

Aloha

Bernardo Pascua Benigno

U.S. Army Master Sergeant (Ret)



Soldier's Creed

I am an American Soldier.

I am a warrior and a member of a team.

I serve the people of the United States, and live the Army Values.

I will always place the mission first.

I will never accept defeat.

I will never quit.

I will never leave a fallen comrade.

I am disciplined, physically and mentally tough, trained and proficient in my warrior tasks and drills.

I always maintain my arms, my equipment and myself.

I am an expert and I am a professional.

I stand ready to deploy, engage, and destroy, the enemies of the United States of America in close combat.

I am a guardian of freedom and the American way of life.

I am an American Soldier.

*God Saw You
God saw you getting tired,
And a cure was not meant to be,
So He puts His arms around you
And whispered, "Come with Me."*

*With tearful eye we watched you
And saw you fade away
And although we love you dearly
We could not make you stay.*

*A golden heart stopped beating.
A special man was put to rest,
God broke our hearts to prove to us
He only takes the best.*

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Welcome to the remembrance and celebration of the life of Bernardo 'David' Benigno, who was born April 4, 1926, in Parut Vintar, Ilocos Norte, Philippines, and who departed this life April 2, 2014 in Mililani, Hawaii.

From a childhood in Ilocos Norte to U.S. military service that took him to Korea, California, Louisiana, Germany, Texas, and Vietnam to private sector work on Oahu, Bernardo Benigno touched thousands of lives with his work, his charity, and his friendship.

As a young man he migrated from the Philippines to Hawaii. He then assisted family members in making their way to join him. His reward and one of his greatest joys was watching as his nieces, nephews, cousins, and his children made their mark in the islands and on the mainland.

As family members share their stories about Bernardo Benigno during this memorial service, a theme will emerge and that theme shows that the life of Bernardo Benigno serves as an example for us all. His legacy lives on through his family and the countless lives he touched through his kindness, strength, integrity, and wisdom.

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Visit his memorial website at www.bernardobenigno.com

Wednesday Evening, May 14, 2014

Millilani Memorial Park at Ka Uka Blvd, Mauka Chapel

- 5:30** Visitation
Music by Norman Garma and Agnes Simpliciano
- 6:30** Mass by Monsignor John S. Mbinda
- 7:00** Special Words by Gail King, Damian Benigno,
Felix Dela Cruz, Amelia Acoba, Lily Agbayani
- Norlita Yere sings
Sakada, Dahil Sa Iyo, and To Where You Are
- 7:30 - 9:00** Reception in Dining Hall

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## **Thursday Morning, May 15, 2014**

**St. John Apostle & Evangelist Church, Millilani**

- 9:30 -10:30** Mass at St. John Apostle & Evangelist Church  
Monsignor John S. Mbinda
- Readings by:  
Bernardo Benigno, Gabriel Benigno, and  
Jennifer Chetronie
- Music by Kainoa  
I Am the Bread of Life  
Here I Am, Lord  
Be Not Afraid  
Prayer of St. Francis  
We Remember
- 10:30 -11:00** En route to Millilani Memorial
- 11:00** Burial at Millilani Memorial, AA section
- 11:30** Reception in Dining Hall

# Bernardo's Legacy

Wife, Grace Benigno  
Brother, Francisco Consolacion Benigno  
Brother, Pedro Benigno, Deceased  
Sister, Romula "Roming" Dela Cruz  
And 10 children, 15 grandchildren, 12 great grandchildren

Children (Spouse)

Grandchildren (Great Grandchildren)

Gail (Max) King

Mission Viejo, California

Lydia (Al) Auge

Puyallup, Washington

Eric (Leilani)

David Benigno

Las Vegas, Nevada

(Windy) Benigno

Papillion, Nebraska

Daniel (Kianu and Orilen)

Kristie (Ethan, Kaialea, and Marley)

Nanette Sissom

Deceased

(Kenneth) Sissom

Las Vegas, Nevada

Beth (Jordan)

Christine (Leila)

Van (Trudy) Benigno

Wahiawa, Hawaii

Dwayne (Dash and Brooklyn)

Ranelle (Shayla, Kylie)

Bernadette (Howard) Dicus

Honolulu, Hawaii

Lauren Rozance

Vanessa Benigno

David Lopez

Damian (Chiyo) Benigno

St. Louis, Missouri

Bernardo (Laura) Benigno

Nanakuli, Hawai'i

Hailey

Gabriel (Jennifer) Benigno

Milliani, Hawaii

Katherine

Jennifer (Adrian) Benigno-Chetronie

Allentown, Pennsylvania

Vanessa

Marianna

Nicolette

## ***Mahalo***



The family of Bernardo P. Benigno would like to express its gratitude for the love, prayers and support received through this difficult time.

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Special thanks to the Schofield Barracks Honor Guard and especially US Army SFC Christopher Grigsby, Casualty Assistance Officer.

The death of a loved one is not merely a tragedy; It is also both a calamity and a crisis. It is a time when things must be done and decisions must be made, even as your thoughts are filled with memories and your heart is filled with emotion. Your condolences, your help, and your patience are all the more appreciated for that.

## **I'm Free**



*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free,  
I'm following the path God has laid you see.  
I took His hand when I heard Him call,  
I turned my back and left it all.  
I could not stay another day,  
To laugh, to love, to work or play.  
Tasks undone must stay that way,  
I've found the peace at close of day.  
If my parting has left a void,  
Then fill it with remembered joys.  
A friendship shared; a laugh, a kiss,  
Ahh yes, these things, I too, will miss.  
Be not burdened with times of sorrow,  
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow,  
My life's been full I savored much,  
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.  
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,  
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief,  
Lift up your heart, and peace to thee-  
God wanted me now, He's set me free!*

*-Janice M. Fair-Salters from "Voices from Beyond"*