



Mary Kealoha Kauvaka Sotele

March 16, 1965 - January 20, 2019

Mary Kealoha Kauvaka Sotele passed away on January 20th, 2019 in her home in Salt Lake City, Utah. Born to be fancy, she came into this world on March 16th, 1965 in Laie, Hawaii to Bernadine M and Likitoni S. Kauvaka.

Mary lived a fulfilling life doing the things that made her happy. Some of these things included making us kids scratch her feet for "10 minutes", dressing us in embarrassing clothes, styling our hair to what was trendy to her, having tea parties, and handing out names like Lawrence when your name was really Terrance. She always loved to blast her favorite music and play movies for us we never thought we would love too. She also had a big heart and shared her aloha spirit everywhere she went, which is how she made so many friends. She gave love and forgiveness freely, and taught her children to do the same. Our mother had a sense of humor. She always told us funny stories about her lifelong friends who were like family to her. She was a smart and educated woman who cared more for others than herself. She will be missed dearly.

Mary is survived by her five children: Sesilia "Cecil" Sotele Sharpe (David Sharpe), Daeana-Lee Sotele, Travis "Ko" Sotele, Melanie "Laney" Sotele (Salvador Rosalez), and Naite "Nai-Ollie" Sotele. Her grandson Edward Michael Latu Sharpe. Her brothers Steven Jay Kauvaka (Sa'ane Kauvaka), Daniel Kauvaka (Alisha Kauvaka), and Martin "Marty" Kauvaka (Atiloa Kauvaka).

Please try not to wail too much, our mother will probably laugh at you from the Pearly Gates. We wish to make this time a happy memory because we know it is what she would have wanted. So please join us in celebrating her life on Saturday, February 2, 2019 at the Salt Lake 29th ward chapel located at 1148 W 500 N, Salt Lake City, Utah 84116. The viewing will be held from 11:00-01:30 PM and the service will be from 01:30-03:00 PM followed by her burial at Memorial Redwood Cemetery located at 6500 South Redwood Road, Taylorsville, Utah 84123 at 3:30pm.

Previous Events

Viewing

FEB 2. 11:00 AM - 1:30 PM (MT)

Salt Lake 29th Ward
1148 West 500 North
Salt Lake City, UT 84116

Funeral Service

FEB 2. 1:30 PM - 3:00 PM (MT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mary Kealoha Kouvaka Sotele*

October 05, 2023 at 07:49 PM



“ *Mary, I am grateful that I am your cousin and will always be thankful for the memories! You always were kind and showed a true ALOHA SPIRIT to my family and I. Fly high, Mary! I love you, cousin!*

To your kids, your mom will be close to you guys, even though you can't see her. She will be there in the wind, the sun light, and in all you do. Remember those moments, write them down. Speak of her frequently, the good times and the bad. Visit her as often as you can. Speak to her as if she was there with you. May you all be blessed in all you do.

Aloha!

Gabriel Kanamu Tau'a IV

Gabe Tau'a - January 31, 2019 at 06:05 PM

RM

“ I remember when you were in beauty school and needed a model to practice cutting hair on. You gave me a bob cut hair style and I loved it (it was my first hair cut).

I remember when you would organize our Christmas pageant/talent shows to perform for grandma, grandpa and the family. We would line up from oldest to youngest and do the 12 days of Christmas followed by a beauty pageant. You always worked your magic on our hair and makeup to make us feel special.

You were always there for us cousins no matter what, giving your time to help us. You will be missed dearly. ❤️ You my beautiful cousin. RIL Mary.

Ronnette Maiava - January 29, 2019 at 12:57 AM

JK

“ Thank you for being the bestest childhood playmate ever!!! I have very fond memories etched in my heart. Crepes and Betty Crocker recipe cards will forever remind me of you. 🌀 Until we meet again cuz. I love you forever!! 😘❤️🙏

Jolene Kanahale - January 26, 2019 at 11:27 PM

BE

“ I remember always being afraid of her when we were small but boy did she have a heart for all of us children. I always remember that she was the oldest grand and I'm the baby of the line. I finally got to see her in 2016 after 22 years and I was so excited!! She offered me so much lotion because Utah was too dry for this Hawaii girl. She gave my oldest bebe a curler and perfumes!! I wish we could've spent more time together but it was definitely enjoyable for the time I got to spend with her on my trip to Utah. I love you my cousin. Rest in love and you will be missed!



Becky - January 26, 2019 at 05:58 PM

LP

“ I remember her in the most special time of my life while she lived 'just up the road' on Iosepa Street as she and Aunty Berna would take us Hauula to get Pake cakes, then holo holo to the beach(es) . I also remember her sweet. caring soul who always put others before herself.

Later as adults, she would come visit me in West Valley City, bringing me food or just to visit for a minute, pushing me in my wheelchair to my garden swing where we could talk story. Once, she came while AhTim and Luana were also visiting. It was so heartwarming to sit and just talk story, reminiscing of the Laie Days of the 80's.

Ofa lahi Mary, May our Heavenly Father welcome you with open, loving arms as you now move on to your next place in life.

Ofa lahi also to her children, Uncle Liki, Aunty Berna, Daniel, Steven and Marty and the whole Ohana. Aloha Mary.

Lopeti Penman - January 26, 2019 at 02:26 PM



“ Talavesi Otele sent a virtual gift in memory of Mary Kealoha Kouvaka Sotele



Talavesi Otele - January 26, 2019 at 03:55 AM



“ Talavesi Otele lit a candle in memory of Mary Kealoha Kouvaka Sotele



Talavesi Otele - January 26, 2019 at 03:52 AM

DG

“ It was a joy watching you grow into a beautiful woman 😊. And an honor to have you as my beautiful niece. There is so many memories of watching you grow from a little girl to a beautiful woman. Aunty 💕 you and will surely miss you very much. Flying with the angels. 🙏 ALOHA Oe!!

Donnamae Gilbert - January 26, 2019 at 01:37 AM

BE

“ Aunty always called me Bernie 😂
But my most favorite memory was when we were kids and got sick, she would always give me a wash, comb my hair, and give me honey with warm water and lemon and massage my head. love you auntehhhh ❤️

bernadine - January 26, 2019 at 12:17 AM

KA

“ I love you Mary. The name she gave me is Vic. This obituary is spot on. Good job girls.

Kawika - January 25, 2019 at 10:42 PM

JS

“ yep she had a thing for names, and the name she gave to me was JENIKA..... I love you mary you have always been like a older sister to me. you will always be the rainbow in my life...
Jennifer sayles
<https://youtu.be/V1bFr2SWP1I>

jennifer sayles - January 25, 2019 at 10:32 PM