



Pauline Yolanda Bonwell

January 27, 1941 - December 3, 2011

Pauline Y. Bonwell, loving wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother, sister, aunt and friend, passed away suddenly in her home on Saturday, December 3, 2011.

Paula was born on Kauai, HI on January 27, 1941 to Isidro & Carmalina (Asignar) Buduan. She graduated from Waimea High School.

On August 21, 1965 Paula married a military man named Ron who was serving in the Navy and stationed in Hawaii. Paula left the islands and their children would soon follow. Paula raised three daughters. As a military wife, Ron was overseas a lot leaving the girls to be strong on their own. Paula was very proud to be the mother of three girls that grew up to be strong women with families of their own.

Paula and Ron moved to East Wenatchee in 1983. Were they become very active in the American Legion Post 10. Paula was a member of the Eight and Forty Auxiliary. Paula was proud of her involvement with the ladies of the Auxiliary, often doing a lot of the crafty work with Christmas cards and decorations. Paula enjoyed the annual Crab Feed at the Legion. No one could get the crab out of the shell like she could.

Paula did years of child care out of her home both for kids in the valley and her own grand kids. Kids loved Paula and Paula loved the kids.

Paula enjoyed spending time with friends and family up at Lake Roosevelt at the DAHOBO Inn, a property owned by Paula, Ron and four dear friends.

Paula was one of 10 siblings: Julia (Genzu) Nebesima, HI, Gail (Gilbert)

Agulair, LA, Shermane (Henrey) Chu, HI, Dennis (Ophelia) Buduan, HI, Stanley Buduan (Bob), HI, Roy Buduan (Loyd) HI, Leon (Lynette) Buduan, WA, Louis (Chong Ae) Buduan, OR.

Paula is survived by three daughters and their husbands; Laura & Darin Bender, Wenatchee, Darla & Troy Racus, East Wenatchee, and Rhonda & Chad Yenney, Wenatchee. Seven grandchildren; Ashlee Shrigley (Joe) Covington, Adam, Austin and Alex Racus, East Wenatchee, Emma & Maxwell Yenney and Riley Bender, Wenatchee, and one great grandson, Zaiden Shrigley and Dan & Judy Bonwell, Brother in Law and Sister in Law, East Wenatchee and several nieces and nephews.

Paula was preceded in death by; her parents, her husband, Ronald Bonwell and one brother, Charlie Buduan.

A service will be held on Thursday, December 8, 2011 @ 11:00am at the American Legion Post # 10 in Wenatchee. Friends who wish may make memorial donations in Paula's name to the Forty and Eight Nursing Scholarship, c/o American Legion Post #10.

You are invited to view her tribute online at www.HeritageMemorialChapel.com.

"Mommie, we are going to miss you so very much. It seems like we just lost daddy and now you are gone too. We love you and please know we will be here for each other" Your daughters - Laura, Darla and Rhonda.

Tribute Wall

DA

“ Time is healing, I close my eyes and sleep now rather than reliving that day. It still feels like a dream, that you are gone. I come here and there it is ...your obituary.. I miss you alot, there are many times for a split second I think I should call you and see how your day went while I was at work. We always did so many things together, I didn't realize that even though you needed me to take you everywhere, I needed someone to go with me. Summer will be here soon and there will be so many family get togethers that we are used to having you around for. I miss you everyday, I hope you can see that. I hate that you are gone.

Darla - February 24, 2012 at 09:24 PM

DA

“ Its been 16 days and I am still numb, everyday I cry, I miss you so much...I think because the holidays are around the corner and I know you would have loved our company, we always have so much fun, and I know you enjoyed holding little baby Zaiden. He's crawling all over now, I am sad you are going to miss him growing up and that he won't know you or daddy. Seems like a nightmare that you passed away. I so wish you were here with us. I love you mommy, and miss you tons.

Darla - December 20, 2011 at 12:51 AM

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“ The service was yesterday. I hope you liked it. You had many friends that will miss you and of course lots of family that love and miss you. The reality of you being gone is the next phase we will be moving into and I can tell already, it is going to be painful. I am sad you left us so quickly and mad that it had to be now. We were all healing together after losing daddy and now the healing will start over and to be honest losing both your parents not even two years apart seems a little unfair and I am not sure how you heal from that. People say it takes time and I am sure time helps, but this feels like it will take a lot of time. I love you mommy and continue to cry over losing you, but as life continues to go on around me I am comforted by knowing that my God is with me healing me and giving me the strength I need to survive this.

Laurie (Laura) - December 10, 2011 at 01:30 AM

DA

“ We had your service Mommy, it was beautiful...it was a great tribute to you and your life.. There were so many people there, it was amazing....I am so happy that you and daddy made so many friends that will circle around us and remind us of you when we see them all. I got so many genuine hugs yesterday, they all will miss you....your smile....your generosity (I know whoever you drew at the legion for secret Santa always loved that you had them) some of your family came and we loved having them there, they were so sad to have to say goodbye to you. I will miss you forever and ever. We called you Mommy and Daddy all our lives, people thought it was weird... But it's how it was, I miss you Mommy and hate that you had to go...

