

Alfred John Manthei Born 12 December 1937, in Kahaluu, Oahu. Died 10 July 2011, in Puna Hawaii. Life member of VFW Post 3830; Longtime resident of HPP.

Alfred was many things to many people. To a newcomer to Hawaii he was a mentor and a crutch. He would take them under his wing , befriend them and help them get started on the right foot.

To all the people that he knew he was the "go to guy" if you had a problem that needed fixing all you had to do was give him a call and he would load up his tools, show up and fix the problem...no charge. Many people in the community benefited from his know how and his generosity. A lot of them without even a thank you. A friend of his once needed a cover for his

catchment tank so Alfred took the one off of his tank and gave it to him.

To his friends and drinking buddies he was a lot of fun to be with until he had a little too much to drink and then he could become very obstinate. He was always the life of the party and sometimes he **was** the party. He was always fast with a smile that made you feel welcome and special every time that you saw him.

I think that Alfred's only regret was that he couldn't do more for his children. The last few months of his life he tried to do as much as he could to try to make up for being distant with his daughters whom he loved very much. He showed his love to all it was just harder for him to show it to his family.

Alfred is in a better place now, and he probably has his tools with him and is getting everything ready for when we join him. I'm sure that he will greet us there with a hug and a big smile.

Aloha Alfred old friend, and someday we will meet again.