

# Honolulu Advertiser & Star-Bulletin Obituaries

## January 1 - December 31, 1995

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**Deborah “Kamakele” Kaohunanukawekiu Waikiki**, 59, of Waianae, died Feb. 23, 1995 at her residence. She was born December 22, 1935 in Honolulu and was a member of Hale O Na Alii O Hawaii. Survived by sons, Lawrence H (Bonnie). Kahakui, Donald T. (Susan) Kahakui of CA, Irwin M. (Gail) and Daniel D. Kahukui and Walter K. Waikiki; brothers, Harold Kamakele, Kenneth Sharp of Maui; sisters, LucyKahoonai, Anna “Sister” Armitage, Mamie Cachola, May A. “Dolly” Chun, Henrietta Kaniho; seven grandchildren. [Adv Feb. 28, 1995]

**Hildreth Castle Walker**, 94, of Kihei, Maui, died Jan. 17, 1995. Born in Hilo, Hawaii, she was a Punahou School graduate and member of the Eastern Star. Survived by sons, J. Richard and Neal T., both of California; four grandchildren; two great-grandchildren. Preceded in death by husband, John E. [Adv Jan. 28, 1995]

**Jenny Walsh**, 67, of Kihei, died Jan. 30, 1995. She was born in Dawson, Nebraska. Survived by husband, Jerry Walsh; sons, Jerry Jr. of Kona, Steven and Scott; daughter, Colleen Rice of Olinia; brother, Vince Kean of Nebraska; sisters, Marge Marrs of Arizona, Maryann Riley of North Carolina, Rita Carroll of Arizona, Dorothy Deeges of Nebraska and Clara Newell of California; 11 grandchildren. [Adv Jan. 31, 1995]

**Stephanie Leihulu Kaiwi Walton**, 25, of Honolulu, died Jan. 4, 1995. She was born in California and was a receptionist. Burial: Oahu Cemetery. [Adv Feb. 2, 1995]

**Earl Kaoru Watanabe**, 37, of Honolulu, died Jan. 23, 1995. He was born on Maui. Survived by parents, Tsuneo of Pukalani, Maui; brother Keith. [Adv Jan. 28, 1995]

**Kimiko T. "Kay" Watanabe** of Waialua died Dec. 23, 1995 at home. Watanabe, 74, was born in Haiku, Maui. She is survived by sons Richard K. Uyehara, and Gary T. and Miles K. Watanabe; brother Shoyei Tengan; sister Haruko Nagata; and four grandchildren. Memorial service: 11 a.m. Saturday at Milliard Memorial Park Mortuary. Inurnment: Mililani Memorial Park. Casual attire. No flowers. [SB 04/01/1996]

**Ruby M. Watanabe** of Honolulu, a retired assistant mortgage loan officer for American Security Bank, died last Wednesday, Dec 27, 1995 in St. Francis Hospital. Watanabe, 72, was born in Pawela, Maui. She is survived by brothers Yoshinobu and Jiro; and sisters Yoshimi Hayasaka and Stella Watanabe. [SB 03/01/1996]

**Walter Takeshi Watanabe**, 75 of Kaneohe died Jan. 2, 1995. He was born in Makaweli, Kauai and was past Master Mason and also a member of Shriners. Survived by wife, Nancy Y. Shintani Watanabe; sisters, Mrs. Leatrice Uchiumi, Mrs. Fusae Moniz, Michiko Toyama, Misami Imada, all of Maui; brother, Stanley Shiraki of Maui. [Adv Jan. 5, 1995]

**Nilsa Wead**, 82, of Kahului, died Jan. 31, 1995. She was born in Puerto Rico. Survived by husband, Robert; sons, Marv Mathews of Kailua and Michael Mathews of Kihei; daughter Nancy Ruben of California; six grandchildren; and a great-grandson. [Adv Feb. 3, 1995]

**Edward Ross Weir**, 89, of Kaneohe, died Feb. 5, 1995. He was born in Kansas, was an Army lieutenant colonel and recipient of World War II Bronze Star and Silver Star medals. Survived by wife, Mildred L.; brother, Paul S. of Kansas. [Adv Feb. 7, 1995]

