



*Because it's me that you are missin',
don't worry - be glad - I've only gone Fishin'.*

by David Ritter



Celebration of Life



"Uncle Mo"

JAMES MONTROSE O'HARA

"Jim"

February 15, 1933

to

March 4, 2025

"And We Love You So..."

Psalm 23

*The LORD is my shephard; I shall not want.
He makes me lie down in green pastures.
He leads me beside still waters.
He restores my soul.
He leads me in paths of righteousness
for his name's sake.*

*Even though I walk through the valley
of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil,
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff,
they comfort me.*

*You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.*

*Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD
Forever.*

Amen

Eddie Kunipo and SonsSomewhere Over The Rainbow

Eddie Kunipo.....Opening Prayer

Cheryl Ann Kunipo Akau.....Reading of Psalm 23

Rochelle Kunipo Garcia.....Power of His Love Hula

Pamela Kunipo Anderson.....Welcome Ohana and Friends - Eulogy

Eddie Kunipo.....Devotional Message and Salvation Prayer

Josephine Kunipo Kauo.....Mele Ohana Hula

Joshua Makua.....Gone Fishing Poem by David Ritter

Rochelle Kunipo Garcia.....Ka Pule A Ka Haku - The LORD's Prayer

GOD daughter:

Mary Iwalani Kunipo Aguirre.....Invitation to participate in burial at sea

Celebration of Life JAMES MONTROSE O'HARA

Born in Buffalo, New York, Feb 15, 1933 – Mar 4, 2025.
Peacefully passed in Ocean View, Hawai'i Island.

Deceased: Father Robert M. O'Hara, Mother Elizabeth A. Tereska O'Hara, Brother Robert M. O'Hara, Jr.

Graduate of Seneca Vocational High School, Diploma in Industrial Subjects "Electrical" June 1951. He enlisted in the United States Navy in Feb 1952 and went to Navy Recruit Training Command at Naval Training Center, San Diego, CA and was appointed a member of the Drum and Bugle Corps.

Graduate of Aviation Electronics Technician "A" School Memphis, TN, Jul 1953 to Feb 1954. He finished top 6 of 99 students and advanced to Petty Officer Third Class Aviation Electronics Technician (AT3). He advanced to AT2 in May 1954 and AT1 in July 1955; a very impressive track record for Enlisted advancement.

AT1 O'Hara was stationed with AIR TRANSPORTATION SQUADRON SEVEN, HICKAM AFB, the TERRITORY OF HAWAII. He separated from the Navy in June 1956 with an Honorable Discharge.

Jim stayed in Hawai'i and made Hawai'i his home. He spent most of his younger years living on O'ahu, where he met and married the love of his life Cecelia Ka'awaloa Kunipo. Although, they ended up parting ways, Jim was part of Our Kunipo 'Ohana – no matter what – he was our Uncle Mo.

He worked for Dillingham Maritime Electric as the Maritime Electronics Branch Manager. Upon his retirement he started his own business "Marine Systems Hawai'i." He applied his naval training and experience troubleshooting complex technical problems on marine communication systems, radars, and navigational systems; provided technical expertise and outstanding customer service to numerous civilian and military customers throughout the Hawaiian Islands.

After many years of running his business, he decided to sell and he moved to Moloka'i. Jim worked for Raytheon Corporation as an Aeronautical Radio Operator. After retiring there, he relocated to his final home in Ocean View, Hawai'i Island. Jim was an active member of his Ocean View Community. As an elected Board Member of Hawaiian Ocean View Estates (H.O.V.E.) Road Maintenance, his keen ability to make wise, sensible and reasonable decisions contributed to H.O.V.E. operating within their annual budget. He also helped with their website and provided assistance on various computer programs to Office Personnel.

As a seasoned Sailor, Captain and Fisherman, he spent his younger years sailing and fishing on his many boats "Boston Whalers, MARY D, and MAALEA" teaching anyone who showed an interest in sailing and

fishing.

Between the years of 1975 to 1990, as Captain and owner of the vessel MAALEA, he volunteered as an Escort Boat for Hōkūle'a. He supported many voyages for Hōkūle'a throughout the Hawaiian Islands by towing and escorting it. Captain Jim and MAALEA were instrumental in helping Hōkūle'a prepare and train for a successful Voyage of Rediscovery (1985-1987) sail.

As an escort boat for numerous Kane and Wahine canoe paddling races from Moloka'i to O'ahu. O'ahu to Hawai'i Island and Hawai'i Island to O'ahu, Jim donated his time, expertise and funds by helping various canoe clubs fulfill their dreams of competing in those events. Supporting and participating in all these events was Uncle Mo's way of giving back to his community, the Hawaiian people and their culture – which he deeply loved.

Jim was an active member of the following Ala Wai, Hawai'i and Moloka'i Yacht Clubs and the Honolulu Rotary Club. He volunteered as a Board Member, or event photographer, or whatever the Clubs needed him to do.

Seeing a need for the "na keikis" to learn about fishing, self-confidence, teamwork, and competition, he co-founded "The Junior Fishing Tournament" in Honolulu at Hawai'i Yacht Club. Under his leadership and tutelage the tournament started as a small event then grew into an annual competition.

Jim was also an active member of the Hoolea Jackpot Fishing Online Tournament at the Ala Wai Harbor which ran from 1994 – 2008; Senorita's Fishing Tournament from 1990 – 2008.

As an amateur photographer, Uncle Mo was our 'Ohana's special event recorder. Always behind a camera or video camera, he was the one who documented it all. We are very grateful that he was able to catch so many childhood memories with his Polaroid or digital cameras, 32 mm film or VHS, BETA tapes. And thank you to whomever was able to catch a picture or two of Uncle Mo throughout the years.

There are times in your life when you meet a special person who has the talent and gift to inspire, motivate and encourage you to fulfill your dreams and Jim was that Special Person. Whether you remember him as "Jim" or "Uncle Mo" we have all been blessed to have had him in our lives.

To everyone a big "Mahalo" for sharing this special day with our 'Ohana – Me ke aloha pumehana from the Boyles, Kunipo, Hoover and Makua 'Ohana.

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