Darla - December 09, 2011 at 09:46 PM

PR

“ I only met Darla's Mom a couple of times. She always looked like she was happy to be with her daughters. I know she must have been a wonderful mother because Darla is so kind, generous and fun. She will be missed.

Patty Rantz - December 08, 2011 at 01:35 PM

PY

“ "They laughed a little louder, They cried a little softer, They loved a little stronger Because they stood together..... Sisters. We are grateful that the three of you are so close. Please know that we are here if there is anything we can do. Rhonda , we love you.

Phil and Bonnie Yenney - December 07, 2011 at 09:50 PM

PY

“ We loved you, Paula. We loved you for the wonderful spirit you had and still have. Your girls will eventually be okay but all were cheated of more time with you. You will be sorely missed. "When tears come, I breathe deeply and rest. I know I am swimming in a halllowed stream where many have gone before. I am not alone, crazy, or having a nervous breakdown... My heart is at work, my soul is awake. "

Phil and Bonnie Yenney - December 07, 2011 at 09:44 PM

KH

“ Paula,

I met you December 1983 at your house on our way to a Sheriff's Christmas Party. The 4 of us just seem to click and had so many things in common. We never lacked for something to talk about. Your 50th surprise party at our house where we told you we were going out for a lobster dinner. We still owed you that dinner!! The free bottle of wine in Alturas, Ca. because you said you knew the cook was someone you went to school with in Hawaii. You were right! He knew you and your family. He was the owner! Our trips to Canada, South Dakota, California, Arizona, Nevada are all great memories we will carry forever.

The hours we sat in the shade at the Lake watching the boats and listening to our favorite music and just talking. Those memories we will hold close to our hearts. We feel very blessed to have known you and to have been your friend. You have left a hole in our hearts but those wonderful memories will fill it back up one day. You were a wonderful friend and we will miss you. We just weren't ready for you 2 to leave us! Thanks for the memories!!

Karen Howard - December 07, 2011 at 09:42 PM

CK

“ Laura and Darla,

My heart aches for you and you are in my prayers.

Cheryl

Cheryl Keeley - December 07, 2011 at 06:18 PM

RC

“ To the Bonwell relatives... I am the Past Commander of American Legion Post 10 when Ron "retired" from being Post Adjutant after many years. All too soon after that, I had the very sad duty of saying goodbye to him in the hospital, and that was tragic. Only after that did I get to meet and know Paula pretty well. She was so strong and positive and cheerfully accepting of her loss of Ron, I found her a most wonderful, unique, loving, and optimistic individual. Her passing is so shocking to me, she was such a great supportive force in the Legion Auxiliary, always there when anything was going on. I am so sorry you have now lost her, too. My condolences go to you from the bottom of my heart. But, they are together again.

Rich Cronin - December 07, 2011 at 06:11 PM

LB

“ Girls, words can't describe the sadness I feel for you! Your Mom was such a beautiful ray of sunshine in every one's life that knew her! There was never a lack of laughter when she was around! She will be missed by so many but now is making those we have lost laugh like she did us! Prayers and thoughts are with you all!

Linda Bonwell - December 07, 2011 at 03:39 PM

GG

“ It seems like yesterday when we met and became a military family. Remember Ron and George retiring together, our camping trips (mostly in the rain), trips to Wenatchee to share with your family special times and the joy of hanging out with all the Bonwell's. I remember our wonderful reception from your family when the four of us flew to Kauai for a week. You will always be in our thoughts. Girls please keep us in your family circle. You were brought up with strong family values and that will help you get past the pain and loss. Our love and thoughts.

George and Gloria - December 07, 2011 at 01:53 PM

HM

“ I was so sorry to hear today of your loss, Rhonda and family. Although I did not know your mom, I know she must have been wonderful because I know how much you adored her and how close you were with her. My deepest sympathy goes out to all of you during this time.

Heather Maddy - December 06, 2011 at 07:14 PM

JG

“ Our hearts and prayers go out to you all both John and I are stil in shock. Paula was a very special lady and friend to us will will forever miss her humor. God bless you all in this time of sadness. John and Lori Gill

John & Lori Gill - December 06, 2011 at 04:06 PM

JS

“ Thank you Judy for letting me know. My heart and prayers go out to all of you, I am heart broken. I know the whole family up there are having a party can hardly wait till we can all get there. May God be with you all wish I could travel there to be with you but know in your hearts I am with you. I am just in shock. Laurie can you call me so Tronette has your number?? Judy has my number.

Janice Salmans - December 06, 2011 at 02:47 PM

RY

“ We were not done yet. We were suppose to go to the Bahamas next year and have all inclusive. She was suppose to get better at Spacebook and texting. We were healing together after daddy died. Now here I am without either one of them. My agenda today is to cry.

