



## William Lanihuli Shea, III

September 17, 1951 - March 16, 2016

William Lanihuli Shea, III, 64, of Haiku, passed away on March 16, 2016 at Hale Makua Wailuku, surrounded by family. It was a peaceful homegoing.

Memorial Service will be held at King's Cathedral, 777 Mokulele Hwy. on Saturday, April 9, 2016.

Family only: 9:00 a.m. Open Memorial Service: 10:00 a.m.

"Billy" Shea was born on September 17, 1951 to Agnes and William Shea, Jr. in Honolulu, Hawaii.

He is survived by his father William L. Shea, Jr., his sons Adam "Alika" & Noah "Pookela" Shea, along with his brother Fred Shea and sister Taryn Aina.

He served many years as a private investigator.

# Events

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**APR**   **Memorial Service**                      10:00AM

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King's Cathedral, Kahului, Maui  
777 Mokulele Highway, Kahului, HI, US, 96732

# Comments

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“ Billy was a very special friend from college days at SOC in Oregon. I have sooooo many memories of the times we all shared in the dorms and, afterwards, when we all started getting married. He had a passion for sports and was awesome on the volleyball court. In fact, he was awesome in everything.

My heart breaks knowing he's gone, but the memories will always be here in my mind and heart. He had a smile and laugh that was beautiful, and a loving soul. He was a great guy! I will always love him and cherish our friendship.

Aloha oe, William Lanihuli Shea, III.

Debbie Smith (and as he would say, "Mrs. Lui")



**Debra Smith** - May 20, 2016 at 12:31 AM

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“ I have many fond memories of Billy. We worked together in Honolulu and on Maui. Occasionally, I would travel to Maui to assist him. Each time, Billy opened his home for me and wouldn't hear anything about me staying in a hotel. My first trip Hana was with Billy and I'm sure glad that he was driving. Golf, volleyball, softball, you name it, Billy was a natural athlete and he made it look so easy. I know Billy loved his family on Maui, in Honolulu and on the Mainland and to them I extend my most heartfelt condolences. Aloha Mi Amigo.

Joe Cabrejos

**Joe Cabrejos** - April 07, 2016 at 11:27 AM

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“ My thoughts and prayers are with the family during this difficult time.

James Ellis

**James Ellis** - April 06, 2016 at 04:28 PM



“ It was with great sadness that I learned of the passing of Bill. I first met Bill in 1984 when I joined Goodenow Associates’ sister company, Safeguard Services, Inc. I was new to private investigations, having spent a couple of years with IRS before joining the private sector. On my first fraud investigation, Bill was asked to go with me out to Waianae and oversee my interview of the elderly victim. We drove out there and Bill let me proceed with the interview and patiently showed me how to take down a thorough written statement. When I taught many younger investigators over the years how to do the same task for the first time, I warmly remembered Bill’s positive approach and gentle steering.

Over the next dozen or so years I had only a few occasions to work cases directly with Bill, although until he moved to Maui we saw each other frequently around the office and the communal lunch table. I came to enjoy Bill’s kolohe sense of humor, no nonsense manner, and proud professionalism. In 1997-98 we worked together very closely along with others from the office on the biggest investigation in our careers: the Attorney General’s Bishop Estate inquiry. When I heard that Bill was being asked to commute from Maui I felt reassured that we would have another steady heavy hitter on the team. It was a long and difficult investigation and Bill’s judgement, “no scared ‘em” attitude, irreverence, and willingness to work long hours were valued by all of us. We worked together for about nine months, pulling fifty to seventy hour weeks along with the rest of the team. After that time we were assigned to separate civil and criminal work groups, and were unfortunately prohibited from sharing information and time together, as the larger Bishop Estate case inched along. In the end a proper result came about, in very large part due to the work that Bill put in. I was proud to toil with him, and told him so when we wrapped things up.

It was many a Monday morning that Bill showed up with Guri Guri or Komoda’s Cream Puffs for his little-deserving, but ever grateful, Honolulu colleagues. Bill will be missed as a consummate professional, proud Hawaiian, and man of generous spirit. He made a difference in my life, and I am saddened that world is now missing his wry wit and verve.

With great respect,  
John Tsukayama

John Tsukayama - April 04, 2016 at 07:47 PM