



Joshua Pukahi

September 2, 1990 - January 27, 2015

Our courageous son, caring brother, and fun-loving friend, Joshua Kahana-Lona Pukahi, passed away peacefully on Tuesday morning, January 27, 2015, at the tender age of 24 to sarcoma cancer (DSRCT). He was surrounded by his loving family at home.

Joshua was born on September 2, 1990 in Kahuku, Hawaii to Ron and Annette Pukahi. He grew up on the island of Oahu in Laie, Hawaii until he moved to Orem, Utah during the 4th grade. To help the family's transition of moving to the mainland, Joshua's dad obtained a part-time job with Delta Airlines, in order for the family to visit Hawaii whenever they could. So Joshua was able to keep his close ties with family and friends there throughout his lifetime.

In Orem, Joshua attended Cascade Elementary, Canyon View Jr. High, and Orem High School, where he obtained many life-long friends. During Josh's junior year of high school, he went home to Hawaii to live with his grandparents and attend Kahuku High School. With their help, he would later earn his Eagle Scout award. For Josh's senior year, he returned to Orem to graduate from Orem High School in 2008.

Josh could always tell the best stories. He loved to joke around with others, hang out with his friends, go to the beach, make crazy jumps off Laie Point, but most of all, play football and rugby. During his high school years, he played football for both Orem and Kahuku High Schools and rugby as part of the Orem Stallions. He loved to play and hit hard. (Football and rugby was Joshua's way of being able to "hit" people and get away it.)

After high school, Joshua attended Utah Valley University from the Fall of 2009 to the Spring of 2014, where he again continued his love of rugby and played for UVU for about 4 years. He earned a lot of respect from his teammates and coaches for being fearless and always playing hard... and a little too rough. During his years of study in Emergency Services, he earned his Basic and Advanced EMT, as well as his Associate's Degree. He was close to finishing his bachelor's degree when he was diagnosed.

One of Joshua's fondest memories was studying French through UVU's study abroad program in Paris, France in the Summer of 2012 and then traveling to other locations in Europe like Amsterdam and Monaco. He then later was able to go back to France for New Year's Eve with a close friend in December 2013.

Joshua is survived by his parents Ron and Annette, his sister Jessica, and brothers Jeremy and Jamison, his paternal grandparents Harold and Lorene Pukahi, and his maternal grandparents Gordon and Glenda Weaver, along with countless uncles, aunts, cousins, and friends.

Funeral Services will be held Saturday, February 7th, at 11:00 am, at the LDS Orem Cascade Stake Center, 481 East Center Street, Orem, Utah. Viewings will also be held at the same Stake Center on Friday, February 6th, from 6 - 8:00 p.m. and on Saturday, prior to services, from 9:00 - 10:30 a.m.

Joshua will return to Hawaii to be buried on Friday, February 13th, at 1:00 pm, at the Valley of the Temples Memorial Park in Kaneohe, Hawaii. Memorial Services will be held prior to Graveside Services, at 9:00 am, at Laie North State Center, 55-630 Naniloa Loop, Laie, Hawaii.

Events

FEB **Viewing** 06:00PM - 08:00PM

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Orem Cascade Stake Center
481 East Center Street, Orem, UT, US

FEB **Viewing** 09:00AM - 10:30AM

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FEB **Funeral Service** 11:00AM - 12:00PM

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Orem Cascade Stake Center
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FEB **Memorial Service** 09:00AM - 12:00PM

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Laie North Stake Center
55-630 Naniloa Loop, Laie, HI, US

FEB **Graveside Service** 01:00PM - 02:00PM

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Valley of the Temples Memorial Park
47-200 Kahekili Highway, Kaneohe, HI, US, 96744

Comments



“ I'm so very sorry for the loss of your son. I went to high school with josh and he was such a nice guy. At times he was part of the life of the party and made the classroom fun. My prayers are with your family.

kristen crespo - February 07, 2015 at 10:57 PM



“ Krydynce Clark lit a candle in memory of Joshua Pukahi



Krydynce Clark - February 05, 2015 at 02:54 PM



“ Mark D. Parker lit a candle in memory of Joshua Pukahi



Mark D. Parker - February 03, 2015 at 06:56 PM



“ Ron I am so sorry for such a great loss, I can only imagine the pain your Family is feeling. Know that you and your Family is in my prayers today. You are a strong man and it is a pleasure working with you. Gods speed to your son Joshua

Mark D. Parker - February 03, 2015 at 07:01 PM



“ 5 files added to the album Josh with UVU France Study Abroad 2012



Tammy Christensen - February 03, 2015 at 05:19 PM



“ Josh was a great friend we traveled the world and had a great time every where we went he will always be remembered as the one that loved life and everyone around him we'll miss you brother

Etika pauni - January 31, 2015 at 09:17 PM



“ Josh and my brother Matthew Mata'u became frienda when Josh came to Kahuku High School. He visited our home frequently to hangout and lift weight. Whenever he came, he always had a smile on his face and jokes to make everyone laugh. RIL Josh.