**Alma Alfreda White**, 87, of Honolulu, died Feb. 2, 1995. She was born in Crawfordsville, IL and was a retired principal with the State Department of Education at Kaiulani Elementary School. She also worked as an aviation hydraulic mechanic at Hickam Air Force Base. She also taught at Fern School, schools on the Big Island, and Haleiwa Elementary. Survived by nieces, nephews and friends. [Adv Feb. 4, 1995]

**Vernon Kalaukahili White**, 67, of Anahola, Kauai, died Feb. 21, 1995. He was born in Kekaha, Kauai, was an Air Force veteran, and retired Kauai County overseer. Survived by wife, Emaline L.; sons, Clyde of Lanai and Kahea; daughter, Gay Marchino; brother, Henry Peralta Sr. of Kekahau; several brothers and sisters on Hawaii; five grandchildren. Burial: Kauai Veterans Cemetery. [Adv Feb. 23, 1995]

**William R. White**, 45, of Haleiwa, died Jan. 21, 1995. He was a surfer and ironworker. Survived by sons, Yance of Alaska and Kelsey; father, Eugene H. White of California; brothers, Gene Jr. of California and Tom; sisters, Mrs. Phil (Betty) Kraus of Texas and Mrs. Mary Marinello of California. [Adv Jan. 26, 1995]

**Hattie P. Whitney**, 94, of Hilo, died Feb. 21, 1995. She was born in Puna, Hawaii and was a homemaker. Survived by sons, Phillip of Honolulu, Solomon and John of Kauai; daughters, Phoebe Aguiar of Mountain View, Hawaii, Hattie W. Machado of Honolulu, Annie Laimana of Honolulu and Emilia Cabral of Maui; sister, Annie Akima of Paho; 33 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchildren. Burial: Homelani Memorial Park. [Adv Feb. 25, 1995]

**Richard J. "Bumper" Whittington**, also known as Dickie, of Honolulu, a warehouse foreman for Mercantile Trucking Ltd., died Dec 20, 1995. Whittington, 55, born in Pahala, Hawaii, is survived by. Wife Karen; and sisters Mary "Lei" Paris and Bernadette "Bernie" Shipley. Burial: Valley of the Temples. [SB 04/01/1996]

**Max Wilhelm**, a retired international hotelier and instructor at the university of Hawaii, died Feb. 13, 1995. He was 64. Wilhelm of Hawaii Kai, worked in his native Switzerland, Canada and England

before coming to Hawaii in 1963 as executive chef of the brand new Kahala Hilton. After a year in a Hong Kong position, he returned to Hawaii where he worked for Hawaiian Holidays and the Ala Moana Hotel before joining ITT Sheraton Hotels as divisional director of food and beverage for the Asia-Pacific area. Wilhelm helped open hotels in Hong Kong, Singapore, Australia, New Zealand, Fiji, Brunei, Bali and Thailand as well as on Molokai and the Big Island. He served as general manager of the Great Wall Sheraton, Beijing. In 1991 he simultaneously opened two 300-room hotels in Malaysia, the Sheraton Langkawi Resort and the Delima Resort Hotel. The Delima made the Guinness Book of World Records for opening 51 days after groundbreaking. After retiring from ITT Sheraton Corp. in 1992, he taught at the U.H. Travel Industry Management School. Wilhelm is survived by his wife, Annette; son, Dean of Washington; daughter, Tina Marie Wilhelm of the District of Columbia; brothers Hans of Switzerland; sister, Hanna Piccoli of Italy and nephews and nieces. Burial: Diamond Head Memorial Park. [Adv Feb. 24, 1995]

**Leslie Allen Wilkins**, 63, of Santa Barbara, CA, died Jan. 29, 1995. He was born in CA and was a graduate of Santa Barbara High School, Class of 1949. He served in the Navy aboard the U.S.S. Essex. He was employed at the University of Hawaii Manoa and was a playwright. He wrote and produced "Chibariyo" about the 442<sup>nd</sup> Regimental Combat Team, comprised of all-volunteer Nissei. Survived by sister, Jo Ann Hubard; uncles and aunts in California. [Adv Feb. 9, 1995]

**Lenerte "Sputnik" Aluli Williams**, 37, of Honolulu, died Feb. 1, 1995. He was born in Honolulu. Survived by mother, Phoebe A. Roman; step-father, David R. Roman; sons Edward J.M. Williams and Lazaar Richardson-Williams; daughter, Ebony; step-children, Phoebe, Dione and Allan; sisters, Dawne P. Hampton, Pamela M. Eve A. and Sheila J.; fiancée, Emma Richardson; aunts and uncles. [Adv Feb. 7, 1995]

