



## Maude Ipolani Kelley

January 24, 1942 - September 7, 2020

Maude Ipolani Kelley, better known as “Ipo”, was born in Honolulu Hawaii on January 24, 1942, and passed away at 78 on September 7, 2020 in Honolulu. She is survived by her sisters Sophie “Chubby” Adversalo, Gwendolyn “Honeypal” Wong, Miriam “Sweetie” Ueno, and Edna “Darling” Kelley. She never married or had children of her own, but she is survived by her nieces and nephews as well as great-nieces and great-nephews that she helped to raise. Last but not least, she is also survived by her beloved dog, Willow.

Towards the end of her life she suffered from dementia which caused her to become angry and aggressive at times. This is not who she was. Ipo was a kind, gentle, caring, and sensitive soul. She loved to spend time with family, especially the kids who she’d spoil when she could. She absolutely loved to talk story with anyone, even strangers that passed by as she sat outside during the day. She liked to tell stories, and sometimes you’d get sucked into her stories believing them to be true, only to find out it was a plot from one of her favorite TV shows. This is the Ipo we need to remember, the kind, gentle, caring, sensitive soul with the crazy stories.

She was the first born to Samuel and Edna Kelley, or as we know them “Nana” and “Papa”, and she is the first to be with them once again. We love you. We miss you. Your journey is over, and now it’s time for you to rest in peace, and rest in love Ipo. You will forever be in our hearts.

Private services to be held. Although everyone can’t join us, we’d love for you to share your memories or stories with us on this page.

Below is the link for the service:

<http://webcast.funeralvue.com/events/viewer/37706>

# Cemetery

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## **Hawaiian Memorial Park Cemetery**

45-425 Kamehameha Hwy

Kaneohe, HI, 96744

# Comments

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“Aunty Ipo was such a huge part of my life. She was always there for me as I grew up, but especially when I lived at gram's house. As an unlicensed adult (lol), gram used to be my chauffeur. But when she wasn't able to drive me around because she was on a trip or had another obligation, Aunty Ipo would always be willing to be my driver. I'll always be so grateful that she would stop whatever she was doing to take me to where I needed to be. When I moved out of gram's house, I would still get dropped off there after work and Aunty Ipo would always greet me with a smile and a "hi Shelb!" Then when my boyfriend Taylor would pick me up to go home, she would always be so happy and wave to us as we were driving away. Most recently, Taylor and I would go on walks and because we live so close, we would always stop by to say a quick hello to Aunty Ipo. She would always ask how far we were walking and say "good for you guys!" Over the past month, and forever going forward, every time we drive or walk by, it's not the same because we don't see Aunty's happy, smiling face waving at us. I will especially miss pouring a cup of juice for her at our Sunday dinners, listening to her tell us the same stories over and over again, and her conversations with Taylor about how they both love dogs. We will always cherish the good times we had with her and she will forever be in our hearts!

**Shelby Wong** - October 12, 2020 at 06:10 PM

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“Everyone knows how much I love my grandma (love you Gwenny!), but I'm also lucky because I got to grow up with her sisters that are like my other grandmas. Aunty Ipo would be the driver when we went to family gatherings in her big gray van, and she would play Hawaiian music and talk story whenever we stopped by. I'm sorry that I didn't get to visit this summer Aunty, but know how much I love and appreciate you!

**Steffany Wong Pacheco** - October 12, 2020 at 03:49 PM

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“Aunty Ipo was always fun to talk to! Whether it be to check in or just say hello, she was always there. She always cared about us and made sure we were well stocked with some QVC products. ;) Anytime I would be in town I would try to drive by Coolidge and there she was always sitting at the corner under the ulu tree giving me her infectious smile and a wave! I love you, Aunty Ipo. Say hi to Nana, Papa, and my Grandpa for me. Thank you for all the memories, until we meet again

**Sarah W** - October 12, 2020 at 03:19 PM

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“ Much condolences to our Kelley 'Ohana. So sorry for not being able to be there for the service. Will be there in spirit....

Aunty Ipo was an example of grace and empathy. She was the consummate "big sister" to all of us.

My earliest and fondest childhood memories are of being at the Kelley's and always doing something interesting, educational, spiritual, cultural, and good fun; providing us experiences that expanded our personal horizons (parking cars in their yard during football games at Honolulu Stadium, an Elvis concert, roller derby at The Civic, skating at Rainbow Rollerland, movies, Broadway plays at HIC, backyard luaus, Christmas plays, evenings at Queen's surf, etc.).

Most impressionable on me was the music I got exposed to because of their extensive 45rpm record collection. It forged my artistic leanings. It is a major contributing reason why I am a musician to this day.

But above all; the love, kindness and compassion that Ipo and all of my Kelley cousins had shown towards my sister and I was a saving grace in our lives, providing a safe emotional haven, giving us hope, helping to shape us into being decent human beings during a time when our parent's marriage was crumbling beneath us. Will never forget this. Mahalo piha.

I am so thankful for these memories of Aunty Ipo. Rest in peace....



Charles Recaido - October 12, 2020 at 08:49 AM

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“ Aunty Ipo will forever be so dear to my heart. To this day, I see her as one of my second moms. She would drop me off/pick me up from school, feed me the yummiest snacks, and always made me smile when greeting me with, "Hi sister!" I will miss her storytelling, contagious laugh, and loving personality. Until we meet again Aunty Ipo!



Mia Wong - October 04, 2020 at 05:24 AM



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**Malia Wong** - October 04, 2020 at 04:43 AM

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“ Ipo was like a big sister to all us younger cousins. She was sweet, caring and kind. She was always ready to talk story. Love and prayers to all the ohana from Auntie Bobbies kids! U all

**Precita Reaido** - September 29, 2020 at 08:58 PM

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“ Auntie Ipo was such an awesome auntie. She cheered us on at games. She took us to Canada, Sam Diego and Las Vegas. She was always there to support us.

She helped watch our kids and introduced us to soap operas, the Lawrence Welk Show and recently gave us the full rundowns on her favorite show Bones.

We're going to miss seeing her sitting outside Nana & Papa's house with her doggie Willow.



**Robyn Ishisaka** - September 29, 2020 at 02:32 AM

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“ So sorry to hear of her passing! I remember her as always being cheerful and happy and laughing. Always kind and sweet.

**Debra L Dang Hooper** - September 28, 2020 at 05:16 PM

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**K. Wong** - September 28, 2020 at 05:00 PM

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**Brandi Ueno** - September 28, 2020 at 02:30 PM

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“ Aloha, cousins. So sorry for your loss--our loss. She always had an aloha filled smile for all of us. I've never forgotten her smile and kindness though I've lived away for so many years.

**Mike Dang** - September 27, 2020 at 12:35 AM