



Leilani Ku'ulei White

April 30, 1979 - February 27, 2017

Leilani Ku'ulei White was born to Gerek Kinau and Patricia Lynn White on April 30, 1979 in San Diego, California. Her father Gerek was serving in the United States Navy at the time of her birth. Two days after Leilani was born the military hospital would not release baby Leilani and mother Patti until the full payment of \$14 and some change were made (What a bargain don't you think?).

Growing up little Leilani always lit up the room with her bright eyes, huge smile and infectious and boisterous laugh! (she could be loud, okay she might be loud, okay SHE IS LOUD!) but we all love her for it! She was the cutest little girl and Mom loved sewing pretty little dresses for her. People would say "oh, you're so cute" Leilani would sometime respond "I know".

Leilani's brother Sam was born 18 months after Leilani and was her best friend and was almost as loud as she was! Sister Kahikilani came 2 years after Sam and Sister Meleana 3 years after Kahikilani. Some years later brother Jesse joined our family and completed our O'hana.

The meaning of Leilani's first name is: Lei (garland of flowers) and Iani (heaven), "garland of flowers from heaven". Leilani's middle name Ku'ulei was given to her in honor of her dad's mother Edith Ku'ulei. The meaning of Ku'ulei is: Ku'u (my) and Lei (garland of flower), "my garland of flowers". Leilani Ku'ulei, our "heavenly flower" honored her Grandmothers name by giving and loving just like her namesake did. Grandma Ku'ulei is a great and loving woman who gives all to help others and so does Leilani.

Leilani grew up in a little town called Stanwood located in Washington State. She attended and graduated from Stanwood High School in 1998 and also attended Skagit Valley Community College in 1999.

Leilani was married in 2002 and divorced in 2007. Leilani's son Isaiah and daughter Joy are the loves and meaning of her life. Everything that she does are for their behalf.

Leilani is so proud of Isaiah for who he is. Isaiah is a reflection of Leilani's love and compassion for others. We know that Leilani will always be by Isaiah's side watching over and guiding him throughout his life. Leilani is also proud of her daughter Joy who is a graduate of BYU with a Bachelors of Science & Management degree and is now pursuing her degree in law.

Leilani's working career includes:

- Working in the Seafood Department at Haggen's Grocery Store
- She worked with disabled children at a Children's Rehab Center
- She worked in a pre-school/daycare (as Leilani loves children)
- She worked at Intel-Micron Flash Technologies as a FAB technician and trainer
- She had presently worked at Young Living (her dream job) where she started as a trainer before becoming an Assistant Manager for the Leadership Department. She thrived and grew tremendously at Young Living. She loved her job and the people that she worked with and expressed that feeling often to her family members. She was happy with her life and was heading on a good and fruitful path.

Our family thanks Young Living for giving Leilani the opportunity to grow, learn, achieve, find success and be loved by others who worked with her. Leilani's manager "JP" said that Leilani touched many hearts with her smile and the way she was.

Leilani's best friends (besides Isaiah and Joy) are Devin Olson and Liam Sloan who are her hanai (adopted) brothers. They have been a great blessing in Leilani's and Isaiah's lives. Our family thanks Devin and Liam for supporting and being such great friends to Leilani and for now continuing to be so for Isaiah.

If Leilani could speak to everyone here right now, she would start off by saying "ALOHA", she would express how grateful she is for everyone who have attended today, she would say that she loves you all, she would introduce everyone to her Son Isaiah and Daughter Joy and would relate you how proud she is of them, she would express her love to her family, she would say how happy she is and somewhere in all of this, she would probably give a "Plug" for Young Living.

We Leilani's family also express our love to everyone here, you are all our family. Thank you for your time, your support, your service and most importantly for your love. This has been a challenging week for sure, but because of you and the love of our Savior we have the strength to endure. We love you and can't express our thanks enough. May God bless you all with his choicest blessings, always!

Funeral Services will be held Saturday, March 4, 2017 at 11:00 am at the Manila 8th Ward, 3785 West Box Elder Drive (4000 North), Pleasant Grove, Utah. Interment in Pleasant Grove City Cemetery, 600 North 100 West, Pleasant Grove, Utah.

Flowers may be sent to 3785 West Box Elder Drive (4000 North), Pleasant Grove, Utah after 8:30 am on Saturday, March 4th.

Funeral Directors: Utah Valley Mortuary.

Cemetery

Pleasant Grove City Cemetery

600 North 100 West
Pleasant Grove, UT, 84062

Events

MAR 4 **Funeral Service** 11:00AM - 12:00PM

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Manila 8th Ward

3785 West Box Elder Drive, Pleasant Grove, UT, US,
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Comments



“ Leilani was a very kind soul. I'm glad to have gotten to know here for the short time we knew each other.

Robert J. - January 03, 2019 at 11:13 PM



“ Leilani was one of the nicest people I ever met! We will all miss her. She is in a better place.

Shawn Larson - March 04, 2017 at 04:30 PM



“ Rest in Peace Lelaini. You touched the heart of everyone you came in contact with. I am lucky to have met you.



Alita Quintana - March 03, 2017 at 06:42 PM



“ I met Leilani when I started working for Young Living then I moved to Leadership departmennt and then she join our department. She will always have that bright strong smile and always happy. We worked convetion together we share good memories. Her last words to me was Happy early Birthday. I will always remember Leilani as a great strong women.



