



William Kaunoa Ah Chan

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Aloha Kekahi I Kekahi
“Love One Another”

William Kaunoa Ah Chan, age 63, passed away in his beloved home of Kū‘au, on Friday, February 3, 2023 while the Akua moon illuminated the Maui sky. Billy as known to all, was the eldest son of William Ka‘uhane Ah Chan and Mary Ann Kenui Ah Chan of Maui.

Billy was a proud alumnus (‘78) of Kamehameha Schools Kapālama Campus, an extremely gifted and talented musician and composer, a highly skilled airplane & drone pilot as owner of UAS Maui (a Native Hawaiian cultural sensitive, FAA certified Unmanned Airborne Services), a naturally trained mechanic for Maui Lani Golf Course & Royal Hawaiian Rentals, and a charismatic, energetic, and spirited Hawaiian and Island cultural certified guide for Akamai Tours on O‘ahu & Haleakalā Eco Tours (2017-2023). Conscious and inspirational words, melodies and harmonies was his soulful expression that resonated in and through everyone he loved, knew and met, kama‘āina and malihini alike.. In pursuit of his talent, education, and desire to share his knowledge through music, he piloted his band of brothers called Lawai‘a. Lawai‘a, an extremely popular musical group originating on O‘ahu in the early 90‘s was famous for original compositions such as Country Fire, Sailin, Crazy Without You and Between the Sea and the Sky

His memory and love is survived by his loving mother, Mary Ann Ah Chan, three(3) brothers Wilbert K. Ah Chan, Wayne K. Ah Chan, Wesley K. Ah Chan, two (2) sisters Mikahala Helm & Wanda S.P. Collier and two (2) sons Richard W.K. Van Barriger(39) and Bradley N.K. Ah-Chan-Bowlin (27), daughter-in-laws, sister & brother-in-laws, nieces, nephews, grand-nieces and grand-nephew.



Obituary

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Memorial Services to be held Saturday, February 18 2023 at Pā‘ia Hawaiian Protestant Church.. Church Service 9-10a. Visitation 10-12p. Memorial Service 12-1p. Flower Condolences may be sent directly to Pā‘ia Protestant Hawaiian Church.



Events

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Church Service


 **Saturday**, February 18, 2023

 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM HST

 **Paia Hawaiian Protestant Church**
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Public Visitation

 **Saturday**, February 18, 2023

 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM HST

 **Paia Hawaiian Protestant Church**
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Memorial Service

 **Saturday**, February 18, 2023

 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM HST

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Tribute Wall

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DM

Dan Minichiello lit a candle in honor of William.

I really miss Billy. He let me play in Lawai'a when I first got to Maui and he taught me so much. Billy is one of the finest people I've ever met. My heartfelt condolences and sympathy to the Au Chen family.

April 6 at 11:38 AM



DN

Dawon Nuuhiwa posted:

Aloha O'e brother Billy may you share your many talents with all who's with Akua. Mahalo for your kindness in letting me do Country fire for Lawai'a. RIP GOD BLESS THE AH CHAN OHANA. MY CONDOLENCES 🙏

February 28 at 7:10 PM

BS **Brenda Sakrison** March 13 at 3:34 PM

Billy wrote country fire for me . Not bragging. Lol ,He was the love of my life we were together for 7 years in the 80's . Always thought and prayed we would be together again
❤️

JO

Joy lit a candle in honor of William.

Sending prayers of comfort to Billy's ohana and friends .. very sorry to learn he passed .. I have many fond memories of the time I was blessed to spend with him & the ohana .. a caring and genuine soul .. rest in peace & love

February 25 at 11:46 AM



KP

Kapule Paoa lit a candle in honor of William.

Kapule Paoa lit a candle in memory of William Ah Chan

February 18 at 7:43 AM





Tribute Wall

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TI

Tiana shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

Uncle Billy was the first one to ever take me on a helicopter ride..it's a memory I'll never forget. He even showed my kids his airplanes he's built and showed them how it worked. Uncle was always good to us. Forever in our hearts. Love you uncle. Rest in peace. You will be missed.



February 18 at 6:55 AM

BS

Brenda Sakrison sent a virtual gift in honor of William.

Brenda Sakrison sent a virtual gift in memory of William Ah Chan



February 16 at 3:04 AM

RL

Robin Makua Luahiwa posted:

Affectionately called "Froggy" by his KS78 classmates, he will be remembered for his wit and talent. It was an honor to have shared our youthful days with "Froggy". Imua!

February 15 at 9:56 PM

LO

Loke February 22 at 5:45 AM

My brother Dale didn't know Billy passed, when I told him yesterday, he said froggy was such a good guy and friend! Your post put a smile on my face 🙌

BS

Brenda Sakrison posted:

My deepest sympathy to the family. I loved Billy with all my heart. We stayed in touch, Just wished him happy birthday last month he said he was doing well . I am shocked,I miss him ❤️

February 15 at 5:54 AM



Media

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February 18 at 6:55 AM





Memories only last if you share them

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



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