



Lehua Saludaes

February 19, 1991 - September 9, 2009

Memorial Service: 10 a.m. Tuesday at Lucas Funeral Home, 137 East Hill St. in Keller.

Survivors: Forever loved and remembered by her parents, Steven Albert and Carlene Kapuanani Smith; younger brother, Ethan Kainoa Smith of Keller; paternal survivor, Robert Saludaes Jr.; older siblings, Selina Noelani Saludaes and Ryan Ikaika Saludaes of Las Vegas, Nev.; grandparents; aunts; uncles; and cousins.

Lehua graduated from Fossil Ridge High School in 2008. She enjoyed being a member of the school's swim team and spent her summers as a lifeguard. After graduation, she coached the Heritage Hurricanes, a local community youth swim team. She was a freshman at Tarrant Community College.

Tribute Wall

DA

“ *Lehua, your bright spirit will be sorely missed on this Earth. I never met you but know you through your grandmother, Carol. God keep you...*

Dusty Ayala - September 18, 2009 at 08:30 AM

KR

“ *We had the pleasure of knowing Lehua as a lifeguard and swim instructor and we thought the world of her! She was a FANTASTIC instructor who was always professional, genuine, conscientious, knowledgeable and sweet. She made learning how to swim fun and she challenged them to do their best. The children learned how to swim b/c of her great leadership. She was always smiling and happy. Our community was fortunate to have such a wonderful instructor and coach. I could go on and on about how wonderful she was. I often thought to myself that her parents would be proud to see how well she did her job and how mature and professional she was. We met her when she was 15 or 16. You can definitely be proud of her and know that she represented your family well when you were not with her. She took her job serious and did a wonderful job! I was shocked to hear the news and my family is very saddened by it. Many blessings to your family and thank you for raising such a superior person. Lehua was beautiful on the inside and outside.*

Kris - September 16, 2009 at 02:28 PM

TF

“ *You made my daughter happy by offering to take her shopping and out to eat when she was bored. We were all shocked to hear the news. Haley loved you.*

The Bisbey Family - September 15, 2009 at 03:11 PM

HA

“ LeHua! You will be remembered as a Great swim coach but aslo a friend to me. You always offereed to take me shopping or go out to eat with me if i was bored. You were a great girl. I was astonished when i heard the news.

~Haley

Haley - September 15, 2009 at 03:09 PM

KH

“ Sadly, I did not get the pleasure of meeting Lehua, however, I spoke with her on the phone and even commented to Carlene how polite and sweet she was. My deepest condolences to you all. God Bless and keep you.

Kelly Hughes - September 15, 2009 at 02:16 PM

MB

“ Our daughter, Lauren, loved your daughter. Lauren moved to Southlake last summer to live with her aunt and uncle before starting college in the fall at UNT and thats where she met Lauren. She is devastated as her friend but can only imagine your grief and loss as her parents and family. May the peace of God be with you all!

Mark and Karen Beers - September 15, 2009 at 12:04 PM

MF

“ Our prayers and thoughts are with you in this time of grief. Ley is and will always be such a special young lady to our family. The good times in Soccer tournaments, birthdays and sleepovers will never be forgotten..Word can't express how much she will be missed. We will always remember and love you Ley...

The Mejia Family

Mejia Family - September 15, 2009 at 10:25 AM

JA

“ Carlene,

My wife and I have you closely in our thoughts and prayers. We have lamented this tragedy everyday since hearing the news. Having a young daughter ourselves, we have been so touched by this and know how special daughters are! We offer our deepest sympathy to you and Steve during this difficult time.

John Adams - September 14, 2009 at 08:15 PM

PC

“ Carlene, Steve,

Our thoughts and prayers are with you during these difficult times.

Lehua is a beautiful girl, we are sorry to not have the opportunity to get to know her.

Padma & Randy Cole - September 14, 2009 at 06:11 PM

JB

“ Carlene,

Please know that you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. I know Lehua was so special in your heart and each of those she touched. Always keep her close to your heart and share special stories and memories you have of her.

Love, Jamy

Jamy Batson - September 14, 2009 at 05:53 PM

KF

“ Carlene, you had a beautiful daughter and she will live on in your memories. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Karon Faught - September 14, 2009 at 05:40 PM

RB

“ We also have 2 sons in Heaven so your pain is familiar to us. Please know that even though we've not met, our prayers and thoughts are with you. Our Son, Terry, said Lehua was a very sweet and beautiful young lady. Allow God's Peace to carry you.
Our love, Linda & Chris Brown

Revs. Chris & Linda Brown - September 14, 2009 at 05:39 PM

GW

“ Carlene,
You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. Gerri

*"The sorrow of the faithful is not that of permanent loss, but the tender sense of sadness that comes in saying good-bye for now to someone we love. May today's sorrow give way to the peace and comfort of God's love."
(anonymous)*

Gerri Walker - September 14, 2009 at 05:00 PM

TB

“ My prayers are with you!

Terry Brown - September 14, 2009 at 02:43 PM

KE

“ *"When someone you love becomes a memory, the memory becomes a treasure."* ~Author Unknown

Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Karen & Mark Echols - September 14, 2009 at 02:23 PM

SL

“ Take comfort in knowing:
"I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?"

John 11: 25-26 (NIV)

Susana Lindner - September 14, 2009 at 01:22 PM

CK

“ *I will pray for your family.*

Cheryl Krajewski - September 14, 2009 at 12:31 PM

RK

“ *Dear Carlene,*

My sincerest condolences to you and your family during this most difficult time. I just want you to know that you and your family are in my heart and prayers. And, may the peace which comes from the memories of the love you shared with Lehua, comfort you now and in the days ahead.

*Sincerely,
Rosie*

Rosie Kunath - September 14, 2009 at 11:03 AM

TC

“ My daughter, Kara, got to know and love Lehua when they met lifeguarding at the Heritage pool-Summer of 08. Kara was so excited when she and Lehua started making plans for Lehua to join her at the christian university called Point Loma in San Diego, Ca. They had decided to become roommates and were discussing their plans the very night Lehua was killed. Lehua's outgoing personality and zest for life reminds me of a ray of sunshine. She would bring such bright light and warmth when she walked into the room... She was a beautiful, vivacious sweetheart of a girl. Her tragic and sudden death has wrecked havoc on my heart. Lehua had been there for Kara and had stuck her neck out for her. I will never forget how she touched our lives. Rest in peace our sweet, precious angel.

Tamara Clark - September 13, 2009 at 11:50 PM

CL

“ Wish the new place you go is a wonderland and there is peace without pain.

Catherine Lam - September 13, 2009 at 10:11 PM

RK

“ Our memories go way back to when you were just a little girl in Las Vegas... we watched you grow up, admired your positive outlook on life & truly loved you. You were and always will be the perfect daughter. You will truly be missed by everyone who knew you.

Ranae & Norm Koyamatsu - September 13, 2009 at 01:53 PM

LJ

“ I never had the pleasure of meeting Lehua but hearing Steve talk about her told me how well loved she was by her parents. She will be greatly missed. My thoughts & prayers go out to the family.

Lori Joyce - September 13, 2009 at 12:06 PM