Angie Marysol - March 03, 2017 at 01:59 PM



“ This is a shocker. I just now found out about Leilani's passing. She was a wonderful person. So sweet and kind to all. Just as wonderful as her family. Rest in peace dear friend.

Robert Jones - December 17, 2018 at 02:32 PM



“ Alma lit a candle in memory of Leilani Ku'u lei White



Alma - March 03, 2017 at 11:33 AM



“ Rest in peace beautiful.

Alma - March 03, 2017 at 11:33 AM



“ Michele Hardman lit a candle in memory of Leilani Ku'ulei White



Michele Hardman - March 03, 2017 at 09:00 AM



“ We hit it off from the moment that we met, how could we not? You were always so open and loving with absolutely everyone. I cherished you, mine, Dallin, Devin and Liam's breaks together, along with anyone else who would join us. You always gave me so much great advice when it came to personal struggles, as well as work struggles. You, your laugh, your beauty and your hugs will never be forgotten. Fly with the angels my beautiful friend. I will miss your face "Lovey"

Michele Hardman - March 03, 2017 at 09:04 AM



“ Leilani spells love. Her visits to see grandma Marion warmed our hearts and she always hugged us and the other workers. Her son was right by her side learning how to help and give. Marion, of course, always laughed with Leilani and was happier when they shared time together. Everyone at Manila Hills Home loved Leilani as she opened her heart to us. With love Dave and Dian Gibb

Dian Gibb - March 02, 2017 at 06:28 PM



“ Rest in Peace sweet girl...

Kristine frady - March 02, 2017 at 03:25 PM



“ I loved her infectious smile, and warm hugs of love, always making you feel very special. Love you, Leilani.

Carolyn Dalton - March 02, 2017 at 02:06 PM



“ What a remarkable, witty woman she was. She was the first person I really got to know at Young Living and happened to follow each other along the career path. She always had a bright smile on her face and welcoming, loving eyes. Her laugh was contagious and she knew how to brighten even the darkest of days. She called me 'Merika' since training class and even at events. Her life was full of challenges but she took them head on and did her best in everything. I am honored to have known her and called her friend. May your light shine on through everyone you impacted and touched.

- Erika Madsen-Goldman

Erika Madsen - March 01, 2017 at 05:35 PM



“ I will always remember how she loved everyone she knew! Her brightness will be sorely missed! She was such an amazing person, but most of all friends with everyone who knew her. She was very intelligent & loved everything about life & knew how to have fun! She was a trainer of many of my friends at work & loved by all who knew her. Sleep well my good friend, until we meet again. Aloha! Hugs.

Love Karen

Karen Young - March 01, 2017 at 06:57 PM



“ Sean Young lit a candle in memory of Leilani Ku'u lei White



Sean Young - March 01, 2017 at 04:25 PM



“ Leilani was a very close friend and an amazing person in my life! She taught me so much in the almost 5 years we were together. You made me a better person. You were so full of laughter and joy and brightened everyone's day. You helped me improve my relationship with my kids and you are still a huge role model in their life's! You were like a second mother to them. We had so many laugh's and good times and shared a lot of ups and downs through the years but always stayed positive and happy. I will always keep those memories in my heart! You are one of a kind and you will be truly missed! God has taken an angel. We all love you Leilani and will see you again soon!



Sean Young - March 01, 2017 at 03:17 PM



“ Very sad for you . Once I. A lifetime . Was sick for very long time ?

Gloria Carson - March 01, 2017 at 04:21 PM



“ What a loss, she was my trainer at young living, I got to know her very well. It is hard to think her laugh won't be heard anymore. She will be missed.

Adrian Robertson - March 01, 2017 at 03:13 PM



“ I've known Leilani for almost two years now. Though she was my supervisor, we were more friends. We talked about boys, life, goals, dreams, kids. We spent hours talking and laughing. I love her laugh and the amazing way she would tell stories. She had an amazing "mischievous" side to her that always led to a good story. She always made sure her team was taken care of, food, snacks, you name it she had it. She did everything she could to ensure everyone was happy.

Sarah Sanford - March 01, 2017 at 01:18 PM



“ I didn't know her for very long, but long enough to be able to share in her infectious laugh, love and commitment to her Young Living leadership team. It was an honor to know her for the time I did. Much love!! - Alicia H.

Alicia Hewlett - March 01, 2017 at 12:18 PM



“ I want to extend my deepest sympathy to all of Leilani's family. She was a very caring, loving and special lady. I knew her through her work and she was always willing to help solve whatever problems came up. There was always a hug and a big smile for everyone. I looked forward to every chance I got to visit with her or see her in leadership. Isaiah was a topic of many conversations and she was one proud mama. Isaiah you were truly the light of her life and she had big plans for you. I know you can do great things as you carry her spirit forward. Sending prayers for healing for each of you as you deal with the loss of such a sweet soul. -Georgia Watson

Georgia Watson - March 01, 2017 at 02:04 AM



“ Ku'u lei was one of my very best friends. She always joked that I was the one female she could handle being around because I was a younger carbon copy of herself. (My officially dubbed nickname was Leilani 2.0) She was the brightest most beautiful and vibrant soul I have ever met and we spent a lot of time together. When I was around her everything was ok, no matter what was happening in my life- she always knew how to fix it and what to say. Words can't express how much I miss her. I was fortunate to know her as long as I did but it will never be long enough. I love her so much and I send my love and condolences to your family.

Charity-Faith Coleman - March 01, 2017 at 02:03 AM