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**V**alley of the Temples Memorial Park and Hawaiian Memorial Park Mortuary are saddened to announce the passing of Reverend William H. Kaina.

Kahu William Hi'iakaikapoliopele Kaina, a beloved spiritual leader and pillar of the Hawaiian community, peacefully transitioned on Father's Day, June 16, 2024, surrounded by his cherished family in Honolulu. He dedicated his life to serving others and nurturing the aloha spirit.

William, to many known as Bill, was born on November 27, 1932 in Ho'okena, Hawaii, and was raised in his father's birthplace in Kalapana. He descended from British Lord George Anson Byron and a Hawaiian Hilo Chiefess, Kaoiwikapuokalani, daughter of Kalaniopu'u.

Bill completed primary school in a two-room schoolhouse in Kalapana, middle school at Hilo Intermediate, and high school at the Kamehameha School for Boys, graduating in 1951. He attended Yankton College and School of Theology in Yankton, South Dakota, graduating with Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Theology degrees in 1956. He served as student pastor at a church in Beemer, Nebraska from 1954-1956.

Kahu Kaina was ordained into the Christian ministry by the Maui Tri-Isle Association of Congregational Churches in Hana, Maui. He then served at the East Maui Congregational Churches from 1956-1960, including Wananalua, Keanae, Nahiku, and Kaupo Congregational churches.

In 1960, Kahu Kaina attended the Oberlin Graduate School of Theology in Oberlin, Ohio where he served the Sullivan Congregational Church. He completed his graduate studies in theology in 1963 when he was honored with "an outstanding Pastor" award and received a Master of Divinity degree.

In 1963, Kahu Kaina was called back to Hawaii where he served the Lihue Union Church on Kauai from 1963-1969, and then the Moanalua Community Church in Honolulu. In 1971-1980, he



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served as Papa Makua, coordinator of 40+ Hawaiian Congregational Christian Churches statewide and the Hawaii Conference of the United Church of Christ.

From 1980 to 1984, Kahu Kaina served as pastor of Kaumakapili Congregational Christian Church in Palama-Kalihi. Then in 1984, he became the ninth pastor to serve at Kawaiahao Church in Honolulu until he retired in 1997. Even after his retirement, Kahu Kaina served as pastor at the Waianae Protestant Church in 2003-2004.

In addition to his ministry, Kahu Kaina manifested his love of the Hawaiian people, culture, language, and music by participating in the Hawaiian Hymnal Committee resulting in the publication of Na Himeni Haipule in 1972-1974 and Na Himeni O Ka Ekalesia from 1999 to 2001. Kahu Kaina continued to contribute to the community at large as a member of over 15 local organizations, including the Bishop Museum Board of Directors, the West Honolulu Rotary Club (David Malo award recipient in 2005), the Liliuokalani Children's Center, various scholarship committees, the Governor's Committee on Economic Development, and Partners in Development.

Kahu Kaina is survived by his loving wife, Sandra, and four children, Debra (Clifford) Koanui, Joan (Tim) Salazar, Sandra (Bruce) Sagawinit, and Allen Kilolani Kaina. He is preceded in death by his son, William Keahilani Kaina, who passed in 1967. Kahu also leaves behind 7 grandchildren and 9 great grandchildren.

A Celebration of Life will be held in Kahu Kaina's honor on Saturday, August 3rd, 2024 at Kawaiaha'o Church. Public visitation begins at 10:00 am. Service to follow 11:00 am. Metered street parking and surrounding parking is limited. Carpooling is encouraged.

The service will also be live streamed @KawaiahaoChurchTV on YouTube:

[https://www.youtube.com/live/c\\_1rO7XldkM?si=okrfepgVxlJSzkT](https://www.youtube.com/live/c_1rO7XldkM?si=okrfepgVxlJSzkT)

\*\*YouTube video of the service will be posted to the video section of this site following the end of the service.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to Partners in Development, Hawaiian Bible Project.

The family wishes to express sincere appreciation and aloha to every one of the incredible caregivers at Kaiser Moanalua and Bristol Hospice for the loving care they provided to William



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and his family.



