

# Moiha 'Ohana Newsletter

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## Hau'oli Makahiki Hou 2025

Here we are again, looking at another year and all that it may hold for us as an 'ohana. The 'ohana reunion held on Maui was a big success. Approximately 170 people attended the event held at the Kenolio Recreational Center in Kīhei on Saturday, August 10<sup>th</sup>. Planning via zoom meetings, combined with lunch and dinner meetings, made it fun and easy to fit all the pieces together. We hope that the reunion helps bridge the gap between generations, strengthen family connections, and answer 'ohana questions. A variety of printed material with historical information was available along with a detailed family display board. Movies of our 3-day event were posted to the website [808ukejams.com/moiha](http://808ukejams.com/moiha).

In a follow up meeting after the reunion, the committee decided to start up a quarterly newsletter to help keep the momentum going and keep the 'ohana informed and connected. Those that filled out contact information at the reunion will automatically receive the quarterly newsletter via mail chimp, a newsletter distribution system. If you know other 'ohana that would like to receive our quarterly newsletter, please contact us at [info@moihaohana.com](mailto:info@moihaohana.com).



**Mitchell, Lawrence, Albert, Joseph, John, Antone, Henry  
Priscilla, Cecilia, Julie, Rachel**



To start off our newsletter, we first wanted to showcase family members that have been instrumental in organizing the reunion and share a common interest in keeping our family connections and stories alive for future generations.



My name is **Maren Leimomi Kanekoa**, but most family members call me Lei. I was born on Maui, the fifth and last child of **Jacqueline Horner** and **William Kanekoa Jr.** (the first-born son of **Rachel Moiha** and **William Kanekoa Sr.**). I attended Kahului Elementary School then Maui Waena Intermediate for 6th-8th grade. I graduated from Maui High in 2000 then went on to get my undergraduate and graduate degrees at BYU-Provo in 2004 and 2007 respectively. I then went on a mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints for 18 months in the New England area. When I came home from my mission, I moved to the Phoenix, AZ area for a few years, then the Olympia, WA area for a few more years, then the Portland, OR area for a few years. At

the end of 2020, I came home to live in Maui, and have stayed since, where I help take care of the house and my mother.

‘Ohana is and always has been an important part of my life. Because I grew up living with my father’s parents, I grew up hearing stories from my grandma about her family and her experiences on the east side of Maui. Because of all those stories, as well as my own experiences, that legacy of ‘ohana and spiritualism has become a part of who I am. That is what Moiha means to me, a legacy of spiritualism and respect for our ancestors, for the land, for the spirits, and for the Lord.



**Shauna Kanekoa Goulding:** Aloha! I am the eldest child of William Kanekoa Jr and Jacqueline Horner, and the eldest grandchild to **Rachel Moiha & William Kanekoa Sr.** I was born on O‘ahu in 1971 but moved to Maui shortly after being born. We lived with our grandparents in Kahului, so my 4 siblings and I were raised with 4 parents, plus my **Uncle Will (Wilfred Kanekoa)**, who lived with us for much of our growing up years. We had a wonderful family life together and

enjoyed our beautiful island home. We were raised with a strong sense of family and a strong faith in God, and we love nature! After graduating from Maui High School, I went to Brigham Young University in Utah and graduated from there with a BA degree in Anthropology. I married **Trevor Goulding** in 1992. We have 4 children: **Gabriel, Elisabeth, Jacob** and **Samuel**. Our married life adventure started in UT, but then took us to CA, CO, NY, WA and OR. We now live south of Portland, OR, and only one child is with us at home. We are very involved in Scouting and the high school band program because of our kids. I also hold a leadership position in the children’s organization at our church. I am still very much a family person who loves being in nature and loves God! Being a Moiha and a Kanekoa gives me a very rich heritage; a deep spiritual heritage that comes with gifts that bless me and my family, and responsibilities that I take seriously. I love my ‘ohana, all my ‘ohana. These ties that bind us last beyond the grave and make us strong. We, as Moiha are they who maintain the spiritual knowledge and wisdom of our ancestors, we are they who lead with mana, pono and aloha. We share our aloha, we care for our ‘āina, we care for our ‘ohana and those in need. Aloha to you all!

### Doreen Noelani Forsberg



I am the youngest of 8 kids. Daughter to **Bernardo and Cecilia “Cici Moiha” Delos Santos**

I’m married for 22 years to **Garry Forsberg** and we currently have just 1 dog named “Gibbs”, although I don’t believe he thinks he is a dog. I work full time with PeopleReady a National Staffing Company as an Account Manager for the last 20 years and a Kumu Hula for **Hālau Nā Pua O Ka’iwa**

I have volunteered at Maui Adult Day Care Center for the last 17 years and I have overseen all their fundraising events and oversee some of their Marketing Strategies.

