



Yolanda Nani Snell

December 26, 1946 - November 10, 2020

Yolanda "Nani" Kaiaokamalie Snell of St. George Utah went to be with the Lord and her parents on November 10, 2020 with her beloved husband Alan by her side, due to complications with dementia.

Born Yolanda Emmalani Kaiaokamalie, known as "Nani", to her parents Edward Kalehua Kaiaokamalie and Eva Papa'ikianiau Scholtz on December 26, 1946 in Makawao, HI on her beloved island of Maui. She was the youngest of 4 siblings, raised in the small village of Ulapalakua, where her father was a rancher and mother a hardworking stay at home mom.

In her teenage years, her family moved to the Bay Area, California where she attended and graduated from San Lorenzo High School. Being born into an exceptionally talented family, she was a professional hula dancer for most of her life, performing alongside her siblings and fellow dancers in her father's Polynesian entertainment group "Eddie and His Islanders." They traveled all over the Bay Area and performed for many prestigious events, from simple family gatherings, to corporate events, to performing for celebrities. She later became a dancer for the Aloha Airlines Entertainment Team and had the opportunity to travel to such places as New York City and Bermuda. Hula dancing was her passion as she loved sharing her talents and teaching others hula dancing, having been raised with a deep love and pride for her Native Hawaiian Culture.

She married her husband Alan Snell of St. George May 20, 2011; they had their marriage solemnized in the St. George LDS Temple on April 25, 2017. She was a devout member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, and loved practicing her faith, attending the temple and attending church activities regularly alongside her beloved husband.

She is preceded in death by her parents. She is survived by her husband, Alan Snell, St George, UT; her sons Tyrone Hardman, Fremont, CA and Jonathan (Joy) Thomas, Mesquite, NV; her siblings, Maile (Boyd) Mossman, Edward (Nolini) Kaiaokamalie Jr., Matthew Kaiaokamalie; and her 2 grandchildren Amelia Thomas (4) and Kahealani Thomas (8 mos); her mother-in-law Joan N. Snell (Jim, d), Brothers-in-law: Brian (Brenda), Kim (Susan), Keven (Diane) and sister-in-law Lori (Steve); along with 6 step children and 29 grandchildren.

The family would like to thank Dr. Karen Radley, Alliance Home Health and Hospice and Serenity Funeral Home of St. George.

There will be a Viewing/Visitation at Serenity Funeral Home Monday November 16th at 9:30 am, followed by a graveside service and internment at Tonaquint cemetery at 11:00 am.

Cemetery Details

Tonaquint Cemetery

1777 S. Dixie Drive
Saint George, UT 84770

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 16. 9:30 AM - 10:45 AM (MT)

Serenity Funeral Home
1316 South 400 East A-5
Saint George, UT 84790
<http://www.serenitystg.com>

Tribute Wall

AS

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ALAN SNELL - April 08, 2021 at 11:53 AM

SJ

Oh Alan I just saw this. 😞 I loved her so much. We had so much fun at Tony Romas. She was an amazing person and such a light. I'm so sorry for your loss.

shannon Jensen - November 09, 2022 at 10:08 PM

CN

“ Yolanda was a great friend. I met her in 1999 we went to the same ward and became friends instantly. we laughed and cried alot together. we stayed friends for a long time but lost in touch for a bit. i saw her last at heritage apts, and we had a great visit. i could tell that she has something going on. Then the last time visited she did a Hula dance for my son and I. I will miss her. I LOVE you !!

christine Nolte - January 12, 2021 at 07:54 PM

JO

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Jonathan - December 06, 2020 at 01:16 AM

JO

I know mom is up there right now having a big heavenly luau with her mom and dad!!

Jonathan - December 06, 2020 at 01:17 AM

CN

hello johnathan. I just heard the news. Im so sorry for your loss. you loved you mom . hugs to you !!

christine Nolte - January 12, 2021 at 07:56 PM

SS

Jonathan. I've never seen this picture of your grandma and grandpa. I love this thank you for posting it.

Sue Sabanal - January 29, 2021 at 07:06 PM



“ *I knew Nani for a brief time, she left an everlasting impresson upon me. Her light shined like a beacon filling the day with happiness. I will always remember her smile and her kind ways and words. I am honored to have met such a beautiful soul.*

Michal Butler - December 01, 2020 at 06:12 PM

JO

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Jonathan - November 27, 2020 at 08:16 PM

JO

Thank you Alan for being such a loving and patient companion to mom, for staying by her side through the good and difficult times. She was truly blessed to have you as a husband. Love you and God Bless you...

Jonathan - November 27, 2020 at 08:17 PM



Such a beautiful picture of the three of you. Yes thank you Alan for staying by her side.

