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Sally Anne O'Neill-Goodness of Wailuku, Maui, passed away peacefully, surrounded by loved ones, at Maui Memorial Hospital on Sunday, December 22, 2024, after a 10-year battle with colon cancer. Her unwavering strength and spirit remain a testament to a life well lived, rich with love, tenacity and courage.

Sally is survived by her devoted husband, Brian Nakano; sons, Nicholas (Kyle Menard), Brian (Jamie McClave-Goodness), and Sean; brother, Brian O'Neill, MD (Gayle O'Neill); niece, Devin O'Neill; and her faithful dog, Bobbi.

Born on April 16, 1951, in Troy, New York, to John O'Neill and Anne Felock, Sally grew up in a home where wisdom, confidence, and perseverance were instilled early. Sally graduated from Central Catholic High School and began her college journey at Russell Sage College. After returning from the homestay program in Germany, Sally was inspired to make a westward journey-- first to San Francisco and then onto Honolulu. After a visit to Honolulu in the mid-1970s, Sally returned to New York, packed up her belongings, and transferred to the University of Hawai'i, Mānoa. She worked on her business degree while working as a cashier at Star Market.

Sally moved to Maui around 1980, where she would remain rooted for the remainder of her life. Sally and her first husband, Manu Goodness, had three sons and co-founded a business, Airport Flower & Fruit, through which she cultivated relationships with local farmers and flower suppliers. Sally would later work as a sales representative, which brought her to all corners of Maui and in contact with many business owners. Sally was a "go getter" and her entrepreneurial perspective was a reflection of that.



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While always business-minded, Sally found greatest fulfillment in her relationships with family and friends. To her, being a mother to three sons was a source of happiness and pride, and she would always beam glowingly when speaking of them. Sally joined the vibrant Maui ballroom dance community in the mid-2000's, a community where she would meet her husband and dance partner in life, Brian Nakano. They loved dancing together - both as teachers and in performance - with Sally having a special soft spot for the New York Hustle.

Sally's adventurous spirit extended far beyond Maui. She always had a travel bug; backpacking through China and Ireland with her sons or exploring Europe, Southeast Asia, Australia, and New Zealand on numerous occasions with her husband Brian and close friends. Her passport was well-worn and well-loved, a testament to her curiosity and zest for life. Wherever she went, Sally carried her trademark grace, elegance, and impeccable fashion sense, leaving a lasting impression on everyone she encountered.

Sally's grit and resilience was evident in every aspect of her life but shone brightest in her fight against cancer. Diagnosed with Stage IV cancer in January 2015, Sally faced that battle with determination, strength, and hope: never shying away from confronting cancer head-on. For 10 years, she defied the odds, living each day with purpose and clarity. Her team of physicians in Maui, Honolulu, and at the Mayo Clinic referred to her as a "N of 1". Her journey was a reflection of her very nature: Sally was a fighter, through and through.

Sally's laughter, wit, and fighting spirit will forever be an inspiration to her family, friends, and loved ones. She will be remembered as a loving wife, mother, sister, and friend who lived life with grace, beauty, courage, and an adventurous soul.

The family asks donations to be made in Sally's memory to Hope Lodge Hawai'i, where Sally would regularly stay in Honolulu during treatment.

Services will be held at 9:30am on Saturday, January 4th, 2025, at Nakamura Mortuary, at 1218 Lower Main St, Wailuku.



Events

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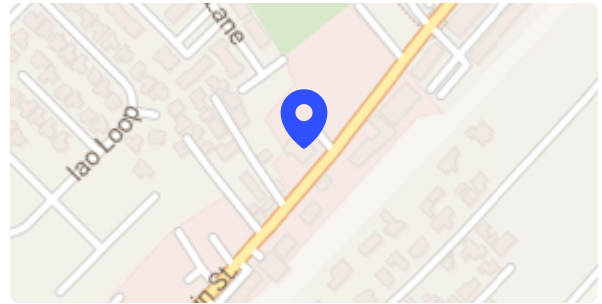
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Service

 **Saturday**, January 4, 2025

 9:30 AM HST

 **Nakamura Mortuary and Crematory**
1218 Lower Main Street, Wailuku HI 96793





Tribute Wall

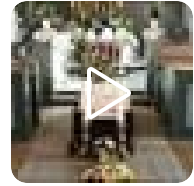
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Nakamura Mortuary shared a **Webcast Video**.

January 4 at 4:05 AM



Casey Morondos lit a candle in honor of Sally.

Casey Morondos lit a candle in memory of Sally O'Neill-Goodness

January 25 at 7:47 AM



Gary Krill lit a candle in honor of Sally.

So sorry to hear of Sally's passing, we were second cousins and we grew up in Watervliet NY and graduated from St Patrick's school and Catholic Central High School class of 1969. Rest in peace Sally.

January 4 at 5:55 AM



David Dearing lit a candle in honor of Sally.

January 1 at 1:03 PM



Barbara De Lucia (Bobbi O) posted:

Sally and I shared our battles with cancer. She was always there to help with a kind smile and battle plan. She was my friend. I will miss her. She fought the good fight for herself and everyone she touched. Rest in peace pretty lady.

December 30 at 4:00 AM



Barbara De Lucia (Bobbi) posted:

We were friends for many years. We fought cancer together. She was there for me when I needed physical and emotional help. I will miss her smile and common sense approach to every problem. Rest in peace my friend. You fought the good fight.

December 29 at 9:28 PM



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Cindy Tamashiro posted:

I meet Sally at work for New York state government in Albany. We got a 3 month leave of absence (unheard of). Then we proceeded to travel cross country in a Toyota Corolla. From NY to California with numerous stops in between like the Grand Canyon, Aspen and Disney Land to name just a few of many. We found our way to Hawaii Sally moved to Wailiku Maui and got married and had 3 incredible sons. She was an amazing person. She was clever, adventurous smart, hard working, frugal and a great friend. She will be missed by many. And I miss her terribly. Sally was special.

December 29 at 4:02 AM



Media

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