



Archie K. Ahuna

May 24, 1952 - May 23, 2018

Archie K. Ahuna passed away at the age of 65 surrounded by loved ones on May 23, 2018. He was born in Honolulu on May 24, 1952. The son of Joseph Ahuna II and Maude Waikiki Ahuna, he was a proud member of IATSE Local 665 for 40 years even serving as its president for 2 terms. Archie began his career in the film industry as an electrician under his father Joe Ahuna II on the original Hawaii Five-0. He then worked under Jack Fraggard on the original Magnum PI where he started his Special Effects career. He worked as the Special Effects Coordinator for many shows filmed in Hawaii including Jurassic Park, Windtalkers, Tears of the Sun, and Waterworld just to name a few. He began his own school to teach the special effects trade and later opened Ahuna's Special Effects Services in 1984. He had a close working relationship with the Honolulu Police Department, the Honolulu Fire Department, Alcohol Tobacco Firearms and Explosives Agency, The Film Commission, The City of Honolulu as well as donating his time and equipment to various agencies such as the March of Dimes Haunted House and educational programs that were interested in or needed assistance with Special Effects. He, along with his special effects crew, was rewarded for their hard work by winning an Emmy Award for the work done on the television series Lost. Archie made it full circle by working for both the current Hawaii Five-0 and Magnum PI.

Dad was truly a Jack of all trades and master of all. He had a creative mind that allowed him to excel in the job he loved most, Special Effects. He was a great leader and mentor, known as Chief by those who worked under him. A true entrepreneur who worked hard to build his business and gain the respect of many in the film industry. He was someone you could always count on and believed in giving everyone a second chance. He shared his success and passion for special effects with anyone who wanted to learn. He was the core of the Family. With lots of love, compassion and patience, he took care of us and provided a sense of security and calm at home. Dad's other passions were

singing, writing music, playing the guitar and sharing stories. After a long day at work, you would often find him in the garage with a beer in one hand and a microphone in the other. We will deeply miss his leadership, his strength, his guidance, his talents, his generosity,

his loving spirit, his laughter, his passion for life and most of all, the love he gave us.

“Dad we love you.”

Archie is loved and survived by his wife Fern N. Ahuna, children McLaine (Cindi) Ahuna, Nailima (Nina) Ahuna, Leah Ahuna and Patricia (Kyle) Davis and his 7 grandchildren: Dominic, Alonzo, Kaeden, Brenden, Tristen, Liam and Novali. He is also survived by brothers Dickie (Irene) Ahuna, and Walter Ahuna; sisters Doreen (Richard) Bell, Jo-Ann (Arthur) Carreira, Leimamo (Richard) Pua, Pi`ilani Tanaka, Donalyn (Leonard) Naihe, Corinne Ahuna, Joanie Ahuna; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Services will be held at Diamond Head Mortuary at 535 18th Ave. in Honolulu on Monday, June 25, 2018. Viewing is from 5:00pm-6:00pm. Eulogy and services will begin at 6:00pm with final viewing to follow until 8:30pm. A private burial will be the following day. Aloha attire requested.

Events

JUN 25 Visitation 05:00PM - 06:00PM
Diamond Head Mortuary & Williams Funeral Services
535 18th Ave, Honolulu, HI, US, 96816

JUN 25 Service 06:00PM - 07:00PM
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JUN 26 Burial
Private Burial
HI, US

Comments



“ A few men have come into my life trying to claim the "dad" title. One was close, but there were no success, until I met my Nailima's daddy and her best friend. From the moment, I met you in your kitchen with a welcoming smile until that last goodbye at your shop/barn with your proud smile hidden under your mustache, you have displayed everything a father should be. Loving and caring. Generous and giving. Powerful and protective. Supportive and understanding. Kind and encouraging. I could continue to describe you with every single word this world has, yet it could never fully demonstrate who you are, who you were and the difference you have made in everyone's life. I could see why Nailima loved you so much. You were always there for her, not only as a father, but as a best friend and as a boss.

I don't know who wouldn't be touched by your presence and by your heart. Even when I was on the outside, looking in, your love was unwavering. Treating me and calling me one of your own always touched my heart, that's not a gesture just anyone can do. I can still remember our usual "business meetings" every Saturdays, sitting in your garage, drinking brown bottles and singing into the late nights, from Pua Lilia (at least three different times each Sat. night) to Surround me with Love, throwing in some Stevie Wonder, Lionel Richie, add in Masese, Tele I'a O le Sami and always ending it with Help me make it through the night. Thank you for being an amazing man, an awesome boss and the best father. For me there was never a father-in-law, just a father.

Loved beyond words!! Missed beyond measure.... I love you dad!

Nina Ahuna

Nina Ahuna - June 18, 2018 at 07:04 PM



“ Daddy, I miss and love you so much. It is still hard to accept that you aren't here. I feel you with me everyday and know you are in my heart always...i just wish we had more time together and you know I would give anything for that last time.I can still see you in the garage singing and smiling at me when I would come and see you every Saturday. I know there is no other place I would rather be then with you Happy Fathers Day Daddy I love you and think about you all the time you were the bestest like we would always tell each other...my memories Daddy of you are forever...I love you, Nailima

Nailima Ahuna - June 17, 2018 at 03:59 AM



“ I was doing a fire stunt on LOST. Flaming bows and arrows. Archie was up on a ladder shooting at me. I looked up at him and he said "I'll take care of you". He sure did...what a pro and class act. I'll miss him.

Sally Davis Kaniho - June 14, 2018 at 07:05 PM