I am also a full-time caregiver for our brother **Benny**, but he takes care of me.

My favorite word: ‘Ohana

Those who are family, and those that I choose to call family are my greatest value. They complete my human circle and aloha.

My favorite statement:

Kuhi no ka lima, hele no ka maka (Where the hands move, there let the eyes follow)

My biggest joy besides family: Performing for our kupuna. Seeing them react to music and hula.



### Jacqueline (Jackie) Kanekoa



I was born and raised in a town an hour from New York City, the middle daughter (of three girls) of **Maurice Nixon** and **A. William Horner**. I came to Hawai‘i in 1969 when I was 18 to go to The Church College of Hawai‘i (now BYU-Hawaii) and met my husband, **William Kealoha Kanekoa Jr.**, the oldest son of **Rachel Moiha and William K. Kanekoa Sr.** We were married in May 1970 in Laie and moved to Maui a year later after William graduated. After living on our own for a little while, we moved in with my in-laws and have lived in that house ever since, where we raised our five children. In 1997, I went back to school to finish my BS in Social Work and then went on to complete my Masters of Social Work in 2005. I worked as a mental health social worker until I retired in 2015. Around that time, William started having medical issues and would later pass away in May of 2017. I now live with my youngest daughter, Lei, in our Kahului home.





My name is **Jarret Delos Santos**. I am the youngest son of **Bernardo and Cecilia Delos Santos**. I was born in Maui (Hāna) and graduated from Maui High School. I attended Cannon's Business College after high school, majoring in Travel Industry and Accounting. I spent the next 35 years working in the travel industry managing various resorts on Maui and Moloka'i. Most of my time was spent in Kīhei managing the Kama'ole Sands Resort. I retired in 2017. I am married to **Eric Smith**. We have a home in Kīhei and live with two doggies and next door in our 'ohana unit, my brother Jr. and his 'ohana.

In 2008, I created 808ukejams after my mother's passing and started offering Thursday night 'ukulele jams at Keolahou Church. In 2012, my sister, **Noelani Forsberg** started her hula hālau called **Hālau Nā Pua O Ka'iwa**, in honor of our mother. We work together along with other family members and friends to hold a weekly 'ukulele jam and hula class. Keolahou Church has been instrumental in providing a special place to share our music and hula with the world.

**Eric Smith:** I was born in Elizabeth NJ, the son of **Nancy May (Abbott) Streeter**, the 2<sup>nd</sup> wife of **William Howard Neill Smith**. I grew up in a small town outside of Ithaca, NY until the passing of my father in 1971, when we moved to Vermont to be closer to my mom's family. I worked in the Emergency Medical Services field for about 15 years before moving to Hawai'i, where I became a UPS driver. I took an early retirement after 25 years with the company. My hobbies include computer building and repair, as well as genealogy. I have been a historian for the Mayflower Society in Hawai'i for about 2 years. I met Jarret in 1992, we were officially married in 2014. We currently have 2 furry four-legged kids.



Bernardo Jr., Kepa, and Chris Delos Santos



Rosie



Prime (Optimus Prime)



My name is **Kama Moiha** - Currently residing in Los Angeles, CA, I've spent the last 28 years immersed in the world of visual effects, crafting compelling stories as the head of a 2D/Compositing department in a leading post-production company. My career has been defined by a love for storytelling, whether through stunning visuals on screen or preserving the rich history and culture of our Native Hawaiian heritage. I've also immersed myself in learning about the Hawaiian Kingdom's history while expanding my knowledge of 'ōlelo Hawai'i, the Hawaiian language. By hosting 'ōlelo rooms and engaging with

other speakers, I strive to create spaces for connection and cultural exchange, contributing to the revitalization of our language and traditions.

Family and culture are at the heart of everything I do. I am proud to be the son of **Joyce and Larry "Hina" Moiha** and sibling to **Kanui Moiha** of Waialua, O'ahu. As an organizer in our extended cousin group, I cherish the opportunity to bring our family together for meaningful events that honor our shared roots and celebrate our heritage. My love for Hawaiian culture extends to art, where I've curated a collection of early Pacific works focused on the history of Hawai'i. These pursuits reflect my commitment to keeping our stories alive and accessible for future generations.

Looking forward, I am passionate about empowering Native Hawaiians to lead their own narratives in media and cultural production. By blending modern technology with traditional values, I hope to contribute to a future where our stories are told authentically and vibrantly. My message to our family and future generations is to stay rooted in our culture, pursue your dreams with determination, and embrace innovation as a tool to preserve and celebrate our heritage.

## Checking Out Waikaloa

While in Hāna, the big island 'ohana stopped by to check out Kim's hale in Waikaloa.





