



Anita V. Hager

April 13, 1931 - July 14, 2022

Hampton Falls - Anita V. Hager, 91 of Hampton Falls formerly of Kapaa, Kauai, Hawaii, passed away peacefully on Thursday, July 14, 2022.

Anita was born on April 13, 1931 in Kilauea, Kauai, Hawaii. The eldest child of the late Leon B. Valencia and Juana Cristobal Runes. She graduated from Kauai High School with the Class of 1949, and went on to attend La Sierra College in Riverside, CA and later Columbia Union College in Tacoma Park, MD, where she received her Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree.

During her time in Maryland, she met her husband through “pen pal” writing. She shared almost 50 years of marriage with Raymond David Hager, Jr. LCDR. Ret., who predeceased her in 2008. Together they lived from coast to coast until their move to Eliot, ME in 1975, where “Dave” later retired in 1979.

Working as a Registered Nurse her entire career, first in Labor and Delivery and later in Geriatrics, all while raising her family.

Surviving family members include her children, Nikki Lynn De Heart of Honolulu, HI; David Hager and his wife Tracy of Newfields; and Dean Hager and his wife Lisa of Hampton Falls, Hanai son, Dean Sacramed and his wife Charlene of Kapaa, HI; siblings, Modesta “Babe” Brunner of Virginia Beach, VA and Romolo Valencia and his wife Patricia of Honolulu, HI; grandchildren,

Gabrielle and her father William, Christopher, Aaron, Austin and Katie; great grandson Temana; and many dear friends.

Anita's parents were originally from Ilocos Norte Philippines, and came to the island of Kauai in the late 1920's for the opportunity to work on the Kilauea Sugar Plantation, as sugar plantations were growing in the Hawaiian Islands. Anita and her siblings were born and raised on the sugar plantation camp. All births were attended by the Midwife Rosa in the home. Juana (her mother) would say that the only time the doctor came to the home was to weigh the baby.

Her parents embraced the culture of the islands, so Anita began dancing hula at the age of 4 years old. She was an accomplished musician in ukulele and piano, and entertained for gatherings and events in her community. She also attended Hongwanji school, where she learned to read, write and speak Japanese as a young child. She continued to share her talents at the schools of her children and grandchildren and special events held by her place of work. Her husband Dave would accompany her with his voice and musical skills, creating their own harmony and melody.

Her parents were very industrious by providing transportation services with the first car, a Chevrolet 1940 converted to a truck, to outer towns; they washed clothes and prepared meals for the bachelors of the camp, and raised fighting cocks that were ordered from Kentucky, with Anita making the orders due to her parents limited English. Her parents, Leon and Juana, were able to send all three children to college, along with her two siblings to private school on Oahu.

Anita's nursing career in New England, started with Goodwin's of Exeter, where she enjoyed taking care of the aging population. She initiated a certification program to train nurses aides in her work place, where she also

had the authority as an RN to pronouncement and sign the death certificate.

Anita lived on Kauai from 2009-2017 after the death of her husband to fulfill their dreams of retiring on her home island. Her daughter Nikki lived on Oahu and provided resource and support to her independent living. She moved back to New England in 2017 to live with her #2 son Dean and his wife Lisa along with Xavier "Xie" (Hanai grandson), as her health warranted closer attention. Having her #1 son David and wife Tracy living close by, provided added supportive care to Anita.

Anita's love of music and hula carried through to her passing as she sang Aloha O'e to all friends and new acquaintances wherever and whenever the opportunity of singing arose. To her family, she would say "I love you " in Ilocano "Ay-ayaten ka". She stated her philosophy of life with the French phrase of "C'est la vie" with a friendly wave of her hand and a smile.

Her children Nikki, David and Dean and family wish to thank Portsmouth Regional Hospital, Penacook Place (Haverhill), Exeter Hospital, Martin's Point and Cornerstone at Hampton, for the care, resource, and compassionate support that was provided to our mother,
Anita Cristobal Valencia Hager.

Visiting hours will be held from 4-6 PM on Tuesday, July 19, 2022 at the Remick & Gendron Funeral Home-Crematory, 811 Lafayette Road, Hampton. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Alzheimer's Association by clicking here (https://www.alz.org/?form=alz_donate) in honor of Anita Valencia Hager.

Nikki, David and Dean encourage you to share your thoughts of love and

stories of Anita on her tribute wall.

Mahalo Nui Me Ke Aloha a Me Ke Pumehana

(Thank you very much with love and warmth)

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 19. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Remick & Gendron Funeral Home - Crematory

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Tribute Wall



“ *Anita V. Hager*

September 18, 2022 at 12:49 AM



“ *We had the pleasure of meeting Anita almost three years ago when she started coming to our restaurant with her son, Dean. Anita wanted to know everyone's names, but not their nicknames, their full, formal first names and that is what she called us ever since, always remembering everyone's name. They would come in almost every week, and it was the highlight of the day. Everyone in the room wanted to know who she was. She was so kind and generous and thoughtful. Once, I admired the beads she was wearing, and she gave them to me. Anita would write us a beautiful note every time she came in. She would thank all of us and tell us she loved us and asked God to bless us and our families. We were lucky to meet many members of her family also, she was so proud of all of them! She always left us with hugs, sometimes a little dance, and my favorite, her beautiful voice singing Aloha O'e. Thank you for all the beautiful memories!*

With love, Thomas and Jacqueline

Jacki Murray - July 19, 2022 at 07:31 PM



“ *My condolences to Anita's Family. I meet Anita back in the late 1980's thru her husband, Dave, and the Rotary Club of Kittery. She was a very special lady and we enjoyed her company and her friendship. Anita and Dave were special people and are truly missed. Marie Williams*

Marie Williams - July 17, 2022 at 04:02 PM

JF

“ *My sincere condolences to the entire Hager family. I am deeply saddened to learn of Anita's passing. My thoughts are with all of you at this sad time of loss.*

Jim Farr - July 17, 2022 at 08:33 AM

PT

“ *Anita was always a hoot at Bone Builders! Loved her smile and laugh and sweet disposition. Rest In Peace Anita* ☐

Patsy Townsend - July 16, 2022 at 03:43 PM

JC

*Many years ago Anita & I worked together at Goodwin's of Exeter She worked the night shift & I worked days She was so pleasant to see when I came in for the day shift A wonderful nurse & lovely person My deep sympathy to her family
Jane Cummings*

Jane Cummings - July 16, 2022 at 09:25 PM

PG

My condolences to the Hager family. I first met Anita from being in Rotary with her husband Dave. I also sold their homes in Eliot and Stratham. I think of them both very fondly.

Pam Gray - July 17, 2022 at 08:44 AM

BG

*Anita was one of my favorite people in the world. I can still remember the very first day that she started working at Goodwin's of Exeter and her very entertaining hula dances.
Anita and Dave were a very nice couple and their amazing children complete the perfect family!*

Bill Gilmore - July 19, 2022 at 11:07 AM

TR

Dean I am so sorry to hear of your mother's passing. Your family will be in my thoughts and prayers. Tommy Ring

Thomas Edward Ring - July 19, 2022 at 12:22 PM