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**B**en Hernandez, known by his grandchildren as “Papa” and siblings as “Bhoy”, 69, of Maui, Hawaii, passed away on August 20 2024.

He was born on August 10, 1955 to Policronio and Rosario (Bonilla) Hernandez in San Nicolas, Ilocos Norte, Philippines.

Ben graduated from Ilocos Norte College of Arts and Trades (INCAT) where he studied carpentry. He moved to Paia, Hawaii with his mother and four younger brothers in 1975. He returned to the Philippines and met the love of his life,

Lumen (Juan) where they were happily married in Manila, Philippines in 1981.

He worked as a sugar boiler mechanic for Hawaii Commercial & Sugar (HC&S) at the Paia Mill and transferred to the Pu’unene mill where he worked for over 35 years until it closed down in 2016.

Ben and Lumen went on to have two children, Jojo and Heidi. In 2016, Ben retired and spent his time caring for his grandson Justin Hernandez, gardening, and maintaining his second home in Las Vegas, Nevada.

He was an active member of Christ The King Church where he and his wife were also members of the Marian Choir. He also loved singing karaoke and playing at the golf range with his friends, and also loved to play basketball. His favorite hobbies were cleaning his cars, and walking with his wife and his dog Howie at Keopuolani Park.

Ben was a devoted husband, caring father, and loyal friend. He was focused, and always busy working on projects around the house and always cleaning something or helping others as a handyman.

He was warm, kind, welcoming, humble, and loved by many and will be missed dearly. He was always taking care of people, especially his wife and family.

Blessed with many talents, he was a passionate dancer, he loved ballroom dancing



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with his wife, and was always searching on YouTube for new music and dances to learn and teach.

Ben is survived by his loving wife Lumen Hernandez of 43 wonderful years, son Jojo Hernandez, and daughter Heidi Hernandez and grandchild Justin Hernandez, his sisters Estelita Salmo, Sally Hernandez, and brothers Gualberto, Benjamin, Rudy, and Alfredo Hernandez. He is preceded in death by his mother Rosario Hernandez.

The Hernandez family are grateful to the nurses, doctors, and staff at LDS Hospital in Utah. Also to the many family, relatives and friends who supported him.

Funeral Services will be held on Wednesday, September 11, 2024 at Christ The King Church in Kahului. Family and relatives visitation at 3pm. Public visitation at 5pm to 9pm. Service and Mass on Thursday, September 12, 2024 at 9am - 12pm. Burial services will take place at 12:30pm at Maui Memorial Park in Wailuku. Lunch will follow at Christ the King Church Hall.



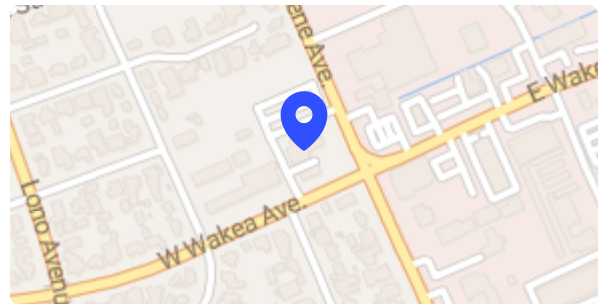
# Events

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## Night Wake

- Wednesday**, September 11, 2024
- 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM HST
- Christ the King Church**  
20 W. Wakea Avenue, Kahului HI 96732



## Burial Services

- Thursday**, September 12, 2024
- 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM HST
- Maui Memorial Park**  
450 Waiale Road, Wailuku HI 96793
- Christ the King Church 9:00 am - 11:30am Burial to  
Follow @ Maui Memorial Park 12:30pm - 1:30pm





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