. She was resilient and persistent with life itself considering how she persevered through it's challenges in the last few years with us. She played sports to the point that she became quite a tumbler and with age that was an asset. She died young, she would say, at the age of 94. Still active up to the last month and a half of her life, she loved to be where the action was and went to daycare at St Francis 3 days of the week because we were boring. In addition, she also attended her great grandchildren's sports activities both during the week and on weekends as well. When on the mainland she went to work daily, volunteering for the local soccer association doing things like folding uniforms and shredding papers in the office. Keeping active and being useful was her thing.

When dad was alive and retired, she loved to go to Vegas along with her brother, sisters, their spouses and her friends and neighbor and could be very persistent when it came to her favorite machines. She shared what she knew with everyone and would never waiver with encouragement and support for them. Card games were also a favorite pastime for her and was even known to do flashcards with her great grandchildren when they first came home from school from her bedside toward the end. At night for relaxation she would do both word and picture puzzles and watch Wheel of Fortune, her favorite game show.

She was a homemaker and took pride in her world. Bird watching, gardening, sewing and cooking were her hobbies and she never hesitated to share her food, plants or her sewing talents with others. Her home was immaculate as well as her yard and with the help of the Manoa weather, she would say her plants thrived. She kept the birds happy with her chimes and table scraps as well. She'd sit in the back yard and feed the birds and throw ball with the dog. Her home was always open to both family and friends who would often stop by for the avocados.



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She loved her children and often had hanai' children to baby sit also. Up to the age of 85, she was babysitting her great grandchildren. You could find her under the table playing 'cars' with her great grands up to the last few months of her life. The doors were always open to all and the love always shared. Through the years she did volunteer work both at the church as a secretary and as a reading tutor at our school in addition to sharing her sewing talents.

Yes, she lived life to the fullest and wouldn't have it any other way and with every passing day she would say "Thanks be to God." and when she awoke the next morn she would thank Him again for the new day.

She is survived by 3 daughters -Annette (Joseph) Gardner and Diane (Gerard) Fischer, "hanai " daughter Aileen Sodetani, a brother Robert Rego, 6 grandchildren, Joe-Ann (Ryan) Perreira, Stephanie (Christopher) Holden, Jennifer Fischer, Thomas Fischer and "hanai" grandsons Bryson and Brandon Sodetani. Also survivors include, 4 great-grandchildren, Joelle Kamaile Perreira, Ryan Kaponon Perreira, Christopher Makana Holden and Emily Malia Holden.

Visitation: 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at St. Pius X. Services: 11:30 a.m. Mass at noon. Burial: 2 p.m. at Hawaii State Veterans Cemetery



Tribute Wall

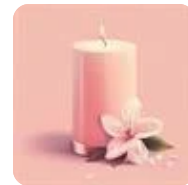
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RL

Ronie Low lit a candle in honor of Emilia .

My Dearest Cousins Annette, Dianne & Ohana.I am truly sorry that I am not able to be there with all of you in this time of sorrow. I now live on the Big Island Hawaii and could not make it back home in time. But all my love and prayers are with you all. I have many fond memories of Auntie Millie and the many good times that we shared when we got together will be treasured always. Her love for my siblings and I will always be cherished. She was such a beautiful woman.May God be with all of you!Much love and aloha,Cousin Ronie (Souza formerly from Waianae) and Leonard Low.



April 10 at 7:14 AM

MS

Mary Soong lit a candle in honor of Emilia .

Condolences to the family & hanai family of Mrs. Souza. She was the mast of the ship for this family & remeberances of Mr. Souza fondly with his strong wife beside him. Being a classmate of daughter Diane & Aileen, many sleep overs were put up by Mrs. Souza, came to mind. She put up with all of us as teenagers & may God give her a large credit for that one! Having grown apart through the years by being on the mainland, many fond memories flood back from that house in Manoa. Sleep well Mrs. Souza and the best to your family. Sincerely, Mary Soong



April 9 at 6:25 AM

YV

Yvonne lit a candle in honor of Emilia .

Dear Annette and Diane Iam so glad I got to see Auntie before she decided to go on her journey to be with her sisters, and brothers and her mom and dad. She had so much strengthwhen she held my hand she didn't want to let go,and said my name.I will missthat little spunky Lady.Love,Yvonne.



April 9 at 6:06 AM

JN

Jeanne Norgaard posted:

Dear Annette , Diane and Family,My dearest sympathies, I only have wonderful memories of my dear auntie Millie. I'm so glad that she was able to meet my grandson Oliver. He gave a big smile when he met her.Love Jeanne and the Norgaards

April 6 at 7:14 AM



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Jeanne Mathis lit a candle in honor of Emilia .

April 6 at 7:08 AM





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