# Events

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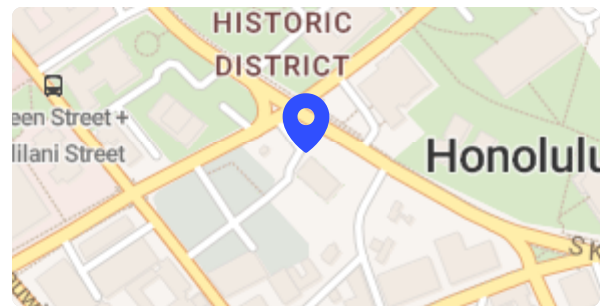
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## Public Visitation

**Saturday**, August 3, 2024

10:00 AM HST

**Kawaiaha'o Church**  
957 Punchbowl Street, Honolulu HI 96813

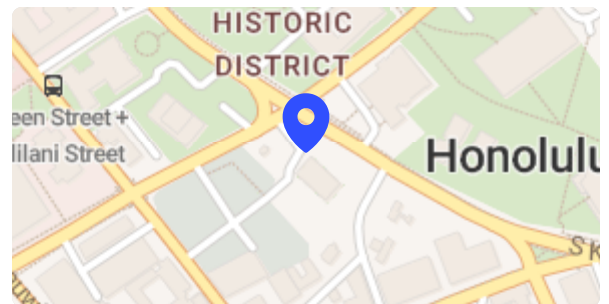


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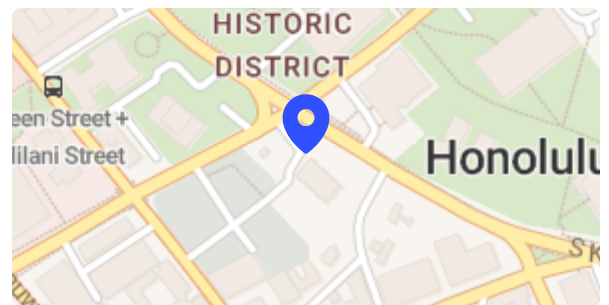
## Church Service

**Sunday**, August 4, 2024

12:00 AM HST

**Kawaiaha'o Church**  
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Service start time will be announced at a later date





# Tribute Wall

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**Kaina Ohana** shared 2 photos to the **Kahu Kaina** album.



July 26 at 7:14 AM



**Henry Lum King** August 10 at 5:33 PM

Kahu Kaina was truly a man of God. Who even after retiring from kawaihao church, he still continues to do Gods work until his passing. Mahalo Ke Akua Kahu Kaina for your expertise in believing in Jesus Christ is the son of God. Our Lord Jesus Christ has open the gates of heaven for you. God Bless Kahu Kaina



**Sue** posted:

Dear Bill - still feel your presence with our ohana.

July 4 at 4:30 AM



**Cynthia Manaku** posted:

We will miss going to Zippy's with him & wife Sandy Kaina

June 23 at 12:15 PM



**Linda Kaauwai-Iwamoto** June 27 at 4:24 AM

I will miss seeing your presence Kahu when I visit Kawaiaha'o Church on the Sunday's I'm there. I'll see you again Kahu.



# Media

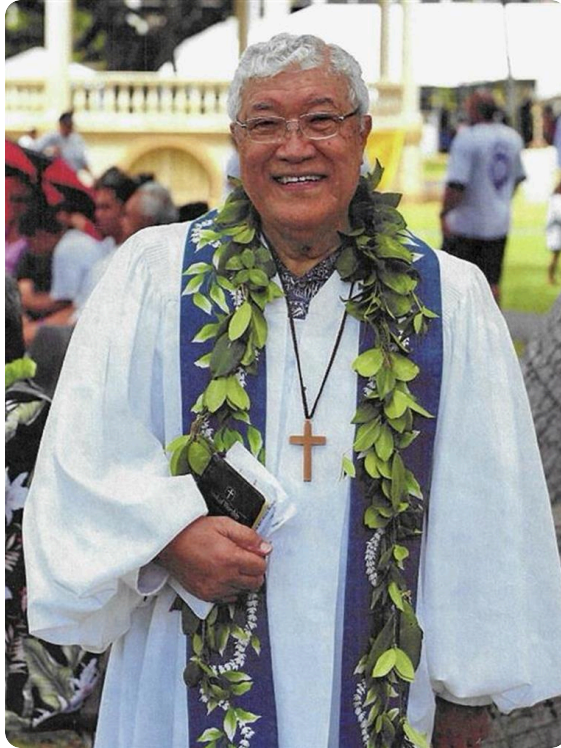
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# Memories only last if you share them

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



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