



Sun Hee Cavanaugh

April 14, 1956 - August 30, 2026

Hilo, Hawaii

Sun Hee Cavanaugh died in Hilo on August 30, 2026. She was 70. Born on April 14, 1956, raised among Korean-American manners that never needed a speech. She learned early that a day is something you finish, not something you wait for.

She pressed suits and school clothes with the same care. A press machine tuned by ear was her signature; neighbors trusted her with Sundays. Colleagues still mention a press machine she tuned by ear.

She married Min in 1981. They kept a house that stayed modest when the neighborhood did not. They raised two daughters through public schools and ordinary weather. After Min died in 2019, she kept the routines that still made sense: the walk, the garden, the Sunday call.

Neighbors remember a rake leaned against a shared fence after a storm. She liked early mornings before the heat or the noise. She died in Hilo, among streets she never needed to explain. The radio is still tuned to the station that played while work got done.

Services

A memorial gathering in Hilo with coffee afterward. In lieu of flowers, a gift to a local workers' fund, clinic, or neighborhood library is welcome.

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