



Morris "Mori" Gordon Beddoes

August 23, 1939 - April 25, 2020

Morris Gordon (Mori) Beddoes, 80, Hau'ula, HI, passed away Saturday, April 25, after a lengthy battle with Alzheimer's. Born in Independence, Iowa, Mori moved to the beautiful island of Oahu in 1962 after graduating from the University of Colorado. He bought and sold numerous houses in town before settling in the country town of Hau'ula. He built his dream home on the mountainside, where he spent endless hours in his yard, enjoying the cool mauka rain showers and the beautiful blue ocean. Mori loved collecting unusual antiques, and he was a passionate old truck enthusiast. Although he wasn't born on the islands, he was truly kama'aina at heart.

Mori had a legendary career at Liberty House (later Macy's) at the Windward Mall in Kaneohe. His family nicknamed him "The Mayor" because of his ability to befriend everyone he met. Whenever anyone from the mainland came for a visit, it was impossible to go anywhere without bumping into someone who knew (and loved) Mori. When he could no longer work due to the advancing stages of his Alzheimer's, Macy's customers missed him so much that they brought him back by special request - simply to walk around, chat, and make them smile - the things that came most naturally to him.

Mori was preceded in death by his devoted sister M. Patricia (Pat) Hanson in 1999. He will be dearly missed by all who knew him, including his mainland family: niece Sharon Kane, her husband Rick and daughter Emily of New Jersey; nephew Michael Hanson and son Tyler, and nephew John Hanson of Florida; and nephew Christopher Hanson, who moved back to Hawaii to take care of Mori. He is also survived by his ohana on Oahu: Pat Rea; and Candace, and Cameron Beale, Kaneohe, who became Mori's adopted family and who provided him with incredible love and care until the very end; and his entire work family at Macy's, who brought such joy and light to Mori's life.

A Celebration of Life will be scheduled at a later date. An online memorial page can be viewed at Hawaiian Memorial Park Mortuary at Valley of the Temples.

Aloha, a hui hou, dear Mori.

Comments



“ Mori was a groomsman at my wedding. I knew and even lived with Mori in the 1960's. He was a dear friend and I am truly sorry to hear of his passing.

Ralph Holland - July 27, 2020 at 06:27 PM



“ My condolences to the ohana. Mori was my mom's all time favorite person at Macy's. He was always so kind, helpful and ALWAYS had a smile. My mom is no longer here on earth as well but I know she will be so happy to see Mori up in Heaven. Thank you for sharing Mori with our community

Dayna Keama - May 22, 2020 at 11:33 AM



“ Our deepest sympathy to "Mori's" family and friends.

OLVA High School Alumni - Waterloo, Iowa - May 20, 2020 at 01:05 PM



“ Like many in the community, I met Mori while I was shopping at Macy's. He was always friendly, kind, and helpful to my wife and me. Since I also worked at the mall at the time, I would often stop through and visit with him, talking story about our days. Eventually, after I left my job, I would come to Macy's just to talk and see how things were going. He was always filled with aloha and never hesitated to help. It hits me hard to think that I won't be able to talk with him again, but I am glad that I got to know him. He will truly be missed.

Donald Carreira Ching - May 18, 2020 at 08:45 PM



“ Thank you Mori for the memories.it was nice working with you at Liberty House/Macy's you was the best.May you Rest In Peace until we meet again.

michael medeiros - May 18, 2020 at 12:54 PM



“ For most of Mori's thirty years at Liberty House and then Macy's Windward Mall, we shopped in his departments and were always impressed with his kindness, efficiency, knowledge. For a while he managed Liberty House's "Attic," where discontinued items were sold at a bargain. He seemed to genuinely enjoy providing exceptional customer service. And he love Hawaii, particularly the North Shore (Hauula). We miss him when we shop at Macy's.

Charles K Whitten - May 17, 2020 at 10:18 PM



“ Dear Mori Beddoes' family,
I am grateful to have met Mori at Liberty House/Macy's at Windward Mall. He was always friendly, helpful, courteous. He was never in-your-face. He was always doing something on the floor, occasionally helping more than one person. He would always say I'll help you when I am free and he did. He would let you browse to your heart's content, even if you didn't purchase anything. He was always a gentleman. He has a beautiful, happy, and contented spirit. I am glad to have met him.

Sincerely,
D Shimata (a very satisfied customer)

D Shimata - May 17, 2020 at 05:55 PM



“ To the family of Mori,

I used to work with Mori at Liberty House then. He worked in the housewares section and I in the cashiers office. When he was working it was just so much fun! Mori was just so easy to like and it was like you knew him forever. Every time I shopped at Windward , coming from Mililani, I always stopped to see him, if he was working , to say hi and talk story. I think he got to know my family who visited from the mainland too! I will miss him and his contagious smile! Aloha PK

Phyllis Kong - May 17, 2020 at 03:18 PM



“ I have known Mori since 1990 when he was the Manager at Liberty House Off Rack store which was a separate unit from the main store. He was always so cheerful and exceedingly helpful. Then, I was a parttime salesclerk at Liberty House and had the opportunity to chat with Mori frequently. He would always talk about his plants and landscaping at his Punaluu home. He was obviously proud of his efforts. Mori was "Mr. Aloha" and I shall miss our chats while shopping at Macy's. I would make a point of seeking him out when I wanted something in the Domestics department. My condolences to his family. I shall miss his upbeat attitude.

Karen Kanda - May 17, 2020 at 02:57 PM