Suzanne Sabanal - November 27, 2020 at 08:44 PM

AL

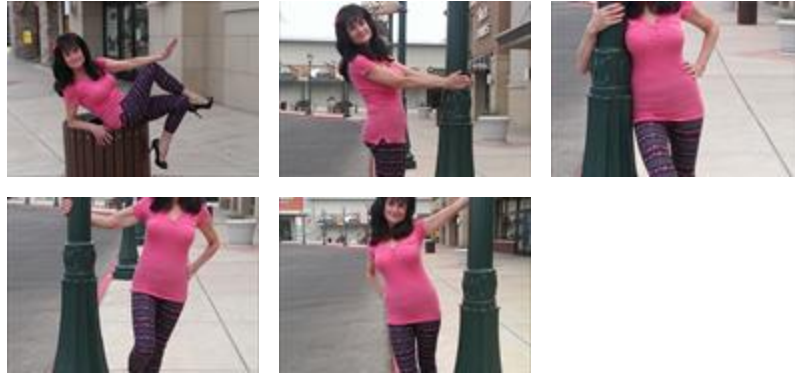
“ Sasquatch?



Alan - November 27, 2020 at 10:03 AM

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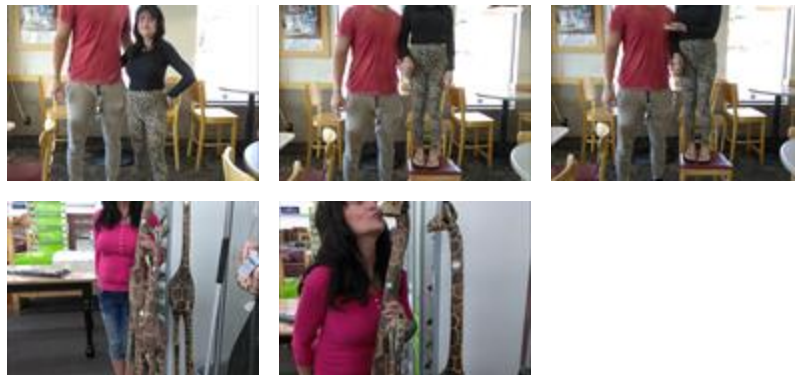
“ *Pretty in pink!*”



Alan - November 27, 2020 at 09:45 AM

AL

“ *Kind, sweet, funny!*”



Alan - November 27, 2020 at 02:21 AM

AL

“ You are loved by all.



Alan - November 27, 2020 at 01:44 AM

AL

“ She loved: to dress up, & she loved her red Camaro, or any other exotic car. Red was her favorite! And I want you to buy that red "Camaro" for my Birthday!



Alan - November 26, 2020 at 11:19 PM

AL

“ Love!



Alan - November 26, 2020 at 10:51 PM

AL

“ *THANKSGIVING DAY: With all my love, thanks and eternal gratitude, here's my sweetheart lifting the light for others. THANK YOU! Love and miss you dear! Alan*



Alan - November 26, 2020 at 10:14 PM

CE

“ Alan,

I was sorry to hear of Nani's passing. Nani's personality always enlightened a room. I am sure she will be sorely missed by those who knew her. I will always appreciate our association at the Meadows. I wish you the very best in the years ahead.

Chris Engstrom

Chris Engstrom - November 23, 2020 at 12:21 PM

AL

“ *She Loved her Granddaughters!*



Alan - November 21, 2020 at 01:38 PM

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Alan - November 20, 2020 at 09:54 PM

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Alan - November 19, 2020 at 04:18 AM

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Alan - November 19, 2020 at 04:12 AM

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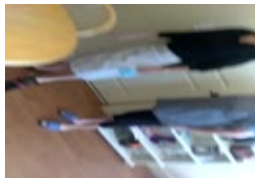
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Alan - November 19, 2020 at 04:10 AM

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Alan - November 18, 2020 at 07:12 AM

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Alan - November 18, 2020 at 06:53 AM



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Jonathan Martin Tomas - November 17, 2020 at 03:10 AM

CD

“ Catherine Stinson Divich lit a candle in memory of Yolanda Nani Snell



Catherine Stinson Divich - November 16, 2020 at 03:06 PM

JO

“ Alan, I'm so sorry to hear about Nani. Take comfort in that she didn't suffer years with this horrible disease. She was too sweet of a lady. My prayers are with you and family as you struggle to find your way without her. Just know she's smiling down on you from a place of peace and love, and she's happy. Take care. Joelene Coleman - JMI

Joelene - November 16, 2020 at 12:05 PM

EL

“ Yolanda....you were a beautiful lady with a sweet soul. You made our daughter, Kalli, feel special. She was in your home often and she loved every minute....

