



Derrick "Rick" Kapuni'ai O'Sullivan

February 5, 1963 - April 18, 2022

MSgt (Ret) Derrick (Rick) Kapuni'ai O'Sullivan, 59, of Waldorf, Maryland, passed away on April 18, 2022 at his home, surrounded by his loving family.

Born on February 5, 1963 in Honolulu, Hawaii, he was the son of the late Charlene Kalanikaulelewi Sook Kee O'Sullivan. Growing up, Rick enjoyed softball, boxing, and surfing before leaving the Island of O'ahu to enlist in the Air Force at age 19. While stationed at Nellis AFB, Nevada in 1983, Rick met and married Lianne Kaleinani Arick. Throughout his 24 years of proudly serving his country, Rick's duty stations included Castle AFB, California; Decimomannu AB, Italy; F. E. Warren AFB, Wyoming; Osan AB, South Korea; Eskan Village, Saudi Arabia; and Joint Base Andrews, Maryland.

As he rose through the military ranks, Rick's greatest pleasure as an NCO was the opportunity to take young airmen under his wing and to help these airmen grow into outstanding NCOs, some even achieving the rank of CSMGT. Rick was passionate when it came to helping young men and women achieve their dreams. He spent countless hours listening and advising his troops. He coached numerous youth and adult teams in a variety of sports, but his favorite team sport was volleyball. He was an excellent volleyball player in his own right, first as outside hitter and later as a setter with "clean" hands.

As much as he was dedicated to the Air Force, Rick's greatest pride was seeing his daughter, Nicole Kalehuamakanoe O'Sullivan grow into the beautiful woman she is today. Although his physical body is no longer with us, his presence will be felt at his daughter's upcoming wedding to her fiancé, Bodey Flemming.

In addition to his wife and daughter, Rick is survived by his sisters Foga Dunn and spouse James; Leilani Bennett, Malama Sarah Padua and spouse Enrique; brothers Steven Rico Rains and Fiamalu Leoso, Jr.; and step-brothers Taimi Toeaina and Sepi Toeaina. Rick is predeceased by his sisters Rosemary Hendricks and Elizabeth Leoso.

A celebration of life will be held on Monday, April 25, 2022 from 10AM until 11AM at Raymond Funeral Service, P.A., 5635 Washington Avenue, La Plata, Maryland 20646. Interment will take place on the Island of O'ahu, Hawaii at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Charles County, 2505 Davis Road, Waldorf, MD 20603.

Tribute Wall



“ *Derrick "Rick" Kapuni'ai O'Sullivan*

October 08, 2023 at 10:45 PM



“ *Derrick "Rick" Kapuni'ai O'Sullivan*

October 04, 2023 at 03:12 PM



“ *He was my boss, my mentor, my first introduction to playing golf. 🙏 He paved the way for me and played a huge part for me in navigating my Air Force career. Braddah... you are sorely missed! Love you!!*



Albert Julo - September 09, 2023 at 03:56 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Derrick "Rick" Kapuni'ai O'Sullivan.*



April 24, 2022 at 07:37 PM

ER

“ Lianne, and the O’ Sullivan family,
My deepest condolences for the lost of your
love one. May God give the family strength
and grace.
Eleanor Royster



Eleanor Roystet - April 24, 2022 at 04:05 PM

JT

“ Joe Thornberry lit a candle in memory of
Derrick "Rick" Kapuni'ai O'Sullivan



Joe Thornberry - April 24, 2022 at 02:35 PM

JH

“ Jacqueline S. Hamlin lit a candle in memory
of Derrick "Rick" Kapuni'ai O'Sullivan



Jacqueline S. Hamlin - April 22, 2022 at 10:03 PM

MH

“ Lianne and the O’Sullivan family, Please accept my sincere and
heartfelt condolences during this difficult time.

Mary Beth Harney

Mary Beth Harney - April 22, 2022 at 03:18 PM



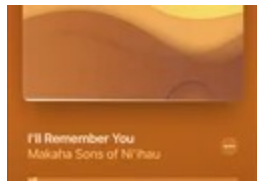
“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Derrick "Rick" Kapuni'ai O'Sullivan.*



April 22, 2022 at 12:17 PM



“ *I worked with Rick at Andrews AFB and he became like a 2nd Dad to me. He helped me so much with his friendship, advice and care over the years. I was stationed at Hickam and met up with Rick and Nikki for a boogie boarding session where I took these pictures. When I was dealing with the death of my Father, he mentioned the song pictured below and it helped. Mahalo Nui Loa and A Hui Hou Rick...Aloha*



Suzanne Feely - April 22, 2022 at 12:12 PM



“ *Business Dept.- Nicole, Jeanine and Lisa purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Derrick "Rick" Kapuni'ai O'Sullivan.*



Business Dept.- Nicole, Jeanine and Lisa - April 22, 2022 at 11:38 AM

DU

“ I was deeply saddened to hear of Ricks passing and I would like express my sincerest sympathy to the O’Sullivan family. Please accept our heartfelt condolences at this difficult time. Jody and I will be keeping the family in our prayers. I will always fondly remember our days at Castle AFB with the crew that we had, and cherish the fact that we were able to stay in contact all these years. Rest in Peace Rick. David Underwood

David Underwood - April 21, 2022 at 10:58 AM



“ A New Sunrise Spray was purchased for the family of Derrick "Rick" Kapuni'ai O'Sullivan.



April 21, 2022 at 10:48 AM

DR

“ Danon Rodarte lit a candle in memory of Derrick "Rick" Kapuni'ai O'Sullivan



Danon Rodarte - April 21, 2022 at 10:48 AM



Michael Cassidy

“ Michael Cassidy lit a candle in memory of Derrick "Rick" Kapuni'ai O'Sullivan



Michael Cassidy - April 21, 2022 at 06:13 AM

MF

“ *Michael D Cassidy and Family purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Derrick "Rick" Kapuni'ai O'Sullivan.*



Michael D Cassidy and Family - April 21, 2022 at 06:07 AM