



# Ivan Gene "Johnny" Ah Sam

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Ivan Gene “Johnny” Ah Sam, 68, passed away peacefully on November 14, 2020. He was at home surrounded by his wife, Jacqueline Ann Ah Sam; four daughters, Sheri-Anne N. (Kanani) Elarco, Natalie H. Ah Sam, Icelynn K.N. (Glenn) Rubio, and Crystal U. (Bryson) Felisi; and five grandchildren.

He was born in Kohala, Hawaii Island to the late Joseph and Madeline Ah Sam, and graduated from Kohala High School, Class of 1970. Ivan served in the United States Army Reserve units of Company A and Company C, of the 100th Battalion 442nd Infantry. He enlisted in 1971 and retired after 23 years of service in 1994 as a First Sergeant. He worked as a Marine Machinery Mechanic at Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard and retired July 2020 after 40 years of service.

Friends and family describe him as kind-hearted, full of ALOHA, loved his family, and a wonderful friend. He enjoyed golfing, bowling, fishing, and singing karaoke. Ivan was often seen on the field; coaching youth sports and umpiring various sports leagues. He will be missed by all who knew him.

He is survived by brothers Glenn, Al Duane, and Ray Dean; sisters Charlene Carvalho and Josette Cruz; numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins. Preceded in death by brothers Joseph and Alexander; sisters Geraldine Ayoso and Madeline Hayno.

Contact family for drive by services and information.



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**Clifford Imamura** posted:

Sorry, I did not know Ivan passed away until I returned from the Big Island on Jan 1st, and read the old newspapers..I'm the Chief Mechanical Engineer at PHNSY C/260. I've known Ivan throughout his career at PHNSY, and I considered him to be the best X38 mechanic. I worked with him on many occasions, and often on the most complex difficult propulsion jobs. He was very sharp, and worked very hard with full confidence and skills. He had a great work ethic, and passed it on to the younger mechanics.. He enjoyed his job, as he would tell me not to retire, so that we can continue to work together..I often talked to him about his roots on the Big Island, as I am also from the Big Island. He talked about the good times at Keokea Park, close to his childhood home.I will miss Ivan, and I thank him for his tremendous contribution to PHNSY.Cliff ImamuraC/260

January 3 at 12:03 PM



**Lea Kei** January 31 at 8:57 AM

Aloha to the Ah Sam Family,I just found out about Ivan's video and was able to watch most of it. Yesterday I watched Glenn Ah Sam's one. Though I did not know the family well, I am a Kohala High School graduate and remember the names Glenn, Ivan and Charlene. My sincerest condolences to all the families.Lea

IR

**Icelynn Rubio** January 4 at 12:54 PM

Cliff, thank you so much for your kind words and memories of our dad during his career at PHNSY. He dedicated his hard work and craftsmanship to X38. He enjoyed teaching his apprentices and interfacing with engineering, riggers, and more. Kohala is a special place! A close friend shared a dream of my dad home in Niulii with my grandmother, happy! I would like to share, his virtual service will be available to view online for the next 3 months.<http://webcast.funeralvue.com/events/viewer/41402>



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**Charles Chu** posted:

I have fond memories of your dad stopping by my office before and after the remodeling of Bldg 11. He would stop by early in the morning to get a cup of coffee on the way to his office and we always had a brief talk story (yardbird stuff). He was good man, a good friend, one who kept them fit to fight, and a memory I will always cherish. Love, Charlie Chu

December 31 at 10:14 AM



**Nani Ah Sam** January 4 at 1:06 PM

Hi Charlie. Thank you for your kind words about my dad. Hope you are well, Charlie! Stay safe & happy new year! : )



**Icelynn** January 4 at 12:42 PM

Thank you Charlie! This is a nice memory of our dad during his working days in the SY. Aloha!



