



## Anne Bradbury Sage

October 13, 1943 - November 12, 2012

"Grieve in the way that feels right for you. If you feel like crying...cry - laughing...laugh... It's all part of something greater and ultimately, you'll be ok."

Anne B. Sage, of Kailua devoted her life to helping others as a Funeral Service Professional, Support Group Founder and Facilitator, Bereavement Educator, College English Teacher and mother and grandmother. For the last 30 years she helped others cope with grief and loss, going above and beyond the call of duty to help grieving families find support, comfort and healing in their darkest hours.

An exemplary individual, she provided free memorial services for scores of people who had no known or surviving relatives, treating them with dignity and respect. Twice monthly she facilitated the oldest grieving persons support group in the State; the Mattie Lyman Grieving Persons Support Group. She volunteered with Hospice Hawaii and St. Francis Hospice. She helped found the annual "Holidays, Grief and the Art of Coping" workshop that is still being run today.

"Having been in the eye of Grief's hurricane has been my honor and privilege", Anne said. "You are invited into the most private room of people's hearts and get to share some of their most intimate and genuine feelings. I

appreciate life most intensely because of my frequent proximity to its end".

Her family and friends remember her as "the gold standard". She was unforgettably graceful, generous and a great conversationalist. She was compassionate, selfless and unconditionally loving. She was the type of person who would welcome a homeless stranger to the table for Thanksgiving and would light up a room with her infectious laugh. She expressed deep gratitude for life even during its most challenging moments

After a 6 month battle with pancreatic cancer Anne died on November 12, 2012. She was 69.

To all those who knew her and loved her, she left this message: "Grieve in the way that feels right for you. If you feel like crying, you should cry. If you feel like laughing, you should laugh. There is no timeline and you are the expert in your own grief. It's all part of something greater and ultimately, you'll be OK.

She is survived by her mother, Evelyn; sister Comfort; brother Bill; three daughters: Cherie (Keone) Akina, Milika'a (Mitchell) Vierra and Liz Arch; seven grandchildren: Ashley, Keahi, La'akea, Kamakana, Makamae, Kala 'ikumana and Leihiwa; and nieces and nephews.

Join Anne's family on Friday, December 28 at Kalama Beach Club for a gathering in appreciation of her life. Talk story, listen to music, enjoy Kailua beach from 3:30 in the afternoon. We'll meet for a short program hosted by Kahu Wendell Silva at 5pm followed by Kanikapila time and Hawaiian food.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC **28**. 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM (HST)

Kalama Beach Club  
280 North Kalaheo Ave.  
Kailua, HI 96734

## Service

DEC **28**. 5:00 PM (HST)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Anne Bradbury Sage*

November 15, 2022 at 12:05 AM



“ *Anne Bradbury Sage*

November 14, 2022 at 10:52 PM



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**jill lima** - November 12, 2017 at 11:04 PM

JL

“ I Can't Believe It's Been 5 years since you left this world, I'm so glad you're no longer in pain but I hate that I never got to say goodbye and I wasn't able to be there In your final moments. I think God truly must have placed it on your heart to step into my life back in 09' you rescued me when no one else would. You showed me how a mommy and a daddy should treat their kids. You showed me so much love and compassion. You fought for me when I couldn't fight for myself and you held my hand and got me through seeing my dads lifeless body. I think about you often and miss you so much. I can't wait till I get to see you again, to hug you and tell you how much I love you. Thank you for being the mom, dad, auntie, and best friend I needed when I had nothing and no one else. 💕💕 You were my Guardian angel on this earth and now you are in Heaven. It's a bittersweet day/week. Losing you and dad just days apart breaks my heart. But I'm sure you're keeping him on his toes, you were always good at that. Love you to the moon and back mom 💕💕



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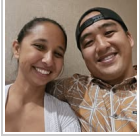
**jill lima** - November 12, 2017 at 11:02 PM

KE

“ MShare a memory of Anne Bradbury Sage, or send a condolence to the famiy  
Miss seeing you.

