



Sun Hee Kierkegaard

April 13, 1957 - August 29, 2026

Hilo, Hawaii

Sun Hee Kierkegaard died in Hilo on August 29, 2026. She was 69. Born in Hilo on April 13, 1957, with Korean-Danish roots that shaped the table more than the flag. 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 1980. 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 someone who knew every child's name on the block. She liked early mornings before the heat or the noise. She died in Hilo, among streets she never needed to explain. The garden will come up next spring without being told.

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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