May your husband and sons have the peace and comfort they need at this time and know that you will be missed!

Ellen - November 16, 2020 at 10:53 AM

LI

“ I just want to share our joy the day we met this sweet lady. We were at the hospital and went down to the cafeteria and she and her husband were there sitting at the table next to us. She was so pleasant and full of life as she took the time to teach my daughter how to Hula dance. So very sorry for your loss.

Lisa - November 16, 2020 at 09:45 AM

KB

“ *Jonathon, Alan and family,
I'm so sorry to hear of your loss. What a beautiful spirit Yolanda had. She touched so many hearts with her strong spirit and kind heart. She was truly an elect lady. Her presence will be missed. We are thinking of you all and ask for peace and comfort to be with you all during this difficult time. I know she was met by many, awaiting to take her in their arms. Much love to you all,
Kathy and Mark Burgess*

kathy Burgess - November 16, 2020 at 09:29 AM

MD

“ *I am so sorry for your loss. Nani was my kumu, hula sister & friend. I was a young girl & Nani took me under her wing & taught me so many things. She is so beautiful in so many ways. I was blessed to have had her in my life.
Nani will always be in my heart!
Until we meet again, Aloha Oe Nani
Love,
Marlene DeCosta*

Marlene DeCosta - November 16, 2020 at 03:23 AM

SP

“ To Alan, Johnathon and family,
We are so sorry to hear of Yolanda's passing. She certainly is one of God's choicest spirits to have lived here on earth. All the years we've known her, she has always had the most beautiful and comforting smile, especially in her beautiful eyes, even during her challenging times. Our lives were blessed and we're better people just to have known her. She is one of the kindest people we have ever known and what a tremendous blessing that alone is. We rest comfortably knowing her struggles are now over and that she is safely home in her Heavenly Father's arms. We pray that God will bless you guys along with all her family and friends with the peace and the knowledge that one day we'll all get to see her again. With all our hearts and love, Steve and Ruthann Penman.

Steve and Ruthann Penman - November 15, 2020 at 11:09 PM

SS

“ My beautiful beautiful hula sister Nani. I am so very blessed that you we're such a huge part of my life. From the time we met when I was 15 you were my best friend. All the times that we danced every weekend with your mom and dad and the other beautiful ladies, jumping Filipino bamboo and trying not to look at each other so we wouldn't laugh, my life would never have been the same had it not been for your family and hula with you. Aside from the many shows that we did and we did a lot they were so much fun to the Alameda County Fairgrounds during the summer to Aloha Airlines and all the traveling we did together. I can't believe you're gone Nani. My heart aches so much to even be writing this right now because we just talked a few weeks ago and I was going to come out next summer to visit you and we were going to go to lunch just like you wanted to do. I'm so sorry we did not get to do that. I will always remember all the fun times you and I had together, the hot air balloon in front of Fremont Bank for their grand opening, meeting Warren Beatty and all the other celebrities at the Beverly Wilshire, crashing the Academy Award party with you, meeting Ray Milland in the restaurant at the Beverly Hills Hotel and him scolding us because he said we were two beautiful women who should have been out on the town and not sitting in the lobby doing crossword puzzles, and to you remember trying to meet Elvis Presley? We snuck onto the floor that he was on and tried to get in to see him but the security guard was blocking his door and said we could leave the Lei which we did. We had a dance job that night and so we talked to the security guard that was at the door in the morning going into the auditorium that Elvis was going to be at and he said he would save us a place for the midnight show . Are so ended around 10:30 and we ran over there and passed all the people who have been waiting all day they were so angry at us and security let us right in we were seven seats from the front it was so awesome but we didn't get to meet . And then only to find out that the next morning we had to leave to come back to Hayward for a job and an apartment and when we went to find your dad and your mom who were they having breakfast with but Ed Parker Elvis's bodyguard who turned out to be your Dad's cousin. And it Parker said he would take us in the

afternoon to go up and see Elvis and do a hula for him but your dad made us come back to Hayward for the dance job. We couldn't believe it. There are so many many memorable times that we shared. Nani there so many beautiful memories and I will hold forever dear to my heart I love you so much I'm going to miss your sweet voice and before you hang up you say I love you Sue you're my best friend you're my sista.... I love you so much my dear friend but I know that you are now an angel flying high with all the other angels and you are with our Lord. We will meet again someday Nani and when we do I'm going to hug you so hard and we can do lunch LOL I love you Nani. Rest in paradise. Till we meet again.

Sue Sabanal - November 14, 2020 at 09:47 PM

JO

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jonathan - November 14, 2020 at 02:34 PM