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William Robert Schmidt, 67, of Kailua, HI passed away February 18, 2014, in Kaneohe.

Born in Aurora, Illinois in 1947, William, who was known as Bill, was the eldest of 5 children born to Robert Francis and Barbara Bertram Schmidt. Raised in Elgin, Illinois, he attended St. Edward Central Catholic High School and went on to receive his BA degree in Accounting in 1968 from The University of Notre Dame.

He married Claudia Neely in 1968 in Augusta, Georgia. They entered the Peace Corps that same year and served for three years on the island of Moen, Truk (Chuuk State), Federated States of Micronesia. Bill later took a position with the government of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, spending a total of 10 years in the region. Bill's two sons, Nathan Gabriel and Daniel Robert, were born in Saipan during this time.

In 1978, Bill joined Matson Navigation Company as an industrial relations manager. In 1981, he transferred to operations and shifted his focus to developing computer programs and brought innovative and industry-leading solutions to Matson. After a 30-year career with Matson, Inc., Bill retired as the operational systems director in Hawaii.

In 1999, he was married to Janice Schmidt in Kaneohe, Hawaii. Together they ran the Cozy Cat Lodge, a luxury boarding facility for cats, which Bill built in their home in Kailua. Bill was a 10-year member of The Theosophical Society in America through which he defined his spirituality, lifestyle and compassion for all forms of life. He was also an active member of the Windward Orchid Society for 6 years. Bill was an avid orchid enthusiast who built two extensive greenhouses at his home. Growing and caring for the orchids and watching as each came into bloom was a great source of joy and comfort for him in recent years.

Bill was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Thomas James; and sister-in-law, Teresa Koshiol Schmidt.



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Survivors include his wife, Jan; sons Nathan (Sibyl) of Tokyo, and Daniel (Pua) of Pennsylvania; brother Richard Bertram Schmidt of Illinois, sister Mary Lou Richerson (Russell) of Arizona, and sister Patricia Ann Schmidt of Alabama; stepdaughters Lynne Nonaka (Nathan) and Leinani Cambra (Keli'i); and grandchildren Daphne Schmidt, Chelsie Kaleiwahea, Nicole and Tyler Nonaka, Isley Busch, Iyden, Isis and Iymara Cambra.

His visitation will be held 5:30-6:30P.M., Monday March 3, 2014 at Hawaiian Memorial Park Mortuary; with services to begin at 6:30p.m.



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Isley posted:

I love you and I miss you, grandpa. The short period of time we spent together and the memories that we made will always stay with me. I wish you were here, I wish you could be with grandma and watch me and my siblings succeed. I remember that we ate at Denny's together and you told me haven't been spending that much time together, I still remember that day. I remember when I was a young kid and you would take care of me and take me out to help you with your errands. I miss the days that we would play outside, watch movies, and fix and build things around the house. I remember that you were a Lord of the Rings fan and you read all the books. We even got to watch the movies together. I look up to you, you are a great man and a great grandfather. It brings tears to my eyes that you can't be here. I also remember the day that you passed, when I came straight from school. It hurts me. But I know you're in a better place now, in Heaven. I love you grandpa Bill, till no end and till we meet again.

October 26 at 3:55 PM

RC

Robin Chan posted:

Bill was a wonderful, compassionate, and caring person. We will miss his pleasant greetings and fond farewells each time we had a visit. The last few years were rough, but we hope Jan & the Schmidt O'hana are able to find some comfort in knowing Bill is in a beautiful place, free of pain. Our love and prayers are with all of you..... Robin & Klmo

March 3 at 8:10 AM



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Leinani Cambra posted:

My Pop was a wonderful person. He gave so much and never asked for anything in return. I tremendously admired his intelligence, strength, wisdom, perseverance, work ethic, composure and love for his family. I am so thankful to have known him and what he taught me. God Bless you Pop..your free of pain. I love you and I will see you again. Love Always...Cookie Aka Leinani Cambra

February 25 at 6:11 PM



Jan Schmidt March 2 at 10:36 AM

My husband, Bill, was the most compassionate and selfless man I had ever known. He loved all sentient life. He lived his life helping others. Our relationship of over 20 years, was a yin/yang, a blend of consciousness that created a greater good in our lives together, and hopefully, others. We shared working together at the Cozy Cat Lodge, a cat boarding facility since 2000 at our home. The Lodge he Bill built himself. He loved exploring the Universe through versatility of spiritual philosophies and became a member of the Theosophical Society for over 10 years. He was a spiritual scientist and colored everyone's life with a higher wisdom. He was an orchid enthusiast and built beautiful greenhouse as the entry to our business. Filled with colorful orchids, breathtaking beauty would bring such joy in his life each morning to start the day. After three years of cancer, he has found such beautiful peace and bliss. He is free. As my beautiful soul mate I shall always honor the good we brought into each other's life. I shall miss him dearly. I find him in every cloud, every flower, every bird song and he fills my heart with glory. I love you my Billy Boy. Love, Jan.



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