

## **Stanley Sekiichi Sekimoto**

4/23/1941 – 10/21/2019

On the night of Monday, Oct. 21, 2019, Stanley Sekiichi Sekimoto passed away peacefully after a bout with cancer, at the age of 78. He was the son Harry Sekizo Sekimoto and Irene Kiyoko Sekimoto Pillon of Waikapu, Maui.

He was a 1959 graduate of Baldwin High School. He attended the University of Hawaii, where he was involved in the the U.S. Air Force ROTC program.

He went on to serve 20 years in the U.S. Air Force, and retired as a major. As a pilot flying the world's largest aircraft, the C5 cargo plane, he flew missions in the Vietnam War and all over the world, including Saudi Arabia, Argentina, England and Hawaii.

After his Air Force career, he returned to Hawaii, where he worked as the director of conventional aviation, overseeing the small, non-commercial airplanes and airports for the state. He was later promoted to be the airport manager at Lihue Airport.

He is survived by wife Valerie Texeira Sekimoto of Kauai, stepdaughters Teresa Pia and Rayna Pia, hanai daughter Lara Crawford, eight grandchildren, brothers Rodney M. (Carole) Sekimoto of Chula Vista, California and Harvey T. (Darla) Sekimoto (Darla) of San Antonio, niece Allison (Graham) Smith and nephews Leigh (Lena) Sekimoto, Steven (Trilla) Sekimoto, Ryan (Ashley) Sekimoto and Christopher (Clarissa) Sekimoto.

Private services were held. The family requests no koden (monetary gifts) or flowers.

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