



## John Kau, Sr.

June 21, 1928 - February 25, 2016

John Kau Sr of Waimanalo, Hawaii passed away on Thursday, February 25, 2016. He was 87 years old. Born to William Kilikiano Kau Jr and Jennie Mailekini Kealoha of Honolulu, Hawaii on June 21, 1928. He was born and raised in Moanalua Gardens later moving to Kalihi. Attending Konawaena Elementary, Kalakaua Intermediate and graduating from Farrington High School.

In High School he excelled at the sport of football and was fondly known by his friends and schoolmates as "One Track" because he would never let anything distract his train of thought. After graduation he began his career with the Hawaii Army National Guard. He held various positions such as Ammunition Technician, Heavy Machinery Mechanic and Missile Technician. In 1988, after 30+ years of service with the Hawaii Army National Guard, John retired with the rank of Sergeant First Class.

On July 23, 1949 he married the love of his life Edna Samera. They eventually settled in Waimanalo to raise their five children. Son John Kau Jr and daughters Mary "Querida" Andrews, Kathleen "Blanca" Lopez, Pearl (Peter) Powell and Edna "Lei" Konanui. Some of his favorite activities included raising chickens, playing cribbage, mah jong and poker. He had a green thumb and could make just about anything grow, including his favorite roses for his wife and orchids among other things. He loved to travel, especially to Las Vegas, where he would spend countless hours on the slot machines!

Services for Mr. Kau will be held on Monday, March 21, 2016 at Hawaiian Memorial Park Mortuary; visitation will be held from 9:00 – 10:00 a.m. Service to begin at 10:00 a.m. Committal Service to follow 1:00 p.m. at the Hawaii State Veterans Cemetery Committal Shelter with Military Honors to be rendered.

Mr Kau will be known as punctual ("Hurry up and wait" is a motto he adopted from his years of military service.), dependable, sarcastic (a trait he so proudly passed on to his children and grandchildren), stubborn (also passed on), and being "Hawaiian". This Superman will live on forever in the lives he's touched throughout his lifetime and in his

children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

# Cemetery

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**Hawaii State Veterans  
Cemetery**

# Events

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**MAR Visitation 09:00AM - 10:00AM**

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Hawaiian Memorial Park Mortuary at Valley of the  
Temples

47-200 Kahekili Highway, Kaneohe, HI, US, 96744

**MAR Service 10:00AM - 11:00AM**

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# Comments

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“ My best memories of Uncle is when he taught me bow to play cribbage. He was patient and would say "if you can count, you can play" , if you don't know what you have in your hand, lay them down and I'll help you...he had so much patience. I'll miss hearing him say "Lorraine you goin' make coffee" and just sitting at the kitchen table, listening to him while he shared his National Guard stories. I will truly miss that man.. Kiss Honey for me Uncle John

Lorraine Pualoa - March 19, 2016 at 01:46 AM

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“ In his yard sharing his Aloha with some of his crazy neighbors. One of the few who made the efforts to share his decorations every Christmas . We will miss you papa!  
A hui hou

Boysen Hanohano - March 17, 2016 at 12:59 AM

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“ As a child my Uncle John and Aunty Dolly were the closest people I had in my world who could make everything okay for little bits of time! They taught me what love means. They always told me "love you Bonny" when they would drop me off after a weekend with their family! I knew at 14 when I left home finally tired and frustrated with the abuse that theirs was the map I would follow raising my own family someday! Apparently I didn't take good notes but I knew that they both were the first people I loved as soon as I knew what that word truly meant!! I always knew they were a safe spot in my world!!! I will miss them so much!! I'm so happy they are together today and I hope I bring them some happy memories as well! Love you Uncle!! Love you Aunty!!!

Lola Herron - March 16, 2016 at 10:44 PM