



Richard Eugene Culvyhouse

June 20, 1955 - May 15, 2017

Richard was enjoying the job of his dreams, working at Oahu Country Club as a golf starter until October 2015 when he became ill from cancer. After his successful bone marrow transplant at OHSU in Oregon and the fight of his life, he became tired earlier this year and slipped away from us on the wings of Angels.

Richard was born in Long Beach, CA, to Joan Tilton and Robert Culvyhouse, living with his Mother, Sister and young Brother there shortly until moving to Balboa, CA in 1959 with his Mom and Sister. He had an active childhood riding his bike to school, surfing the Wedge, and broadcasting baseball games from the neighborhood park, including his own full and awesome sound effects of the roaring crowd. He soon outgrew the Wedge and went on to bigger and better waves on Kauai after graduating from Newport Harbor High School in 1973.

He loved life surfing Kauai's shores, attending Kauai Community College as a Journalism Major for a short time before beginning his career at Aloha Airlines in 1977, moving to Oahu in 1978 to continue with Aloha Airlines as a Freight Office Agent until its demise in 2008.

Richard's heroes spanned from Dick Tracy to Jimi Hendrix to Bobby Jones to Seve Ballesteros. He was a lifelong sports fan, knew his stats and shared such special good times with friends and family enjoying so many games, always rooting for UH except when USC was in the mix! He supported the Lakers for years and of late the Clippers with all his heart. Not to forget his

favorite Angels, he is now amongst the best of them.

Richard's competitive nature came out in his playing of cards, he was a tough competitor in Hearts, and after having taught MJ to play cribbage, they spent many happy Sunday afternoons playing best of three, sometimes sorry he had taught her so well.

Richard was constantly working on his golf game, the passion of his life, with weekly outings to his beloved Kahuku Golf Course, his personal heaven on earth, his St. Andrews on Oahu.

He was a true gentleman, and we will miss his deep devotion, respect, loyalty and work ethic. We extend our sincerest mahalo to Kaiser Moanalua's Oncology Dream Team, OHSU's Transplant Team, Kaiser's Home Health Team, Hospice Hawaii's Kailua House, his best man David Ordenstein for his presence and kind support at the end, and Ken Ordenstein for his sensitive handling of Richard's final arrangements.

Richard leaves behind his loving family, wife Mary Joan (MJ) of Kaneohe, stepdaughter Jonna Blumhoefer, cherished grandsons Dustin and Jonathan of Portland, Oregon, his selfless stem cell donor sister Patty Hughes of Ivins, Utah, his in-laws Thomas Leineweber of Kailua, David & Mary Leineweber and Paul & Annie Leineweber of Portland, Oregon, Martha Ray of Vancouver, Washington, Joseph Leineweber of Waimanalo, 12 awesome nephews and nieces, and the most special friends on the planet.

Richard is finally free and forever resting in the loving arms of Our Father in Heaven.

Gifts in his honor may be made to the American Cancer Society or Hospice Hawaii.

Private services. Please join him for a round at Kahuku, he will be there.

Please share your stories, memories, thoughts, pictures and even videos of Richard. Each will be treasured like a nugget of gold.

Tribute Wall



“ *Richard Eugene Culvyhouse*

November 15, 2022 at 12:05 AM



“ *Richard Eugene Culvyhouse*

November 14, 2022 at 10:52 PM



“ *That's a precious, memorable photo of Valentino 🐱 sitting with his favorite buddy Richard! Thank you, Richard and MJ, for loving Valentino and nurturing him with your kindness, patience, and love. You raised a self-confident prince 👑. Thank you for brightening my life with Prince Val, the gift that keeps on giving 🎁💕🐱. Love to you!*
-Stephanie Araki

Stephanie Araki - August 02, 2017 at 10:28 AM



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MJ Culvyhouse - July 01, 2017 at 04:47 PM

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“ My sincere condolences to the ohana of Richard Culveyhouse. I was a starter at Kahuku Golf Course during 2000 - 2007. He was a kind, quiet, gentle soul. At first, he arrived alone and eventually joined other golfers as his confidence in his game grew. Please know that after he paid for his round of golf, he'd gather his clubs and say: "Wow! Look at this view. Have a great day!" He'd walk towards the 1st tee with a big smile on his face. After finishing his 9th hole run, he'd return to the Clubhouse for a drink of water, smiled and waved "Good bye"! :(

A Hui Hou! Kahuku will always have a tee-time for you!

*Sincerely,
Eleanor V. Crisostomo*

Eleanor Crisostomo - June 21, 2017 at 11:13 AM

MC

Oh Eleanor, thank you so much for the memory :) MJ

MJ Culvyhouse - June 29, 2017 at 08:16 PM

PA

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Paul - June 20, 2017 at 05:28 PM

PH

“ My darling Brother! You are in my heart always and truly missed. Love and peace surrounds you.

Patty Hughes - June 20, 2017 at 11:39 AM



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Ken Ordenstein Funerals - June 11, 2017 at 05:41 PM



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Ken Ordenstein Funerals - May 20, 2017 at 06:08 PM