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Lemuel (Lem) Nakuilauhulu Kawai Aweau, 77, of Kaneohe passed away on September 21, 2016 with his wife, Arcenia (Anna) of 54 years by his side.

Along with his Anna, Lem is survived by his two brothers, James Kawai, III and Vaughn Kawai; two sons, Nathan (Donna) Aweau and Lemuel Alaka'i (Tami) Aweau; three daughters, Leanna Aweau, Grace (Patrick) Torres and Judy (Norman) Valencia; 10 grandchildren, and 1 great-granddaughter.

He was preceded in death by his parents, James Kawai, Jr & Grace Tong Kawai; brothers, Beldon Kawai, Jonathan Kawai and Leighton Kawai; and sisters, Maydelle Torres, Charming McDonald and Blossom Atkins.

Lem is a graduate of the Kamehameha Schools ('57) and the University of Hawaii at Manoa where he received his Bachelor's in Education (Music) and Master's in Education (Administration). Prior to completing his college education, Lem served in the U. S. Air Force and the Hawaii Air National Guard.

Lem's love for God, family and music was evident in his everyday life. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather, son, brother, uncle and friend who always put others first, before himself. As a gifted musician, he not only sang and played countless instruments, he also composed, conducted and taught music, as seen in his children, grandchildren and the many students that called him teacher from Kaiser and Farrington High School. Many would say that he taught "life" through the arts by using the gift of music to find the very best in a person.

Prior to retirement, his final years in education were spent as Vice Principal in schools such as Aiea, Campbell, Roosevelt High and McKinley Community School for Adults, but Lem never stopped doing what he loved most, playing music. He performed for numerous shows at the Halekulani, Royal Hawaiian, Hilton Hawaiian Village and Kahala Hilton and served as music director at Kalihi Baptist Church. Music...his gift, his love, his contribution to our community...his legacy.



Obituary

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Services will be held on Thursday, November 3, 2016 at Hawaiian Memorial Park Mortuary (located at 45-425 Kamehameha Highway, Kaneohe, Hawaii 96744); visitation from 9:30 – 10:30 a.m.; service to begin at 10:30 a.m. burial to follow 1:00 p.m. at the Hawaii State Veterans Cemetery Committal Shelter.



Events

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Visitation

Thursday, November 3, 2016

9:30 AM - 10:30 AM HST

Hawaiian Memorial Park Mortuary at Valley of the Temples

47-200 Kahekili Highway, Kaneohe HI 96744



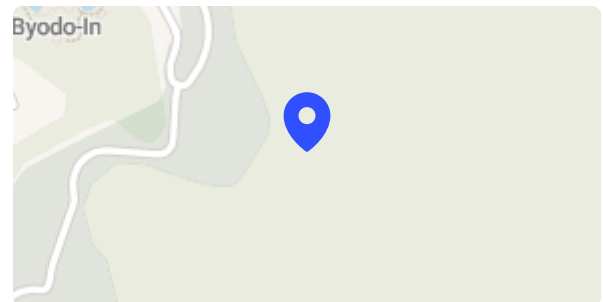
Service

Thursday, November 3, 2016

10:30 AM - 11:30 AM HST

Hawaiian Memorial Park Mortuary at Valley of the Temples

47-200 Kahekili Highway, Kaneohe HI 96744



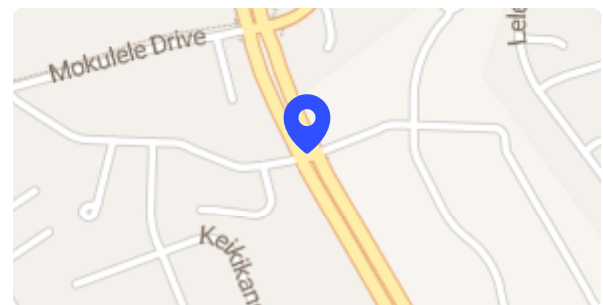
Burial

Thursday, November 3, 2016

1:00 PM - 1:30 PM HST

Hawaii State Veterans Cemetery

45-349 Kamehameha Highway, Kaneohe HI 96744






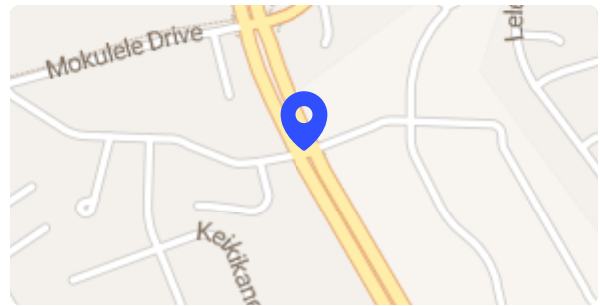
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Cemetery Details

