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Geraldine (Geri) Mary Lim transitioned from this world at noon on Sunday Feb 27th under the tender care of her family and Island Hospice after a prolonged decline due to Frontotemporal Degeneration.

Geri was born May 30th, 1943 in Schofield Barracks Hospital in Wahiawa, Oahu. She was the daughter of Alice (Sunny) Cho Bernard and Col William Bernard of Kaneohe, Oahu. As the first-born of a military family, she moved all over the country and even lived in Japan for some time. She married at 19 years of age and had three children: Amber, Edie and Harvey. Eventually, Geri moved from Tacoma to Seattle where she completed her Masters in Public Administration from the University of Washington. It is here that she found and married her soulmate, Thatcher. Geri had a notable career in finance working at King County Finance Division, City of Seattle Department of Community Development, Office of Management and Budget, ending her work life as Chief Financial Officer of the Seattle School District.

In 2010 Geri and Thatcher moved back to Hawaii, putting down roots in Makawao just a few miles from her daughter, Edie, and her two children. Geri welcomed returning to rooster calls and a bounty of plants to nurture. She graduated with the 2011 Maui Master Gardener class, and then promptly and beautifully re-created her yard.

Eventually the disease took strong hold and Geri entered home hospice care at the end of July 2020. She received dozens of loving visits from mainland and Oahu families. Her husband, Thatcher, daughter, Edie, and hanai-daughter, Davika, lovingly tended to her slow decline until her passing. Throughout they were compassionately supported by the wonderful staff of Island Hospice.

Geri is survived by her husband of 42 years, Thatcher Deane, three children from her first marriage: Amber Ferrese, Edie Wise, and Harvey Bauer Jr.; two hanai children, Xavier Dige and Davika Dige; two fostered children: Kameha Medallada and Gabriel Medallada; five



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grandchildren: James Ferrese, Izac Bauer, Sofia Bauer, Malia Provonsha, and Ryan Wise; one great grandchild: Ryder Provonsha; six sisters: Gina Tymn, Teresa (Pumpkin) Shimabukuro, Peggy Wormley, Pat Perkins, Julie Palmer, and Becky Bernard; four aunts: Elizabeth (Junie) Whitesell, Mildred Carr, Muriel Orsi, Annie Cho; plus a hoard of cousins, nieces and nephews.

Geri's relentless passions around family, social justice, gardening, and good food infuses all who knew and loved her to their cores. There is so much more about how much her love and example meant to the lives she touched that can never be fully expressed. She was a strong, feisty, and independent woman that will be missed by her loved ones. Rest in Peace, our beloved Geri.

In lieu of flowers please make donations to the Hana Mana Foundation directed to Maui Island Hospice or to the Association for Frontotemporal Degeneration (AFTD).

A Celebration of Life is to be scheduled on Maui. Contact thatcher.deane@gmail.com to be informed of details.



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JW

Judith Wiess posted:

Just today I learned of Geri's passing. She was a great mentor for me as I moved into City service as a midlife career change. I know how much her family, children and grandchildren, meant to her. I was glad to see you had moved back to Hawaii. I remember her telling me how eager she was to get away and go to college in Colorado. But then how eager she was to get away from the cold! Judith Noble

August 29 at 9:10 AM

MT

Mary Anne Tschannen posted:

I remember being invited to Geri's 60th (I think) Birthday Party at Amber and Vince's home on Capitol Hill. What a wonderful evening! I especially was enchanted with Geri's dance to Hawaiian music, her elegant motions and focused attention on the meaning and melody. I felt honored to be there among family and friends. I have always felt loved, cared for, and welcomed by both Geri and Thatcher and felt at ease with their family. It has been a privilege to know her, work for her, and be part of her life! Mary Anne Tschannen

May 9 at 12:41 PM

PP

Patty Perkins lit a candle in honor of Geraldine "Geri".

My sister, I can remember you graduating from High School and we were both in cap and gown as I graduated from kindergarten. You moved to the mainland shortly after. The times I spent with you through the years were great memories of kindness and love. I will always remember you that way. Until we meet again. Aloha.



March 16 at 3:11 PM

KL

Kaleo Lewis posted:

Aunt Geri Rest In Paradise. I love you I'm sad

March 12 at 12:34 PM

TH

Thatcher posted:

In her final days, as in all others, Geri brought us together as a family, even those many months where she couldn't speak. Thatcher

March 12 at 2:21 AM



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Michael Tymn posted:

I was fortunate to have Geri as a sister-in-law for 49 years and expect to see her again in the larger life. The word "transition" in the first sentence summarizes my view, but I would like to quote the great Native American sage known as Silver Birch: "No, death is a not a tragedy to those who die; it is only a tragedy to those who are left behind. To go from darkness to light is not something over which you should grieve. If you grieve, you are in reality grieving over your loss and not for one who has in truth become enfranchised. She is better off. She will no longer suffer all the ills of the human body. She will be no longer be subjected to the ravages of wasting disease. She will unfold all the gifts with which she has been endowed, and will express them free from any thwartings, and will be able to give a larger service to those who require it."

March 11 at 5:39 PM



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