



Hattie Pang Holapa

February 27, 1924 - May 17, 2015

Hattie Pang Holapa 91, of Chester, MD, loving wife, mother, and grandmother, died surrounded by her family on Sunday, May 17, 2015 .

Mrs. Holapa was originally from Paia, Maui, Hawaii, one of five girls and three adopted brothers and was married to Carl Holapa of Bismark, ND, for 56 years. They raised three children together in Springfield, VA.

She was preceded in death by her parents, two sisters, brother, and husband, Carl. She is survived by her three children, Barbara Turbitt (John), John Holapa and Mary Schmitt (Robert); as well as her grandchildren, Jessica Reavis, Noelle Turbitt, Caroline Turbitt, Kendall Turbitt, Katy Turbitt, Eva Holapa, George Holapa, Alex Schmitt, Annalisa Schmitt; and a great-grandchild, Nadja Vance.

Mrs. Holapa joined the military at age twenty, the first group of Hawaiian women in Women Army's Corps. She proudly served in Panama, Paris, Belgium and at the Pentagon, where she met her future husband. She returned to Hawaii for frequent visits. She left the Army as a Master Sergeant in 1955 to raise their family and returned to work in 1973 at the Department of Defense on Fort Belvoir, VA. She received numerous awards and swiftly rose in the ranks until her retirement in 1994.

Hattie will be deeply missed for her expert chopping skills, bravery, and independence, keen eye for detail, beautiful storytelling and quick wit. She was always pleasant and never complained.

Funeral services will be private, for family only. She will be laid to rest at Arlington National Cemetery, alongside her husband, at a later date.

Tribute Wall



“ *Hattie Pang Holapa*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Hattie Pang Holapa*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *Condolences from the Koval family. Reading Mary's Facebook posts about her mom always warmed my heart. She sounds like a wonderful woman Who was very much loved by her family.*

nancy koval - May 20, 2015 at 06:28 PM

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“ Dear Holapa "kids":

A chance glance at the Metro section of the Post today (Tues) grabbed my heart and brought a rush of memories from Gresham Street in Springfield, Virginia, in the mid 1960's. Your sweet parents were part of a loving, caring group of neighbors, whose friendship was a model which has served me well through the years.

I represent the Mosher family who lived across the street from you--Kathi, Sandi, Anita, Ken ("Willie"), John and Bob. Dad (Ken) passed away in 1991, and Mom (Marie) followed in 1999; they are both interred at Arlington Cemetery. Our "baby brother" Bob passed away unexpectedly in 2002; the rest of us are still in Virginia.

I remember your parents beaming with pride whenever they talked about you kids. We Mosher kids may have been older than you guys----and I can't remember if I ever babysat for you---but you would have been a favorite family because you were such cute kids! And you kids have done VERY WELL in providing grandchildren for your Mom to love and be proud of as well!

As I inform each of my siblings of your Mom's passing, we will be sharing memories of your family and holding you in prayer.

Our hearts join yours in remembering this lovely woman,

*Sandi (Mosher) Hentz
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Sandra Hentz (nee Mosher) - May 20, 2015 at 03:14 PM

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Bonnie Shute - May 20, 2015 at 11:53 AM

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Lewis

“ *I'm very sorry for your family's loss! I admired Mrs. Hattie's young and vibrant energy whenever I saw her out and about with Mrs. Mary and the kids. We know how hard it can be to say goodbye to someone so close after taking care of them every day. If you need anything, the Lewis family is here to support you in any way we can. We're praying for you!*

Rose Lewis - May 19, 2015 at 06:11 PM

KW

“ *Very sorry for your loss Mary and family. What an amazing and accomplished woman your Mom was!*

Karen Wakefield - May 19, 2015 at 03:13 PM

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So sorry Mary for the loss of your Mom, such a wonderful daughter you were to her as well as your family, sending many prayers to all of you xoxo

gaynell harding - May 19, 2015 at 06:47 PM