**Beverly J. Wilson** of Ewa Beach died Friday, Dec 29, 1995 in Honolulu. Wilson, 58, was born in Long Beach, California. She is survived by aunts Jane Keller, Leilani Greene, Marilyn Beck and

Natalie Johanson; uncle Jim Johanson; and several cousins. Ashes to be scattered later. {SB 03/01/1996}

**Jeffry James Wilson**, 27, of Lahaina, died Feb. 24, 1995. He was born in Long Beach, CA and was a resident of Maui for 16 years. Survived by wife, Natalie P.; daughter, Ashley L.M.; brother, Scott M.; grandparents, Don and Laura Belle Rader, Ken and Barbara Wilson, all of California; sisters, Holliee Anne Guthrie, father, Kenneth; mother, Linda Luckey. [Adv Feb. 28, 1995]

**George J. "Pete" Wimberly**, international hotel architect whose designs include the Sheraton Waikiki, Sheraton Maui and Coco Palms on Kauai, died Saturday Dec. 30, 1995 in Queen's Hospital after a long illness. Wimberly, who would have celebrated his 81st birthday Jan. 16, was dubbed "the man who changed the face of the Pacific." He was born in Ellensburg, Wash., and moved to Hawaii in 1940. In 1945, he became a founding partner and president of the Honolulu architectural firm now known as Wimberly Allison Tong & Goo. "He was truly and architect's architect," said Gerald L. Allison, who joined the Wimberly group in 1957. "he gave his best and demanded the best from his associates. To me, he was both icon and legend, and it is his work against which comparisons are made. Gregory M.B. Tong, Wimberly chairman emeritus, who joined the firm in 1953, praised Wimberly's vision. "Long ago --even before the post-World War II building boom in Hawaii and while we were only a 12-person firm -- Pete realized Hawaii was going to be too small. He encouraged us to look outward." The firm, marking its 50th anniversary last year, grew to do business in 35 countries, with branch offices in Newport Beach, Calif.; London and Singapore. Design of the Princess Kaiulani Hotel came in 1960, Bank of Hawaii Waikiki branch in 1967, Sheraton Kauai in 1968 along with projects in Indonesia, Western Samoa, Sri Lanka, New Zealand, Australia, Singapore and Japan. An early indication of Wimberly's impact was his postwar renovating of the Royal Hawaiian Hotel, especially his work on its Diamond Head Wing. Wimberly also demonstrated his climate and culture responsive flair with the Waikikian and Surf Rider hotels and the South Wing of Mauna Kea Beach Hotel. His other trademarks in the 1960s were Hotel Tahiti, Hotel Bora Bora and Hotel Tahara'a, all in French Polynesia; the Fijian Hotel in Fiji Gov. Rex Lee Auditorium and the Pago Pago Inter-Continental Hotel, both in American Samoa. Wimberly moved from firm president to chairman of the board in 1980, remaining in that post until 1987. He continued as firm consultant

until his death, working on a Philippines project as recently as late last year. Wimberly earned a bachelor's degree in architecture from the University of Washington in 1937. He was in a wartime. Civil service position at Pearl Harbor, also with Contractors Pacific Naval Air Bases, Honolulu; and a draftsman and designer in Seattle, Los Angeles and Phoenix before starting the architectural firm that bears his name. By 1954, he had helped design the Waikiki branch of the Bishop National Bank, Rattan Art Gallery and Honolulu Gas Co. building, Ala Wai Apartment Hotel, Don the Beachcombers, Canlis Restaurant and Bishop Estate homes in Waialae-Kahala. Of many honors he received, noteworthy is the Aga Khan Award for Architecture (1983) for the Tanjong Jara Beach Hotel and Rantau Abang Visitors Center in Teregganu, Malaysia. In 1987, Wimberly was named charter recipient of Restaurant and Hotel Design magazine's Platinum Circle Award for "his pioneering role in bringing culture and environment sensitive resort hotels to the Pacific and its rim nations." Other designs that bear Wimberly's stamp are the Hyatt Regency at Hemmeter Center, Aloha Towers Condominiums, Hilton Hawaiian Village Tapa Tower, Sheraton Molokai Hotel and Maui Land and Pineapple Co. headquarters. Outside of work, Wimberly enjoyed racing sports cars. He called himself a Mickey Mouse driver who was old and crafty. Wimberly is survived by wife Walton J.; first wife Janet B.; daughter Heather M. Beech; and two grandchildren. Services will be at 5 p.m. Monday at Central Union Church. Aloha attire. [SB 04/01/1996]