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**Ken** - November 12, 2013 at 06:17 PM



“ Happy Birthday to you! Happy Birthday to you! Happy Birthday dear Grandma! Happy Birthday to YOU!! Hope that you're having THE BEST birthday! The view from up there must be amazing. I can only imagine how many friends you've made. Still dreaming you were here but I believe there was a plan for you and thats why you needed to go. I love you grandma. Hope you're having a big party and you're having fudge for dessert! :)

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**Ashley Marie** - October 13, 2013 at 05:14 AM



“ " I remember the times we used to stop by and see Anne and the family on the way to the beach, and how she always shared stories with me and my brother. Stories of growing up, stories of life, stories that inspired you to take on the world, be the president of your own company, and don't take no for an answer !!

*I remember when my mother forwarded an email to me from Anne, it was to let me know a close and very dear friend of mine had died. Anne you helped bring me back, got me in touch with my Hawaiian friends, Ohana and how much I miss Hawaii. I will always be grateful to you for that. Mahalo. To Anne's family, I hope to see you all in the very near future. My mother Carolyn will miss you Anne, she always spoke of you, and she really valued your friendship.*

*Much Aloha, Jon Walman and Family "*

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**Jon Sinclair Walman** - December 28, 2012 at 10:42 AM

TV

“ What does one say when death sweeps in and grabs someone way to soon? What does one say?

*I am suspecting that a person can only rely on memories and the history they had with the person who is now no longer physically with us.*

*Over the weeks since you alerted me of Anne’s horrible disease I have been looking back at memories and history.*

*You had to give it to Anne – if she was anything she was honest.*

*I remember the first seminar that I did in which Anne attended, when I finished and was standing alongside your Mom Anne came bounding over and was so friendly and open, but I was not friendly and open and it pissed Anne off.*

*It was only later at one of our funky Hawaiian dinners that Anne told me that over the time that she really got to know me she discovered for all my “celebrity” status in funeral service I was in reality bashful and shy.*

*I was both embarrassed and thankful that she had figured me out so to speak. She was very good at reading people and putting the pieces together about life and mission of what we are all actually doing here.*

*Anne was so bright, a little out there at times, but such a warm heart. I remember at your Mom’s funeral at the gravesite Anne was explaining all the Hawaiian funeral customs and it was like sitting through a National Geographic Special on ancient symbolism.*

*When Anne died a real portion of the Ordenstein clan died also, and I am sorry for what happened to Anne. She was way too young to die. Mahalo Todd VanBeck*

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**Todd W. Vanbeck** - December 19, 2012 at 12:53 AM

LA

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Liz Arch - December 14, 2012 at 08:58 PM

LA

“ I just wrote an article about how to deal with grief during the holidays.

<http://www.elephantjournal.com/2012/12/how-to-deal-with-grief-during-the-holidays-liz-arch/>

*It's my small tribute to Mom. I know she used to run her "Holidays', Grief & the Art of Coping" workshop every year and helped a lot of people deal with difficult emotions and I wanted to write something in her honor.*

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Liz Arch - December 12, 2012 at 05:53 PM

GR

“ Thank you for all you have been to our family. We have so many precious memories of Anne. I could write a book. When I first starting coming to Hawaii, Anne always made me feel like I was part of the family. When Debbie and I starting brining our girls over, Anne would always take them, show them the ways of the Islands and she loved them as her own. OH...How we will miss her warm gentle greetings. We all have great memories on the beach, in the park with a plate lunch, picking up glass, making leis.....She was a true believer in love and care...She cared for so many greiving families.....WE LOVE YOU AND MISS YOU....Enjoy gods love.....Please remember....she is still with you .....In her own way... There is a poem called "my first christmas in heaven" Look for it...if you cant find it let me know.

OUR LOVE

Greg and Debbie Rollings

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Greg and Debbie Rollings - December 12, 2012 at 08:38 AM



“ My mom made me think today of everything my grandma has been there for. The play performances, the christmas programs, the may day shows, everything that she could proudly say thats "my granddaughter" or thats "my grandson" at. She never missed her cue & she always came with camera in hand. As Christmas approaches the programs start & the performances begin but an important part of the season is still missing. Though she will still be cheering us on, it wont be the same as having her there. We just want you to know grandma, we miss you.

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December 12, 2012 at 12:47 AM

CB

*Annie used to say how wonderful to have a relative you can count as a friend too. We shared many laughs, joys and trials but thru it all her sense of humor, kindness and caring always was evident. Love you cuz and see you later:) Aloha.*

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**carolyn billson** - December 17, 2012 at 03:25 PM



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**Ken Ordenstein Funerals** - December 10, 2012 at 08:45 PM