# 2024 'Ohana Reunion High Lights

Here are some picture highlights of our 2024 Moiha 'ohana reunion.

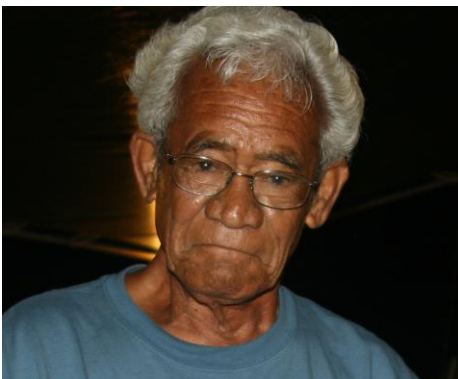




# Journey to Pu‘uiki



On September 8th, 2024, we travelled to Pu‘uiki Church in Hāna Maui to bury the ashes of: Kenneth, Lawrence, and Priscilla Moiha.



Lawrence Kanui “Hina” Moiha  
7/6/40 – 3/30/21



Kenneth Clarence “Uso”  
Moiha  
11/21/65 -2/3/18



Priscilla Kehaulani Moiha  
Matsuoka  
11/9/45 – 5/4/24

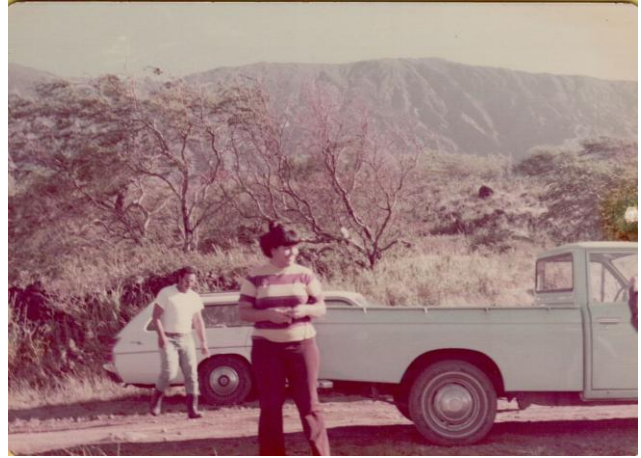


## Cynthia Ann Mahealani "Pinky" Santos

Nov 30, 1952 - Sept 21 2024

**Pinky** was the first wife of **Clyde Kanekoa**, the fourth and last son of **Rachel and William Kanekoa**. Although we did not keep in close contact with her after her divorce from Clyde in 1979, we still consider her part of the family. She passed away in September of 2024 from breast cancer.

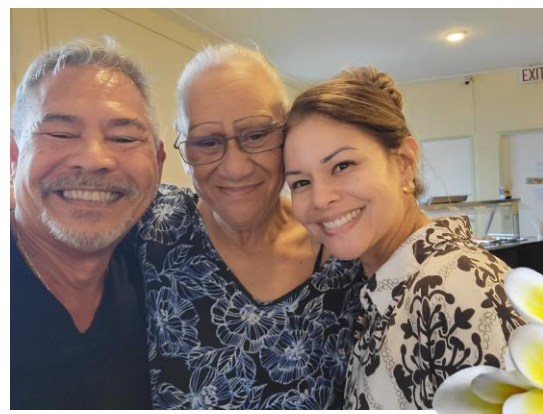
*Story contribution from Leimomi Kanekoa*



## In Loving Memory ~Leilani Moiha 3/5/56 - 7/3/24



Uncle Sa'a  
Sandy(hunnie boy's wife), kamalani, leilani





# Moiha Website

Check out our collection of Moiha 'ohana videos and pictures at [808ukejams.com/moiha](http://808ukejams.com/moiha)

We have lots of information on 'Ohana Reunions, Memorials, and Mo'olelo.

Email us at [info@moihaohana.com](mailto:info@moihaohana.com) , if you do not have the pass code.

## Looking to the future

We hope this newsletter has piqued your interest in keeping connected. We are working on putting together other ways to stay in touch... such as future gatherings and zoom meetings.

The generations to come will need our help and all the information we can give them.

If you know of other family members that want to receive the Moiha newsletter, please contact us by email at [info@moihaohana.com](mailto:info@moihaohana.com) or call me, **Jarret Delos Santos**, at (808) 757-5985.

## ➡ Upcoming Zoom Meeting

**Our next zoom meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 9<sup>th</sup> at 3:00pm HST.**

**In this zoom meeting, we share updates about the status of our families and share stories of our kūpuna. Meetings usually last around 1½ to 2 hours.**

**We would love to have you participate and share some memories with us.**

**Please contact us by email or phone if you wish to participate. We will send you a zoom invite.**



Above picture: 15 members meet on zoom to discuss the set up of our 2024 reunion.