**Gordon Mervyn "Wilkie" Wilkinson**, 84, of Honolulu, died Jan. 17, 1995. Born in Dublin, Ireland, he was the son of Kauai plantation physician, Dr. Richard Wilkinson and attended Punahou School and Maui College. He worked at his father's Wahiawa pharmacy until 1935, then got his professional fishing license. An accomplished seaman, he started a chartered fishing business and skippered a 210 foot freight vessel while serving in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He roamed the South Pacific on the ketch "Nomad" and made epic voyages to Tahiti, Fiji, Roatonga, the Cook Islands, the Society Islands and others. He was also a harbor pilot on Maui. He was Commodore for Power and a charter member of the Hawaii Kai Yacht Club. He won countless fishing awards and taught hundreds fishing, sailing and cruising. He is preceded in death by his wife, Maile Bolte Wilkinson. Survived by nephews, Richard and Davit Potter of England

**Herman E. (Bunn) Winter**, 74, of Edwardsville, IL, died Nov. 6, 1994. He was born in Worden, IL, and was a retired long time advertising executive, and owner of Bunn Winter Associates Inc. with offices in St. Louis and Honolulu. He had been a member of Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Honolulu. Survived by wife, Betty Jo D.; son, Jon of Illinois; daughters, Chris and Holly Winter, both of Illinois; stepdaughter, Michelle DeLaurenti of IL; brothers, Norman F. of IL and William H. of MO; sister, Lorene W. Brunworth of IL; and two step-grandchildren. Burial: National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific, Punchbowl. [Adv Feb. 14, 1995]

**Paul Herbert Witham Sr.**, 71, of Kailua, Oahu died Jan. 4, 1995. He was born in Taunton, MA and was a member of The Pearl Harbor Survivors Association and a volunteer with Oahu Civil Defense. He was retired from the Hawaiian Electric Company with over 37 years of service. Survived by son, Paul H. Jr. of Arizona; daughter, Paulette; three grandchildren. Burial: Hawaiian Memorial Park. [Adv Jan. 7, 1995]

**Raymond Elwood Withenshaw**, 83, of Ocean View, Hawaii, died Feb. 11, 1995. He was born in Ontario, Canada. Survived by wife, Viola E.; brothers, Harry and Byron; sisters, Margaret McKerracher and Olive McBride.

**Allen Kam Hop Wong**, 80, of Kaneohe, died Jan. 30, 1995. He was born in Honolulu. Survived by sons, Raymond K.T., Eugene K.F., Dennis K.L., Wesley K.W., and Larry K.M. Wong; daughter Katherine K.Y. Leong; eight grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; sisters, Daisy Young and Mary Takahashi. Burial: Hawaiian Memorial Park Cemetery. [Adv Feb. 4, 1995]

**Florence Wong**, 76, of Honolulu, died Jan. 22, 1995. She was born in Honolulu. Survived by son, Joseph Patrick; two grandchildren; brother, Albert Wong; sisters, Bernice Kauhane and Evelyn Wright; nephews and nieces. [Adv Jan. 27, 1995]

**Francis Y. Wong**, 79, of Honolulu, realtor and developer, died Jan. 26, 1995 at Straub Clinic and Hospital. He was an active member of the community serving as past president of the Home Builders

Association of Hawaii, past national representative and director of the National Association of Home Builders, member of Honolulu Board of Realtors, serving on numerous advisory and technical housing committees for the City and County of Honolulu and State Government. He was the co-founder and general manager of Standard Finance Company, administrative officer for Capital Investment Co. Ltd., and pioneer realtor, builder and developer in the Waianae area, specializing in single family homes, condominiums, and low income housing projects. He was the first "turnkey" developer in the state. At the time of his death, he was a realtor with Finance Realty at Makakilo. Survived by children, Francis A. Wong, Carolyn J. Mau, Joanne E. Clark, Jerry Wong, and Renee Wong Yuen; 14 grandchildren; his sister, Janet W. Lee and his beloved companion Jeanne S. Lui. Burial: Diamond Head Memorial Park Cemetery. [Adv Jan. 31, 1995]

