



Daisy Eloise Mitsuko Conquest

October 5, 1912 - October 1, 2016

Daisy Conquest, died October 1 at the age of 103, peacefully at home, with two of her four children at her side. She joined husband Jay just in time to celebrate what would have been his 108th birthday.

Daisy was born in Mountain View, Hawaii, and was graduated from Hilo High School and the University of Hawaii Manoa, majoring in European Languages. She supported herself through college by working as a maid for a family. Her first teaching position was at Kohala High School, where she taught business subjects and French. Later she taught at Hilo High School. In 1945 with husband Jay, she founded Hilo Commercial College (HCC). Before the opening of HCC, Big Island residents had to leave Hawaii Island in order to gain post-secondary education. With 95 students (including night school) and four teachers, "HCC" was born, and until the community college system came into being, provided education to hundreds of students in business subjects.

After teaching on the mainland for several years, she taught at Aiea High School until her retirement in 1978. She served as a class advisor for the Classes of 1973 and 1977 and was awarded Secondary Teacher of the Year for Outstanding Contributions to Business Education from the Hawaii Business Education Association.

Following "retirement" from teaching, she and Jay decided to enter the world of real estate. Many of their clients became lifelong friends. She continued to garner awards, including the Aloha 'Aina People's Choice Realtor Award for three consecutive years. In 2002 she made Coldwell Banker's President's Circle of The Best Names in Real Estate. She also maintained an active membership in 'Onipa'a Chapter of the American Business Women's Association (ABWA) as Hospitality and Program Chairs.

She is survived by her four children: Gaylord (Faye), Brice, Loveday (Fred Kleinschmidt), and Lytha (Dave Ziemann), grandchildren Ross, Lee (Melissa Bruno) and Evan (Geraldine), and great-grandchildren Xavier, Athena, and Ryder. She is also survived by sister Rachael McQuerry, and many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-

nephews, and cousins, in the Islands, on the Mainland, and in Japan.

A Celebration of Life will be held at Elks' Lodge 616 in Waikiki, 2933 Kalakaua Ave. on Thursday November 3. Visitation at 10 a.m., Service at 11, with Refreshments following.

Comments



“ When I first moved to Hawai'i in 2001, I was introduced to Lytha and Dave. I told them I was looking for a house to rent on the Windward side and Lytha said she would ask Daisy, since she was a real estate agent. Two days later, I received a phone call from Daisy, whom I had not yet met. She said she had checked out a few rentals in Kailua and suggest I call one of them. She had spoken with the landlord and thought he sounded like a good one. I took her advice, called and rented the house. She was right -- he was a good landlord. I lived there for 9 years. I offered to pay her for her time -- after all she was in the real estate business, but she said no!

What I remember is Daisy helping out a stranger -- selfless generosity.

Since then, I have been fortunate to spend time with Daisy and Lytha, Dave, Loveday, Fred and Bryce on several occasions. A great and kind family.

Steve Oppenheimer - October 31, 2016 at 12:23 AM