



# Ruby Hope Zarazua

*August 12, 1937 - November 9, 2005*

Honolulu, Hawaii

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Ruby Hope Zarazua died in Honolulu on November 9, 2005. She was 68. Born August 12, 1937 in Honolulu, carrying French-Canadian stories that arrived without footnotes. Young, she understood that quiet competence outlasts loud plans.

She kept tallies that turned lumber into wages without inventing lengths. A lumber tally book yellowed but legible outlasted three managers. Colleagues still mention a lumber tally book yellowed but legible.

In 1963 she married William. The marriage was not a speech; it was groceries, repairs, and three children walked to school in weather that did not care. When William died in 1998, she kept what still worked: the early walk, the small garden, the call on Sundays.

Neighbors remember coffee offered before questions. She liked early mornings before the heat or the noise. She died in Honolulu, among streets she never needed to explain. The garden will come up next spring without being told.

What remains is not a legend but a practice: showing up, keeping a promise, leaving a place better than you found it. Her life was the kind America is built from and too often forgets to name.

## Services

Services in Honolulu will be simple: stories, coffee, and the names of people who showed up. Flowers optional; support for a local clinic or trade scholarship preferred.

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