**Lillian Kim Choy Mau Wong**, 82, of San Francisco, CA, died Feb. 7, 1995. She was born in Honolulu. Survived by sons, Gerald and Frederick Liu; daughter, Karen Wong; four grandchildren; and a great-grandchild. [Adv Feb. 18, 1995]

**Mary Hudy Wong**, 66, of Kapaa, Kauai died Jan. 18, 1995. She was born in Hanamaulu, Kauai and was a retired hostess for the Coco Palm Hotel. Survived by husband, Harold; daughter, Valerie Poai; sons, Samuel, Dennis and Whitney; brother, Walter Huddy of Tennessee; sister, Martha Chow and Eliza; aunt, Rose Matsumura; two grandchildren. Burial: Kauai Memorial Gardens. [Adv Jan. 22, 1995]

**Nancy Ching Wong**, 67, of Honolulu, died Jan. 7, 1995 St. Francis Medical Center. She was born Feb 24, 1927 in Honolulu and was a former teller with American Security Bank. She later worked and retired from First Hawaiian Bank. Survived by husband, Raymond L.H.; son, James M. Reis; daughters, Mrs. James (Stephanie) Sheehy and Mrs. Mark (Tammy) Soares; mother, Esther Mau Ching; brother, Calvin Ching; five grandchildren. Burial: Oahu Cemetery. [Adv Jan. 18, 1995]

**Paul Lim Wong**, 75 of Wailuku, died Feb. 19, 1995. He was born in Paia and was a dentist. Survived by daughters, Diana Owyong



of Missouri and Linda Escudero of CA; sons, Richard of NJ and Gary; seven grandchildren; brother, Edmund of Honolulu; sisters, Faith Wong, Myrtle Hee and Aileen Ho, all of Honolulu. Burial: Maui Memorial Park. [Adv Feb. 23, 1995]

**Wun Sun “Fat Wong” Wong**, 82, of Honolulu, died Jan. 13, 1995. He was born in Kailua and was the founder and proprietor of Wong’s Meat Market. Survived by wife, Alice Low Ing Wong; sons, Calvin Y.K. and Rodney; daughters, Alice Kelly, Bertha Fujikawa, Patricia Wong-Lefebre, Geraldine Kent and Elizabeth Hardin; four grandchildren; brother, David C.; sisters, Edith Lee and Helen Chang. Burial: Hawaiian Memorial Park Cemetery. [Adv Jan. 17, 1995]

**Elaine H.L. Woo**, 65, of Honolulu, died Feb. 7, 1995. She was born in Honolulu. Survived by sons, Derryck W.H., Christopher W.T. and Kenneth W.L. of California; daughter, Stephanie L.A. of NY; mother, Amy Dang; and sisters, Shirland Ho and Muriel Phillips of CA. [Adv Feb. 14, 1995]

**Samuel “Sam” Sook Hyun Woo**, 61, of Honolulu, died Jan. 15, 1995. He was born in Lanai and was a retired employee of Dole Corp. and a member of AA and Malia Group, and a counselor at Ohana Hale. Survived by wife, Ellen, sons, Kenneth and Alan; daughter, Stephanie; brothers, Raymond, Robert, Richard and George; sisters, Betsy Costa, Mabel Chang and Alice Fitzsimmons. Inurnment: National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific. [Adv Jan. 19, 1995]

**Allan Jeffrey Wright**, 51, of Kalaheo, Kauai, died Jan. 18, 1995. He was born in New York and was a banker. Survived by wife, Gale Wright; daughters, Nicole and Kim. [Adv Jan. 20, 1995]

**Harrie C. Wright** of Waianae died Dec. 23, 1995 Kapiolan Hospital at Pali Momi. Wright, 49, was born in Hawaii. She is survived by sons Jimmy Wright, Bobby Carion and Dirk Nashiro; daughter Regina; brothers Harry Cruz and Edward; sister Katherine Mercado; and three grandchildren. Memorial service: 1 p.m. Saturday at Praise Tabernacle, Kamehameha Highway. Casual attire. [SB 04/01/1996]

