Hardy Spoehr grew up on O`ahu, first at Kapalama Heights on the grounds of Kamehameha Schools and later in Makiki. His family moved to Hawai`i from Saipan when his father accepted a position at the Bernice P. Bishop Museum. He has lived in Manoa for the past thirty-five years. In his early years, he spent much of his time around the Bishop Museum under the watchful eyes of Auntys’ Martha Hohu and Kalei Holt, Tutu Pukui, and Uncles Abraham Piianaia and Danny Keohokapu.

Hardy is married to his wife of over 50 years, Joyce Spoehr, a lauhala weaver and retired City and County Recreation Director, and has two daughters, Sarah Puamakaele Jenny and Brandy Kahealani Rea, and six grandchildren.

Hardy’s first professional jobs were working as a Water Safety Officer for the City and County of Honolulu and as a teacher at Punahou School and Tereora College (Cook islands). Later he held positions with the Prime Minister’s Office in the Cook Islands, the County of Hawai`i, ALU LIKE, Inc., The Nature Conservancy, the State Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, the US Congressional Kaho`olawe Island Conveyance Commission, and, most recently, Papa Ola Lokahi, the Native Hawaiian Health Board.

Now Retired, Hardy distinguished himself as a football official at the high school, college, and professional levels and continues to paddle with Anuenue Canoe Club, to play bagpipes with the Celtic Pipes and Drums of Hawai`i, and to honor our Queen.