



Curtis Solomon Kahanu

April 9, 1952 - June 24, 2023

Curtis Solomon Kahanu resided in St. George, UT, 71, passed away Saturday, June 24th, 2023, in Orem, UT, with his family by his side. Curtis was given a nickname by his brothers and friends as "Da One." Curtis was given the name because he is competitive, had to be number one, and the best in basketball. Curtis was born in 1952 in Honolulu, HI to Herman H. and Leilani B. Kahanu. He married Valerie M.P. Hanohano on December 14th, 1976, in Mesa, Arizona.

Curtis was raised in O'ahu. Curtis attended Puohala Elementary, King Intermediate School, and James B. Castle High School. Curtis lived in (Hawai'i) Honolulu, Kaneohe, Mo'ili'ili, Ninole, and Mt. View; and (Utah) St. George. Curtis worked for Western Airlines as a ramp agent. He also worked for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints as a maintenance technician. Curtis did missionary work for the Southwest Indian mission. He served as ward clerk for Kaneohe 1st ward, young men's youth leader, high councilman, boy scout leader, and primary teacher for the young men going into deacons at Keaau Ward. Curtis was an avid sport enthusiast, artist, musician, foodie, collector, and John Wayne fan.

Curtis was preceded in death by Herman H. and Leilani B. Kahanu. Survived by his wife of 46 years, Valerie M.P. (Hanohano) Kahanu. Curtis is survived by 6 children: son Jay Kahanu, son and daughter-in-law Mano (Tanei Kahanu),

daughter Hoku Kahanu, daughter and son-in-law Pili (Robert) Gouveia, daughter Ku'ulei Kahanu, son and daughter-in-law Ephraim (Melissa) Kahanu. Curtis is survived by 13 grandchildren: Kihulu, Kaysha, Kaileo, Robert III, Lilly, Kolomona, Ka'iulani, Curtis, Jamon, Elijah, Halemano, Kent, and Mana. He is also survived by 7 siblings: Wayne, Ben (deceased), Earl, Paul, Deborah, Phillip, and Pamela Kahanu.

The family would like to send their love and aloha to the Kahanu and Hanohano ohana, family and friends from Hawaii and Utah, Intermountain Health Care, Saint George Cancer Treatment Center, Utah Hospice, River Ridge Ward, Tonaquint Cemetery, and Serenity Funeral Home of Southern Utah.

Funeral services will be held on Tuesday, July 25th, 2023, at 9:00 am, at the River Ridge LDS Chapel, 2434 East Riverside Dr. St. George, UT 84790. Celebration of life to follow.

Arrangements and memorial tree planting are under the direction of Serenity Funeral Home, St. George of Southern Utah, (435) 986-9100.

Previous Events

Funeral Service

JUL **25**. 9:00 AM (MT)

River Ridge Ward Chapel
2435 East Riverside Drive
St. George, UT 84790

Tribute Wall

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“ I became so I valves with music because of you dad. I remember you always playing the ukulele or your beautiful guitars. It always seemed so magical when you would play. I remeber how you always loved playing music mom loved and her favorite songs. Your voice was so great and touching that when you would serenade mom it just brought joy to my face. You were soo romantic in that way for her. I loved how you both had that kind of love that only people could dream of. I miss you soo much and just enjoy watching the videos of you singing and playing music. Thinking of you always and i know your watching us everyday and night. I love you!

Pilialoha Gouveia - December 23, 2023 at 06:33 AM

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“ I remembered when my parents were living on the Big Island in Ninoole. The memory was he took a stroll in the yard with my son Kulika, Curtis in hawaiian, and caught a picture of both of them from behind. My mom shared that photo with so many people and used that picture in her lesson plans. I just remembered how much my dad was so involved with his family that those little moments were the best moments and memories we'll all have. He lives in our memories and hearts. And he is always with us! Thinking of you always Dad! "Da One!"



Pilialoha Kinoike Gouveia - September 10, 2023 at 11:15 PM

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“ I am so sorry for your loss. I am sending lots of love and prayers your guys way. Valerie you got a beautiful family. Take care. Your Neighbor in the palms up on the hill. Robyn Waddoups

Robyn Waddoups - July 25, 2023 at 07:05 PM



“ 1 file added to the album *Funeral Recording*



Serenity Funeral Home of Southern Utah - July 25, 2023 at 02:31 PM

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I love you Dad ☐ I miss you so much!!!

Kuulei Kahanu - November 04, 2023 at 10:38 PM

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“ *We’ve been part of the Hanohano Ohana for many years! Even though Curtis suffered for too long, he ALWAYS had a smile. We enjoyed a private visit with him and Valerie at the CCH reunion last October. We will forever have a part of him as we purchased one of his gorgeous paddles.*

Sending all our love and aloha to the Kahanu Ohana. ❤️🥰

Craig & Elaine Huish

Craig & Elaine - July 25, 2023 at 08:37 AM

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“ *Curtis seemed to always be smiling and joking around. I always enjoyed our talks. He seemed so focused on others, even when it was time to talk about himself. It was evident that he loved and was loved by his family. An easy man to love and one I will miss.*

Seth H. - July 12, 2023 at 02:09 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Curtis Solomon Kahanu.*



July 12, 2023 at 06:38 AM



“ *My dad has been the biggest blessing in my life. He was always soo humble and so gentle. I remeber him braiding me and my sisters hair when we would get ready for school. I remeber there was this one time when we were smaller, that he had shaved his mustache for the first time. He showed me and my sisters and we started crying because we didn't recognize him at all. All I remeber is that he just laughed and then consoled me and my sisters and said it was ok. He was a funny guy but just the most loving dad ever. I will always remeber everything he tried to teach me and hoped that I could just be good at whatever I have choosen in my life. I love and miss u dad.*



Pilialoha Gouveia - July 11, 2023 at 12:31 AM



To my dear Valerie, I am so sorry to hear of your husband's passing. You were both so loving and welcoming when my also departed Jerry and I visited you about 4 years ago in River Ridge Ward. I send my love and sincere condolences to you and your family. Love, Linda Cluff

Linda Cluff - July 11, 2023 at 02:40 PM