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**W**WII veteran Henry Badeaux, of Nanakuli, died on July 22, 2012 at Tripler Army Medical Center in Honolulu at the age of 87. Henry was born in Biloxi, Mississippi on October 21, 1924. He grew up on the bayous of New Iberia, Louisiana where he learned vegetable farming and shrimp fishing. His formal education ended after fifth grade when he left school to work in the sugar cane fields to help support his family during the Great Depression. At 17, Henry joined the Merchant Marines and after the outbreak of World War II enlisted in the U.S. Navy. In January 1943, his ship, the Chicago, was torpedoed and sunk by the Japanese at Guadalcanal. During the remainder of the war, Henry worked first as a French translator and then, after intense Marine and amphibious training, he was assigned to a special forces unit in the South Pacific. His intellectual dexterity, fluency in French, physical prowess, and courageous spirit served him well as a young sailor serving his country during wartime. At the end of World War II, Henry made the Navy his career. In naval training schools, he excelled in mathematics and electronics and graduated at the top of his classes. As a highly trained senior chief electronics technician adept at repairing sonar and radar equipment, Henry did tours of duty in Guam, Kwajuline, California, Japan, Hawaii, Kansas, Texas, Newfoundland, and Florida. In 1965, after 25 years of proudly serving his country, Henry retired from the navy. For the next 14 years, he worked for Civil Service repairing missile computers on surface ships. Finally, in 1981, at age 57, he retired from the workforce. During his retirement years, Henry remained quite active. First he and his wife, Aulani, lived in Louisiana where they owned and operated a shrimp boat and did extensive vegetable gardening. When they moved back to Hawaii, they continued to travel, taking cruises to Alaska and the South Pacific and roadtrips across the United States and into Canada. Throughout retirement, he remained mentally alert and was an avid reader who kept up on current events, historical accounts of WWII, and Naval Fleet updates. At age



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80, Henry took his home computer apart and put it back together again just to show himself he could still do it. Throughout his life, Henry was extremely adventuresome, amazingly studious, and quite enterprising. He loved the ocean and was a very strong swimmer who enjoyed spear fishing, snorkeling, and scuba diving. In Texas and Newfoundland, he operated TV repair shops and was a flight instructor for small aircraft. He enjoyed hunting, gardening, cooking, dancing, and reading. His family and friends treasure their rich memories of a man whose life was spiced with his unique and colorful Cajun French heritage and with the challenges and adventures of his naval career. They remember a man who was proud to serve his country during wartime, who dearly loved his family, and who touched them deeply with his courage and accomplishments. Though he traveled the world over, Henry was proud of his roots in the Louisiana bayous and always remained a farmer and fisherman at heart. Henry is survived by his wife Lurline Aulani Badeaux (Nanakuli, HI) and five children: daughter Josette Badeaux (Upland, CA), son Paul Badeaux (Spokane, WA), son David Badeaux (Kaneohe, HI), son James Badeaux (Deer Park, WA), and son John Badeaux (Vista, CA); and by seven grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. Henry was predeceased by his son Tommy Badeaux (New Iberia, LA), his siblings: sister Lelia Wooten (Ocean Springs, MS), brother Armand Badeaux (Port Arthur, TX), sister Laurence Deslatte (Port Arthur, TX), sister Rena Etie (New Iberia, LA), brother Alton Badeaux (New Iberia, LA), sister Rita Miguez (Jasper, TX); and his former wives Elaine Comeaux (New Iberia, LA) and Joanne Badeaux (Spokane, WA). Visitation 4:00-5:00p.m., Friday (8/3) at Hawaiian Memorial Park Mortuary; service 5:00p.m.; Reception from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. burial; 9:00a.m., Saturday (8/4) at Hawaiian Memorial Park Cemetery.



## Tribute Wall

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**D B** posted:

Henry loved to share Bible study with us,(his son David and Faith, David's wife) during the last few years of his life. We were overjoyed when Henry became convinced to share his saving belief in Jesus out loud. He is so missed. A true family man as well as a highly accomplished one.

March 2 at 6:15 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

I worked with Hank for many years at NOSSO Pac (later NavSeaCenPac) He was a good shipmate and I know he'll be missed. Leonard MeekCode 200##imported-begin##Leonard Meek##imported-end##

August 1 at 7:48 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

Keith and I are Patsy Etie Hoyt's "adopted" nephew and niece. We have heard much about Uncle Henry and Aunt Aulani. We pray you know God's comfort at this time of sorrow and anticipate a loving reunion in the future. Looking forward to meeting him in person one day. Loving Jesus, Aninha and Keith Barrett (New Iberia)##imported-begin##Aninha Barrett##imported-end##

July 30 at 4:02 PM



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