**Jean Knowles** posted:

Ivan was a dear friend, a man who loved with all of his heart and beyond, a man who will truly be missed by all who knew him. He always spoke with a profound love for his family, his face would beam with pride whenever he spoke of his daughters, and the grandbabies brought him more joy than you can imagine. His legacy will live on through his family, the life-long lessons he taught, whether at the workplace, baseball field - his devotion to family, although he will no longer be here physically, he will be in the hearts of all who love him. No more pain, only good times, until we meet again, Rest Forever in God's loving care. Jackie and Ohana - we are here for you. Today as we bid a fond Aloha to Ivan, we are blessed to have known a man who's heart was always giving.

December 30 at 3:42 AM



**Ariston Ufano** March 17 at 2:57 PM

This beautiful friend I will always remember as "Johnny". Miss you stopping by my office to talk about Life in the Shipyard every morning on your way to the Project. A humble man I've always known to be a true craftsman at what he did. Always giving of himself to lend a hand to a brother. Go in peace my friend.



**Icelynn** January 4 at 12:36 PM

Thank you Aunty for the kind words shared of our dad! I do my best to accept the void of his physically presence. Thank you for your love and friendship!



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**Garywaid** posted:

Life is too short Ivan and I worked together at Pearl for over 38 plus years We were a team of dedicated partners in working all propulsion equipment We shared our kids lives with sports 🏈 🏀 birthdays and Watching WWF at the Auditorium but most of all he was a friend you could Always count on He will be missed Gary Waid

December 19 at 4:18 PM



**Icelynn** December 24 at 3:31 PM

Aloha! We would watch WWF at home too with my sisters and dad when we lived in Mililani. Dad loved his career at Pearl. My sister and I hope to continue his legacy.



**David Kaanoi** posted:

To: Ivan/Ah Sam family, Thank you! for sharing your life and your workmanship with me in Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard, Shop 38. It was a joy to work along side of you, to witness your skill, your outstanding craftsmanship, and friendship to many. May your spirit be in God's hands, and may we meet again in spirit, to work on that great ship in the sky, "To keep them fit to fight" All my aloha! David Kaanoi Jr. and the Kaanoi family

November 25 at 4:16 PM



**Icelynn** December 2 at 4:54 PM

Aloha David! My name is Icelynn, Ivan is my dad. I know my dad enjoyed his career at Pearl and the many friendships gained through all his years of service. His legacy will live on forever.



**Icelynn Rubio** shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

To my dad, I love you and miss your presence. I enjoyed these last few months together! You always took care and I was so happy to be able to love and take care of you dad! When you learned you were ill, you received it like a champ! Nothing was too tough or challenging for you. I admire so much your courage to fight and strength to wake each day without fear or worry. I will see you again! You loving daughter, Toot



November 24 at 5:55 AM



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**Jackie Ah Sam** shared a video to the **Tribute Wall** album.

Wanted to share this with his military family. GO FOR BROKE. We almost always attended the yearly dinner held close to Mothers Day. It was a day we would dress-up and spends the night in Waikiki. Here he is front and center singing the closing song of the evening.



November 24 at 4:22 AM

**IR** **Icelynn Rubio** November 24 at 10:09 AM

Uncle Dela shares:During annual training conducted at Fort Benning, Georgia in June 1977 he was the first reservist from Hawai'i to have the privilege of firing the high explosive missile from a jeep-mounted Tubular Launched Optically Tracked, Wire-Guided Gun.....the TOW. Thank you for your service dad!

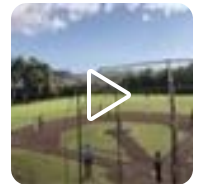
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**Trinity Caporus Santos** shared a video to the **Tribute Wall** album.

When I first started softball at age 7. Uncle Ivan made a promise that he would come back and umpire when I got to High School. This video was my first varsity game at Aiea with Uncle Ivan behind the plate umpiring. A homerun I will never forget. This ones for you Uncle ❤️



November 23 at 12:41 PM

**IR** **Icelynn Rubio** November 24 at 4:35 AM

Hi trinity!!! Thank you so much for sharing this memory. I recall my dad coming home that day and sharing the home run hit! He loved to be on the softball field. Even though his daughters were pau playing sports, he stayed involved.



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