



## Joanne "Jo" L. Lundstrom

December 8, 1938 - April 24, 2016

Joanne Louise Lundstrom, raised in San Diego, moved to Hawaii in 1962 after graduating from the UCLA School of Social work and began her long, caring, successful career in the field of social work. Her first employment at the Hawaii State Hospital was followed by the trend to de-institutionalize those with mental illness as she took her expertise into the community and, after a brief time at the Farrington High School Quick Kokua program, became executive director of a non-profit mental health agency called The House in 1979. Under Joanne's leadership, The House evolved into the multi-island, multi-facility Mental Health Kokua. Thousands of individuals with mental illness learned how to manage their illness and live successfully within the community while living at MHK. Joanne 'reinvented' her life after 29 years with MHK. She became active with the Mediation Center and was a co-founder of PHOCUSED, a non-profit dedicated to advocacy for Hawaii's most vulnerable citizens and she almost never missed a day of work out at the Waialae-Kahala YMCA. Throughout her adult life, Joanne traveled throughout the globe sharing her love and caring, participating in Global Volunteers and Road Scholars. She will be remembered for a saying she kept above her desk 'Never walk when you can dance', her offering of hope to so many, for believing in recovery, for being so very intelligent, for her astute leadership, for her kindness to all, and for the love she bestowed on all.

She is survived by brother John (Ann) Lundstrom and nephews David and Steven, sister Carol (Henry) Ramirez and niece Jamie R. Burtzloff and nephew Christopher, hanai son Guy (Kai) Aliikai (Terri) Adams, hanai niece Patricia (Kapi) Kenoi (Russell) Chin, and her beloved cats Pumpkin and Sweet Pea. A celebration of life will be held at the Honolulu Elks Club, May 23, 4:30 to 6:30 pm. In lieu of flowers or monetary gifts, donations may be made to Mental Health Kokua or Hospice Hawaii.

# Events

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**MAY** **Celebration of Life** 04:30PM - 06:30PM

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Elks Club

2933 Kalakaua Ave, Honolulu, HI, US, 96815

# Comments

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“ Laurie Hope sent a virtual gift in memory of Joanne "Jo" L. Lundstrom



**Laurie Hope** - April 28, 2019 at 12:07 AM

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“ I'd lost contact with Joanne in the last 5 years, and heard the news just this week that she had passed. She took a chance on hiring me, back in 1995, and gave me a shot at the best job I've ever had, that set the course for my career. I learned so much from her -- including to always wear bright colors. I'm forever grateful for her mentorship and will strive to make her proud and carry on her very best qualities.

**Sally Erickson** - August 25, 2017 at 08:13 PM

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“ She set us up to succeed. She loved us unconditionally. She did not manage, she empowered. She openly shared her wealth of knowledge. I owe to her my successes.

**jess** - May 24, 2016 at 04:30 PM

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“ My sincere condolences to your family. May you find comfort found in the words of Isaiah 25:8

**dawn** - May 16, 2016 at 01:46 PM

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“ Sherry Chong is following this tribute.

**Sherry Chong** - May 09, 2016 at 08:23 PM