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Tribute Wall

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Kula Ohana posted:

We are so sorry we missed his services yesterday. Our deepest sympathy to the ohana. Mom and dad talked about going to the services but mom has suffered a mild stroke and hematoma in the brain. With God's will, hopefully she can come home this Thursday. Our love and prayers to all of you. God bless, The Kula Ohana

November 4 at 6:52 AM



Emily Souza posted:

My condolences go out to the entire Ohana- 🧑🧑🧑 - Anna I will always remember the good times we had when my husband was alive- his wonderful smile , his great love music-- I know you will miss him as you two were always together- I remembered once at the Willows he came to our table to sing happy birthday not knowing at the time it was in my honor -- we hug one another and he said to the musicians -- we go way back, then they sang one more song-- memories-- will always remember you in my prayers--

November 3 at 7:10 AM



Romney Bitanga lit a candle in honor of Lemuel .

Our condolences to the Aweau Ohana. We are sorry that we won't be able to attend the services. Our prayers and thoughts are with all of you. Your dad has passed on a wonderful gift of music to his children and grandchildren. What a blessing that you all can carry on your father's legacy thru music and the worshipping of God. I still remember that night at Hope Chapel Olomana when the whole Aweau ohana went up and worshiped! That gave me God-bumps!!!! Love you all!!Love & God bless....Tim & Romney Bitanga



November 3 at 5:46 AM



Judy Valencia November 8 at 5:04 AM

Thank you for your kind words, support and love you guys have shown our family over the years, Romney. Please give our aloha to Tim & the 'ohana. Love you!



Annette Lum posted:

My most deepest condolences in the passing of Mr. Lem Aweau. He was my favorite teacher in all my years of High School. He was also a great mentor to me; He always encouraged me to raise the bar, and I did.

October 30 at 3:19 PM



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LG

Les Goto posted:

Lem taught me to play the guitar. More than that, he was an example of a really nice guy, always gracious and soft spoken. I feel privileged to say I knew a small part of him.

October 20 at 1:20 PM

LT

Lynn Tagawa posted:

I was truly blessed and honored to know Lem as a friend and coworker at McKinley CSA before his retirement. He was a professional who also brought laughter and music into our lives. Lem was a gentleman with a heart of Aloha. His loving spirit will always be with me, and I can confidently say with all who had the blessed privilege to know him. His presence filled our lives with the light of Christ. Aloha for now Lem.

October 4 at 2:41 AM

AN

Anna October 10 at 8:54 AM

Aloha, Lynn: thank you for sharing your kind words of Lem. He had so much aloha for all of you as well as many precious memories of MCSA. Blessings and take care...Anna Aweau

RG

Rev. Bob Gillchrest posted:

Lem's humble spirit was always on display at church and with his children. It was a joy to know him and Anna and hear his children share their musical gifts and talents in church. Rev. Bob Gillchrest, Pastor Kalihi Baptist, 1987 - 1993

October 4 at 1:53 AM



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Lorna Katz (Rico) posted:

I have such fond memories of Mr. Aweau. In 1977, I was in my junior year at Farrington High School and had the opportunity to audition for Mr. Aweau and was accepted into the Select Choir. He also saw that I had the potential to be a part of the elite Honolulu Youth Choir, a choir made up of select individuals from high schools from all over Hawaii. It is because of him that my journey as a singer continues even today. He was kind and was an excellent teacher of music. He had a passion to teach high school students in becoming better singers. He will truly be missed. God bless you Mr. Aweau! You are now a part of the heavenly choir and you are now singing with angels.

September 28 at 10:12 PM



Deidre Self (Cabinatan) October 9 at 1:45 PM

OMG I'm so sad to hear of his passing. Mr. Aweau came to mind as he has in the past 37 years since I graduated from Farrington (in 1979). I was checking to see if he was still with us & found this. I send my condolences to his beautiful wife & family. I remember him as a wonderful music teacher who was very encouraging with a tenderness. He left a mark on my life. It was special to spend time with him and classmates preparing for performances. In my senior year he told me that I should pursue music (soloist in his select choir). I thought about it a lot but life took me into another path (health care). I wish I met up with you again...someday I'll join you worshipping our Heavenly Father & Jesus with psalms, hymns, & spiritual songs making beautiful music unto our God. I'll always remember & cherish my memories of you.



Memories only last if you share them

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



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