



Mr. Nelson "Nellie" Nawaa Hao

October 19, 1938 - August 28, 2014

Nelson "Nellie" Nawaa Hao, moved on to paradise in the company of his loving family on August 28th, 2014. Nellie was born on the big island of Hawaii on October 19th, 1938. He lived his childhood years there with his family then at the age of 12 he was selected to attend the private school of Kamehameha on the neighboring island of Oahu. Nellie would complete his education at Kamehameha and graduate in 1957. It was that fall that he came to Coalinga and never left. Nellie met and married the love of his life Exmae, began a paint contracting business that prospered over the next 50 years, and became one of the most respected and loved citizens of the community. He contributed time and money to many school and town projects.

Nellie leaves behind his loving wife of 55 years, Exmae. His cherished daughter and son-in-law Connie and Paul Green; his special special son Lee Lee; grandchildren Karlie & Dave Best, PJ & Tonya Green, and Hollie & Matt Peterson. He was fiercely proud of each of his grandchildren and was thrilled to welcome 7 great grandchildren, Kailee, Ellie, Kamryn, Olivia, Dylan, Gage & Kane. Nellie has two sisters Juliette and Violet still living in Hawaii, and a brother Elvin living in Las Vegas. He is leaving behind many Ohana members, loving nieces and nephews, as well as a truly amazing amount of friends.

Nellie was predeceased by his infant son Nelson Jr, his mother and father Nelson & Irene Hao, his sister Edith and brother Francis.

Cemetery Details

Pleasant Valley Cemetery

40054 Calaveras Ave
Coalinga, CA 93210

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

SEP 5. 10:00 AM (PT)

Chapel Grace
120 E. Hawthorne St.
Coalinga, CA 93210

Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Nelson "Nellie" Nawaa Hao*

September 15, 2022 at 09:34 PM



“ *Cousin Exmae, was very sad and surprised to find this about losing Nellie. I remember watching him play football in college. Would enjoy talking with you about a project I am creating about Aldridge Family history. My Best Regards, Ron 503 655 9519 rparham503@gmail.com*

Ron Parham - January 16, 2016 at 05:49 PM



“ *Rachelle Richardson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Nelson "Nellie" Nawaa Hao*



Rachelle Richardson - September 04, 2014 at 01:50 PM



“ *Nellie was truly one of a kind! Our thoughts and prayers go out to the entire family, and there are many! I know he'll see my uncle Don in heaven where they can share there many stories. God bless and many prayers to all of you.*

*Rachelle (Skaggs) Richardson & Family
Donna Giese*

Rachelle Richardson - September 04, 2014 at 01:49 PM

MC

“ *Confident, hard-working, trusting, always with a word of encouragement and his ever present smile. You needn't more in a friend. God bless you Exmae and your family.*

Mike Cranston

Mike Cranston - September 04, 2014 at 11:37 AM

 Vona
Cabral

“ *The Hao's were my extended family. We have many great memories with Nellie. My heart breaks for your family but God needed an angel. May Nellie and my mom give heaven a bunch of Aloha. Uplifting prayers for you all*

Vona Cabral - September 01, 2014 at 08:56 PM

SN

“ *We are so sad to hear of Nellie's passing! Such a great man! Lots of memories with swimming, b-b-q's and baseball! We are thinking of you.*

Shelley and Ralph Neate

Shelley Neate - September 01, 2014 at 08:25 PM

RS

“ My deepest condolences to the entire Hao family. Nellie was a great man. I have many fond memories of him and his kindness from my childhood on to adulthood. His hospitality and Teriyaki beef were admired by many. He was a great friend to my dad and continued to be a great friend to the family after my dads passing. I always looked up to Nellie, he had a big heart. When I think of Nellie, I think of his family and the love he had for them. He will be missed. My prayers and love go out to the family.

Sincerely,

Reggan Scrivner

Reggan Scrivner - September 01, 2014 at 12:49 PM

TC

“ I am sorry for your loss. The sting of losing a loved one is not natural. But even though Jesus knew that Lazarus would have the resurrection hope, he still gave way to tears and ultimately brought him back to life. Your loved one has this same hope. John 5:28, 29 Please accept my deepest condolences.

Sincerely, Albert Contreeas

trisha contreras - August 31, 2014 at 10:38 PM

AS

“ We are sorry for your loss. Uncle Nellie, was such a great person, He will live on in our memories forever.

Matthew 5:4 “Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.”

Amber (Ragsdale) Saucedo and Family

Amber Saucedo - August 31, 2014 at 01:59 AM



JH

“ Some of my fondest memories of Nellie was eating beef Hauka (sp?) at their house. Always seeing Nellie with paint on him. Always a welcoming smile. Thinking of the Hao family.

Jennifer Campbell Hampton - August 31, 2014 at 12:48 AM

JM

“ I had the privilege of being one of Mr. Hao's nurses. I fell in love with this family right away and I am inspired daily by the strength and support they gave one another. My deepest love and sympathy for your loss of this wonderful man.

jennifer mcmillan - August 31, 2014 at 12:16 AM



We obviously fell in love with you too Jenn. I miss him.

Connie Green - September 02, 2014 at 12:33 AM

Calsie-
ann
Stanton-
kamelamela

“ My name is Keikilani and I remember when the Hao's always came to Hawaii the Island of Oahu to visit us the Stanton's. They stayed at rest camp and we took Lee swimming. And I remember going to their house during the Holiday's too. Uncle Nellie you were an awesome person and me and my family will never forget you. Most of all Mom (Mary Mae). You were just like a brother to her and she loved you very much. We send all our love and Aloha to the Hao's from Da Stanton's & Da Kamelamela's here in Brigham city Utah.

Calsie-ann Stanton-kamelamela - August 30, 2014 at 08:45 PM

DP

“ Many of my fondest childhood memories were with my Aunt Exmae and Uncle Nellie. He was always easy going and smiling and happy and such a great dancer! The Luaus were legendary and EVERYONE was family. More fond memories and love than I can possibly share here. His smile and quiet strength will be missed. My love to all of the family here on the mainland and in Hawaii.

Denise Skaggs Pate

Denise Skaggs Pate - August 29, 2014 at 11:52 PM



Thanks cousin. Daddy loved you so much and so do I I don't think I could get through this without all of you.

Connie Green - August 30, 2014 at 11:52 PM

RG

“ I remember how proud I was growing up telling all my friends that my uncle is Hawaiian. 🌴🌺

I also loved how every time I walked in the house, he had a huge smile, asked if i was hungry and quickly had food in my hand... if i was hungry or not. 🍜🍝

If I was coming to town he would make his teriyaki just for me. It wasn't about the food, it was that he showed his love for people through his food and feeding family or hosting the college students.

I loved his smile..... He is in a better place and pain free looking down on us. I feel fortunate to have seen him a few weeks ago and when I walked in he had that same smile, little giggle and the slight turn of the head. He was an amazing man and will be missed dearly. Love to all in this difficult time.

Randee (Skaggs) Gumz

Randee Gumz - August 29, 2014 at 10:06 PM



Thank you for sharing your memories of daddy. He is in a better place and I was so blessed to be there when he left. I will see you in a few days. Love you.

Connie Green - August 30, 2014 at 11:54 PM