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Walter “Boy” Panila Kahiwa Jr. 66, of Capt. Cook and Miloli’i, HI, passed away on Monday, March 9, 2015 at Pohai Malama. He was born in Napo’opo’o, HI on July 3, 1948. He was a retired educator for Kamehameha Schools, Honaunau and Konawaena Middle Schools. He served on the Hawaii Burial council, the Educational Council, Kahikolu Church Restoration Committee, as Kahu at Hau’oli Kaman’o Church, Boy Scouts of Hawaii Troop 59 and numerous other community organizations. Services will be at Kahikolu Church on Saturday, April 25 and at Miloli’i Halau on Sunday, April 26 from 9 am to 12:30 pm. Scattering of ashes to follow at Miloli’i. Casual attire, leis or loose flowers for scattering is suggested. He is survived by brothers Arnold Kahiwa of Honolulu and Keith Kahiwa of Capt. Cook. Sisters Brenda Kahiwa of Capt. Cook and Belinda Kahiwa of Kea’au. Hanae children SherrieBelinda and StevenKalei Kahiwa-Kakalia of Capt. Cook. Two nieces, one nephew and two grand nephews.



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AK

Amy Kimura posted:

Walter was a bright star for me...as a new teacher trying to get the Speech and Debate team off the ground at Damien High School. He always represented our brother up the hill. He was always wonderful to the students...he always made them feel valued. They loved him, as did I. I am so sorry I did not hear of his passing earlier...he is a shining star for me and many

August 23 at 4:32 PM

GF

Gaynell M Fuchs posted:

I just learned of Walter's death in a Kamehameha Schools mailing. Walter was a dear friend as we taught together at Kamehameha and stayed in touch for several years when he was living in Captain Cook. He took me and my son, Andrew, on memorable fishing excursions, up to Maunakea complete with air tanks, and one night, to a short eruption at Kilauea crater where we walked across the lava in slippers. That was an experience I will never forget. I left Hawaii in 2001 and we lost touch even though I returned to Hawaii and have lived in Mountain View since 2005. Walter gave me my Hawaiian name, Keahila, which I treasure, along with many other memories. Aloha, Gaynell Fuchs PO Box 1104, Mountain View, HI 96771.

April 1 at 10:07 AM

CC

Cheryl Cotten posted:

There are so many memories of this wonderful man. He was a beacon of light in a sometimes dark world. thank you Walter for our wonderful trips to Miloli'i where we shared stories of the area and made new memories. I will never forget the laughter and sharing. You became part of our family- and made us part of your life. thank you. love, Cheryl Cotten

April 25 at 10:44 AM

SK

Sherrie Kahiwa lit a candle in honor of Walter.



April 23 at 4:05 AM



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Heather Grimmer lit a candle in honor of Walter.



April 22 at 4:26 PM



Heather Grimmer April 22 at 4:33 PM

My deepest sympathy and condolences to the Kahiwa Ohana. Surrounding you with love and heartfelt prayers during this difficult season. Aloha, Heather "Penny" Grimmer



Kahala Howser posted:

Mr. Kahiwa was an educator who taught from the heart. I recall an assignment in which we had to read tongue twisters on the old cassette style tapes. We had to read them from start to finish without stopping the tape. I didn't believe that he could tell. So I stopped and started as I pleased. Unbeknownst to me, he was listening through a headset and each time I stopped the tape, it would stretch it a bit and distort the quality. Each time he heard it, the grade was dropped. My first F! Well, ok, my first F in Speech class. Then when he used to ding us for the verbal queues we used such as "uh" or "ummm" has always stuck in my mind. Public speaking is easy now after his class so many years ago. Rest in peace dear Mr. Kahiwa.

April 21 at 4:01 PM



Elaine Goodrich posted:

First class I attended in Walter's class.... he threw me out. Went to Judy's class instead. We became friends after that. Lol. I will miss him. Wonderful man. Elaine Goodrich

April 21 at 2:50 PM



Sharlene Tom posted:

Walter was my beloved speech teacher at Kamehameha in 1972. He was such a kind and fun man who took many of us under his wing and was such a wonderful mentor. He even took a gang of us to show us his beloved Kona in 1973. I am sorry that we lost touch after that. May he rest in peace. Aloha, Sharlene Tom

April 20 at 6:26 PM



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Cathy Ann Kaneo posted:

My condolences. He taught my children at Konawaena Middle School. He always talked softly and kept a smile on his face. He looked at the kids as his own and taught them as if they were his own. A great educator that will be missed. Aloha Mr. Kahiwa, you will be missed. Cathy Kaneo

April 20 at 4:16 PM



Lehua Kaulukukui posted:

Uncle Walter hosted KS Resource Center staff at his home in Milolii about 4 years ago. He took us to visit the memorial plaque and as an active genealogy researcher for our `ohana, I noticed several names on the plaque in our Keliipio genealogy. Uncle Walter took us to the Keliipio `ohana canoe landing and homestead site. I cherish the moments spent with him and will remember his generosity and aloha forever. Until we meet again...a hui hou Uncle.

April 20 at 8:03 AM



Nathan Kaama sent a virtual gift in honor of Walter.



April 20 at 4:49 AM



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NK

Nathan Kaama posted:

walter & I were dormmates in 7th grade at Iolani Dorm at Kamehame ha Schools Kapalama campus. We remained friends till we graduated from high school nd went our seperate ways. We shared many weekends at Uncle Harry's apartment with his 'ohana(all girls) and with Grandma. I always felt like a part of the familyIn our senior year, he became company seargant and covered my okole many times when I was absent or didn't shine my shoes or polish my buckle. He was a good friend with much love in his heart. May the Lord comfort all of you and may he rest in peace. I regret I can't travel as I am disabled. Much aloha and prayers.Nathn L.K.K. Kalama

April 20 at 4:43 AM

SK

Sherrie Kahiwa April 23 at 4:04 AM

Hi there! Your story looks familiar :) I believe uncle used to talk about you a little during his Kam days. I remember him talking about someone who stayed with them and who he'd have to watch out for when rounds came! He would talk about how the examiners would check down to the folds in your sheets to the roll of your socks, down to the shine of your shoes.You'd be in big trouble if they found a hair out of place!Thank you all for sharing these wonderful memories of my uncle, as it was a favorite pasttime of mine (asking him of his life memories) when he was alive :)

JJ

Joy Johnson posted:

The community of Hawaii has lost one of the most wonderful, caring, loving and kind individuals I have ever met on this island. Uncle Walter took me under his Hawaiian wings and taught me about the Hawaiian culture, Hawaiian life and how to be a good "haole" teacher and resident here on the big island. Uncle Walter took both my husband Mark and me under his guidance, which has only served to increase our love for this man, this culture and this island. Uncle Walter, Mahalo Nui Loa. May you rest in peace knowing that you made a difference in the world.Joy and Mark JohnsonKailua Kona, Hawaii

April 20 at 3:49 AM

GH

George Heiligman posted:

Walter was a beautiful man with gracious heart. He will be missed. A true educator.Aloha,George Heiligman KS'66 classmate

April 20 at 2:35 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Walter by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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