



Lorna Lei Katoa

December 15, 1940 - January 24, 2015

Beloved Mother Lorna Lei Katoa, known as “Grandma Lei” passed away peacefully on Sat. Jan. 24th 2015. She was born in Pahala, in Ka’u County on the Big Island of Hawaii to a ranching family of paniolos, which is Hawaiian cowboys. “Lei” graduated from Punahou High School and attended the University of Hawaii at Manoa and then Church College of Hawaii, currently known as BYU Hawaii. Lei was a member of the University of Hawaii Canoe Club paddling outrigger canoes. While at University of Hawaii, she participated in the musicals of “South Pacific” and “Carousel.” Lei performed at the International Marketplace in Waikiki and met her beloved husband at CCH and later married Latu Inoke Katoa in the LDS Laie Hawaii Temple. Lei tutored children with special needs and was a member of the Utah Hawaiian Civic Club promoting Hawaiian culture, Hula and language. She also retired from American Express. She was an active member of the LDS Church and filled her life with sacrifice, hard work, and heart-felt service by volunteering for Utah Aging Services and delivering boxes to the elderly. She surrounded her life with beautiful music and was talented at teaching and playing the piano and the organ in church and shared this joy with many children. She was a sweet, giving, inspiring, and amazing mother, wife, grandmother and great-grandmother. She was preceded in death by her late husband, Latu Inoke Katoa. She leaves behind 5 daughters, 3 sons and all of their spouses, including 26 grandchildren and 27 great grandchildren.

Services are under the direction of Peni Malohifo'ou of Serenity Funeral Home

Her Services are going to held at the The Sunridge Ward 5422 S Sarah Jane Drive SLC

A viewing/apo on Friday January 30th from 6pm to 10pm and, Saturday January 31st from 8am until 10:30am. Her funeral service will follow at 11am. Interment will be held at Redwood Memorial Estates 6500 S Redwood Road

Previous Events

Apo/Viewing

JAN 30. 6:00 PM - 10:00 PM (MT)

Sunridge Ward
5422 S Sarah Jane Drive
SLC, UT 84118

Viewing

JAN 31. 8:00 AM - 10:30 AM (MT)

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Funeral Service

JAN 31. 11:00 AM (MT)

Sunridge Ward
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Tribute Wall



“ *Lorna Lei Katoa*

October 05, 2023 at 07:49 PM



“ *Brent Christensen and Brad Shelburne purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Lorna Lei Katoa.*



Brent Christensen and Brad Shelburne - January 30, 2015 at 02:42 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Lorna Lei Katoa.*



January 30, 2015 at 02:25 PM

CC

“ I am so saddened at the passing of your beautiful mother and grandmother. She was truly a beautiful and inspiring woman. She was like a second mom to me through my high school and young adult years. I attended high school with sweet Lani and came to know and love this beautiful family. I will forever remember and cherish all the fun and special moments shared with Mama Lei and Lani, Louise and Ana. She was truly a bright light in this world and will never be forgotten. She truly touched my life. To all of her beautiful children and grandchildren may heavenly father watch over and comfort all of you as you mourn her loss and yet celebrate her amazing life. " I love you mama Lei...may you rest peacefully now in our savior's tender arms.



Christy Gibbons Curtis - January 29, 2015 at 09:47 PM

CC

I just wanted to add that my son who is a genealogist just called and told me that he created a beautiful tribute page for Mom Katoa at findagrave.com. I hope it can bring comfort to all of you.

Christy Gibbons Curtis - January 29, 2015 at 10:40 PM

BK

“ I will always remember and cherish our Sunday dinners and our movie nights. I am happy and honored to say that even though it feels like our time here with Grandma was cut short. My little family and I were able to spend time and build memories with such a sweet and loving soul! Until we meet again Grandma Lei, Aloha au ia 'oe.

Bell Katoa - January 29, 2015 at 09:53 AM

CF

“ TO grandma we will miss you thanks for your teachings and great love for us love Richard and Losimani Fanua.

Charlotte T Fanua - January 28, 2015 at 12:32 PM

GY

“ Aw sweet Lei! I'm worked with her 20 years ago at American Express. What an awesome and loving person. God bless her family and may her loving spirit be with them also. Aloha pumehana Lei. Love the Ada Hawaiian chick!

Ginger Yarbrough - January 27, 2015 at 05:21 PM

PM

“ We love you Lani, losing of a mother is not easy at all, but we hope with the pure knowledge of the Plan of Salvation, we will see her one day.



Peni and Shelly Malohifo'ou - January 27, 2015 at 04:58 PM

SM

I'm so saddened at the passing of this beautiful soul. I had the opportunity of working with Lei at AMEX when I was younger. She was truly a beautiful person. I love you Lei...may you rest in peace.

Seini Maafu - February 04, 2015 at 10:34 AM