Rhonda Yenney - December 06, 2011 at 01:57 PM

LA

“ It has been two days since you left us and the pain is still almost unbearable. We are involved in things during the day and I almost forget what is happening right now, then something reminds me my mom is gone and I cry again. They say time makes it better, but I am not sure how much time this is going to take. You left so suddenly, I had no idea our time with you was going to end, I was not ready. I love you and miss u.

Laurie - December 06, 2011 at 03:28 AM

KS

“ Paula you are one of the handful of people who always call me Kristi...I loved hearing that from you. You will be so missed by everyone, most especially your beautiful daughters. I know you are with Ron and all the family that has gone before...give my dad a hug for us. Love, Kristi

Kristin (Kristi) Sitcov - December 05, 2011 at 01:35 PM

BG

“ When I was 11 I went through a growing spurt and all of my shoes were too small. Paula invited me over to go shopping in her closet. I had never seen more shoes in my life. I had hit the jackpot! Paula gave me a huge bag of shoes to take home with me. I had red ones, green ones, purple ones and HOT PINK ones! I didn't even have enough outfits to match with all of my new shoes! Paula knew that my family was able to afford shoes for my feet...but that didn't matter to her. She just wanted to bless someone! What a thoughtful, kind, giving and loving woman. It is our loss and Heaven's gain to have Paula as an angel (and an amazing cook to help prepare feasts!) Paula, you are loved, missed and will never be forgotten. Welcome home.

Becca Grizzle - December 05, 2011 at 04:34 AM

SC

“ Our hearts are broken,our eyes are weeping.. You & Ron raised a beautiful family... Knowing you are together- brings us comfort.. We will wrap our arms around your family/friends in their time of need..We will miss your friendliness ,your warmth,& laughter...(Give my dad a hug, I know your all having a private party.) xx oo sweetheart.....

Shannon Coe-Barnes - December 04, 2011 at 10:13 PM

MR

“ Our prayers are with all of you. She was a wonderful lady with a great smile that she was always willing to share.

Mike and Chris Racus - December 04, 2011 at 09:55 PM

JU

“ My heart goes out to those left behind. You are leaving a big hole in their lives. May the memories we have of you never leave. You have joined a great many people that we have loved and lost. You may be gone from our sight but never our hearts.
Love your sister-in-law

Judy - December 04, 2011 at 02:04 PM

DA

“ Paula, I was only 9 when you married my brother. I always thought of you as a sister. Now all the people I cared so much for have left me physically but never in my thoughts. Until we are all together again as a family.

Love you Your Brother-in-law

Danny - December 04, 2011 at 01:52 PM

KJ

“ Paula was an angel in my life when I needed help many years ago and she remained a dear friend! She took special care of the dearest people in my life...my children! She was a very special lady that will be missed so very much! I know how close she was to her girls and grandchildren and I am so sorry that you are all hurting!! I will keep praying for peace and strength for you. I know from talking with her recently how much she missed her beloved husband, and I hope you will all find comfort in knowing they are together again! You now have some very special angels watching over you!! I know from losing my dad 4 years ago, how hard and how long it takes to get past the pain! I don't know if it ever goes away, but it does get easier with time! Laura, Darla and Rhonda~ hold on to the wonderful memories of your mom and dad, and hold on to each other! I love you and your families! You have and always will be special people in my life!!! Sending hugs and prayers...Kim

Kim Barnes, Josh and Jessi - December 04, 2011 at 01:28 PM

SA

“ Paula, Girlfriend. I am shocked to learn that, you, too, left the flock. All I can do is request that you keep the conversation going with the guys until I join you all. I am not quite ready to do that yet but who knows what the Lord has in store. Your girls are devastated, as well can be expected. Time will help to close the wounds but they will never truly "heal". Be happy now and rest! I will miss our conversations.

Sally - December 04, 2011 at 01:21 PM

KI

“ I remember the first time Ronnie brought his beautiful bride home. She was instantly family! She was so nice and she could Hula! I was so excited she was MY cousin! And then one by one she and Ronnie brought brought home 3 adorable girls to share with the family. FAMILY, that is what Paula was all about. What a hole she has left behind as she joins our loved ones in heaven.

Kimi - December 04, 2011 at 11:54 AM

DR

“ It didn't seem real till I logged on here and saw this early this morning, my heart hurts so bad that you are gone, we thought you had a long life ahead of you without Daddy, I said that to you many times, I cant believe you are gone. There was so much to still do for Christmas, your favorite holiday. I know you are with daddy and I should be happy about that. But that will take time, as I wasn't healed from Daddy leaving us, you both left so suddenly and unexpectedly. I will soon feel comfort in that but for now I am angry you are gone

Darla Racus - December 04, 2011 at 11:00 AM

LA

“ I miss you already mommy! I find comfort in knowing you are with daddy. We are now three! I love you....Laurie

Laura - December 04, 2011 at 12:55 AM