Nora Nagao

June 7, 1935 - December 20, 2022

Nora Nagao passed peacefully in her sleep on Tuesday, December 20, 2022, at the age of eighty-seven. She joins the loved ones who preceded her in death, her beloved husband Ralph, brothers Robert, Kenneth and Melvin, and parents Francis and Hiroshi.

She was born Nora Tamae Fukuhara in Pepeekeo, Hawaii on June 7, 1935. Nora attended and graduated Hilo High School, where she met Ralph Nagao. The two dated for several years, married March 12, 1955 and moved to California shortly after. Nora kept ties to Hawaii through the Kamaaina Club of Orange County, where she enjoyed bowling, golfing, and singing and dancing in the glee club. She also loved to play cards with ladies from the club.

At home, Nora raised three children in Lakewood, CA nurturing them with love and nightly home cooked meals. She was an amazing cook, with an extensive repertoire learned from her parents and grandparents and encompassing her many cultures - Japanese, Chinese, Portuguese, Hawaiian and American. She loved to attend her children’s and grandchildren’s sporting events and was known to be very vocal towards referees and umpires who made bad calls against her teams, one time resulting in a soccer game being called. Nora had many personal hobbies, such as growing orchids, making patch blankets and quilts, making bags and purses, painting seasonal and floral shirts, collecting movies, and reading mystery and detective novels from the

likes of James Patterson. She was a talented singer who recording songs from many genres and eras on her karaoke machine. Even in her final year, Nora spent her days playing piano and crocheting blankets, shawls, and scarves with vigor.

Nora is survived by children Laura Gandolfo, Ryan Nagao and Cory Nagao; sons and daughters in-law Steve Gandolfo, Angela Nagao, Raquel Nagao; grandchildren Steve Gandolfo, Meredith Gandolfo, Liana Nagao, Sophia Nagao, Ariana McMurray, Conan McMurray, Connor Nagao; and great grandchildren Marlee Ressler and Garrett Gandolfo.

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To the Nago Family,

A mother's guiding hand sits on the shoulder of her children and the loss of a mother is such a great loss that can't be filled by anyone else. Your mother was a very intelligent lady who always inspired everyone. It was such a privilege to be there in her final days with our hospice team, and build a lasting memorial website for the family, so everyone can share memories.

You can be comforted in knowing that you gave the very best care for your mother and everyone can see what a fine job she did in raising her children. May your mom rest in peace, and I know that she will be terribly missed by everyone who knew her. Please send our sympathies to your entire family.

Chaplain Roger Rustad

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