



Miriam "Mim" Lang

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It is a fearful thing to love what death has touched on November 10, 2018. Miriam "Mim" Lang, 87, of Kailua, Hawaii died in Francesca's exceptional caring, caretaker home in Kaneohe, Hawaii.

Born in New York City, the younger daughter of Jack and Sadie Siegal.

Mim is buried in the State Veterans Cemetery in Kaneohe. God created Mim, with the help of her mother and father, and saw how good she was.

Mim earned her BS in Early Childhood Education at the State University College in New Paltz, New York and later her MA at Columbia University Teachers College in Educational Psychology, specializing in the diagnosing and remediation of early childhood schoolchildren's problems.

After teaching four years in New York and New Jersey and marrying her college sweetheart Melvin Lang they returned in 1969 to Hawaii where they had previously spent a year with their three young sons, Marc, Eric and Matthew.

Mim was immediately employed at Kailua Elementary School as a primary grade teacher from 1969 to 1993. Mim lit up her kindergarten children with love, care, and the law of kindness on her lips. Her many former students, now adults, would greet her in Kailua town with happy memories of their school days together, hoping she would still be teaching at Kailua elementary school to teach their children! Mim kept albums of class photos with the students' names for every class she taught.

In 1972, Mim and her family spent a year in Canberra, Australia where she was hired as a faculty member to help develop an innovative early childhood program for teachers at the newly designed Canberra College of Advanced Education, now the University of Canberra.

Mim's teaching psychology and life's philosophy were influenced by Robert Fulghum's essay, "All I Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten." "These are the things I learned: Share. Play fair. Don't hit people. Put things back where you



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found them. Clean up your own mess. Don't take things that aren't yours. Say you're sorry when you hurt somebody. Wash your hands before you eat. Flush. Learn some and think some and draw and paint and dance and play and work every day some. When you go out into the world watch for traffic, hold hands and stick together. Think of what a better world it would be if we had a basic policy in our nation, and other nations, to always put things back where we found them and cleaned up our own messes, and it is still true no matter how old you are, when you go out into the world it's best to hold hands."

In 2009 Mim was honored with the 'Woman of Valor' award for her services to the Sisterhood of Temple Emanu-El. Her comments upon accepting the Award included: "I'd like to share some thoughts for the privilege of being chosen. I love everything that's old; my maturing sons, old students, old friends like you, old times, old manners, old books and my old husband! When my family and I joined the Aikido Yoshinkai martial arts group at the YBA, our traditional Japanese Sensei Noguchi, always addressing me as, "professor's wife", thought I was an exceptional student because I gave my husband three sons!

My wish to you all is; may God grant us the most precious gift of peace and proclaim its message to all the peoples of the earth. May contentment rain within the nations of the world, and health and happiness within its homes. Strengthen the bonds of friendship among the inhabitants of all lands. And keep safe the members of our own armed forces wherever they may be."

Mim's surviving former students and colleagues, friends, 4 grandchildren, four great-granddaughters, three sons and husband of 62 years will miss her smiling face and the comforting embrace of her arms.

Mim's humorous motto on her favorite T-shirt, explaining her sweet tooth was, "Give me your chocolate and nobody gets hurt!"

Relatives and friends are invited to Mim's "Celebration of Life", which is planned for Sunday, January 6th at 2 PM at Temple Emanu-El, 2550 Pali Hwy., Honolulu.

Refreshments to follow.

In lieu of flowers, donations to The Sisterhood of Temple Emanu-El are welcome.




Events


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Celebration of Life

 **Sunday**, January 6, 2019

 2:00 PM HT

 **Temple Emanu-el**
Honolulu HI



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Sandy Forman posted:

My warm memories of Min are eternal. For nearly seven decades we enjoyed a closeness that cannot be perceived other than ethereal. We shall miss her smiles and ever optimistic life lessons. Let us not say goodbye but sweet dreams, Sandy Forman

January 11 at 3:09 AM

PM

Peter Mallin posted:

Mim and my parents were neighbors while this lived in NJ. According to my baby book, Mim was one of the first people my parents informed of my birth. May the Lord be close to the Lang family in this time of loss.

December 11 at 9:17 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Miriam by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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