Sina Pili - January 31, 2015 at 02:41 PM



“ Dear Ron and Annette,

We love you and share your grief and loss. May the Lord bless and comfort you and your family and bring you peace through His Holy Spirit.

Aloha,
Ted and Karen Maeda

Theodore Maeda - January 31, 2015 at 01:39 PM



“ Annette and Ron,

We are so sorry for your loss. Our hearts go out to you and your family.

Brent and Rori Hadley

Rori Hadley - January 31, 2015 at 11:23 AM



“ I remember the first time I met josh it was on the rugby field. I remember getting there not knowing anyone, josh was one of the first guys that came up to me and introduced himself. I have never felt more welcomed anywhere then by all my brothers on the team. I have never seen josh upset, angry, sad, mad but the complete opposite always happy, laughing, joking around with such a huge smile on his face. He taught me to always be happy and smile. All I have had from josh have been positive experiences. I will never forget you josh.

Kevin Fernandez - January 31, 2015 at 09:26 AM



“ Norma Jennings lit a candle in memory of Joshua Pukahi



Norma Jennings - January 31, 2015 at 02:06 AM



“ He was joy to watch.. on and off the field haha what I admired about him was his "knack" for letting the ref know that he was wrong hahaha Even though it wasn't him that was penalized hahaha he still let the ref know, with his pigeon accent haha. Even though I haven't seen him in yrs, but when I do see him, he always makes his way to say hi. He's not like one of those kids who pretends to NOT KNOW YOU when around friends.. I loved watching him play and more so, I love his aloha spirit around others. I'm glad he lived a beautiful, fun and adventurous life before he got called home. We love you Josh, ia manuia lou malaga..

Norma - January 31, 2015 at 02:18 AM



“ Ron and Family,

Deepest condolences to you and your family. Our prayers and thought are with you and the whole Pukahi family, as you mourn the loss of a great son. Be comforted knowing that the Plan of Salvation is Real, and that your son is in the arms of a Loving Father in Heaven who needs me to prepare your family return to leave with Him and your son again. The Gospel is true, and knowing that will comfort you and your family more than you will realize. The Tuaitanu's Love you Ron and family, and all of the Pukahi family.

Kilifi Tuaitanu - February 01, 2015 at 11:33 AM



“ Annette and Ron,

I am so sorry to hear of your loss. My heart goes out to you and your family. May the Lord bless and comfort you and your family.

Susan Stroud

Susan - February 02, 2015 at 10:15 AM



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Norma Jennings - January 31, 2015 at 02:05 AM



“ I remember the first time meeting josh. We were in ROTC together, and he asked me if I knew anything about rugby. At that point I had made my decision to play rugby for UVU, and our friendship grew into a brotherhood as days passed by, and we went to war on the pitch. That was in 2009, and I will not forgot all the memories that we had throughout our days together.

You will not be forgotten toko, ofa atu.

Robert (RJ) and Rachael Jenny.



Robert Jenny - January 31, 2015 at 12:38 AM



“ I remember this kid on the sideline when I use to play at uvu he always come say hi to me after the games and always give me that smile n very humble and i don't even know this kid. Until the following yr I play with him and I watch this kid play rugby. To the point I didn't wana play rugby I rather watch him instead of playing. This kid was fast n he could hit and he get the ball on his hand it tools 4 to 5 guys to bring him down and said to myself I think is time for me to stop playing cause there s new superstar in town haha . This is how I want my 2 sons to be like him very humble n kind n always smile and not afraid to say hi. Josh I will keep playinnng rugby until we meet again and your dad is a very osom man n I'm proud to be your teammates n family n stop calling uncle in the front of girls lol I love u josh. R.I.P.

manu haunga - February 03, 2015 at 01:56 AM



“ Ron, our prayers are with you and your family my brother. May the knowledge of the gospel and the plan of salvation bring peace to your souls. We mourn with you and comfort you as part of our commitment to live the gospel of Jesus Christ. Know that you have shoulders to lean on.

Gregory Andersen - February 03, 2015 at 11:27 PM