



Maili Leilani Mello

March 27, 1979 - November 7, 2025

Maili Leilani Mello, age 46, passed away on November 7th, 2025. She was born on March 27th, 1979, in Anaheim, California, to John Wayne “Spook” Mello and Pamela Jean Brown.

Maili lived a life built around love, motherhood, and connection. She attended Caney Valley High School in Caney, Kansas, where she formed her love for sports, as well as friendships and memories that she carried with her throughout her life. In her younger years, she worked several part time jobs once the kids were of school age, where she made countless friends, many of whom remained dear to her. Maili loved coaching youth softball, helping to shape young athletes with patience, encouragement, and enthusiasm.

Maili found her greatest joy in her children. She cherished every football game she attended for her son, Leland, as well as every orchestra concert, soccer game and track meet for her daughter, Leilani. She was always present, cheering, supporting, and celebrating, no matter how big or small the moment. Her gentle soul had a deep love for her beloved cats and horses, and made countless cherished memories with her kids who carry on her empathy and compassion for furry companions.

A lover of shopping and personal style, Maili had an unmatched eye for fashion. Her daughter often said that she would not have her own sense of

style without Maili's guidance and flair. Music was another passion close to her heart, concerts, playlists, and long drives with Maili on "aux" created treasured memories with those she loved.

Among her proudest accomplishments were the birth of her children, overcoming stage III cervical cancer before the age of 32, and rising as a strong, independent single mother. Her resilience and lust for life will forever be remembered by all who knew and loved her.

Maili is preceded in death by her father, John Wayne "Spook" Mello, and her maternal grandparents, Richard "Dick" Brown and Patricia Brown. She is survived by her daughter Kalle "Leilani" Keene; her son Leland Bradley Calvin Keene; her brother Cory Allen Perry; and her mother Pamela Jean Brown. Maili will be deeply missed, but her light lives on in every story shared, every memory held close, and every heart she touched. The room will always be a little quieter without her larger than life presence. May her spirit continue to guide and inspire those who loved her most. Forever in our hearts, our heavenly flower.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

DEC **12.** 12:00 PM (CT)

Stumpff Funeral Home & Crematory

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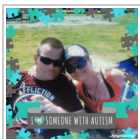
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Tribute Wall



“ My condolences 🌸 for your loss , i just found out and i am so sorry I wasn't there believe me I would have been , Maili was one of a kind ,one of my besties , someone who's back I would have had at the drop of a dime ! Maili was 100 percent positive threw and threw no matter how bad you thought your day was, Maili could always make you laugh lol , her horse , omg lol enuf said I can still remember those days of youth laughing riding without a care in the world RIP heavenly flower never forgotten.



Tiffany Waller - December 17, 2025 at 10:53 AM

RE

“ I'm so sorry Leland, Kelle, Cory and Pam. Maili will be very much missed. You couldn't be down around her lol. She made sure to bring you out of your funk. She was there for me when I needed her most. I will always love her and miss her. So sorry for your loss.



Rhonda Ellis - December 13, 2025 at 10:44 AM

GC

“ Greg and Rhonda Carr purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Maili Leilani Mello.



Greg and Rhonda Carr - December 12, 2025 at 02:14 PM

SK

“ Sue King lit a candle in memory of Maili Leilani Mello



Sue king - December 12, 2025 at 10:08 AM

SK

I'm so very sorry for the loss of your mama and daughter. I'm so very proud of the man you've become Leland your start was rocky but sweetie look at you now!!! Kailie stay strong, stay in school your almost finished. Pami my sis my heart keeps for you but you do know maili was saved so she's in the arms of Jesus. I wish I could have been there but my heart is there with each of you much love aunt Sue and Sueb

Sue king - December 12, 2025 at 10:18 AM

SK

That should say my heart is with each of you.

Sue king - December 12, 2025 at 10:22 AM

AD

“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



Aunty Rosalie (Maili's dad"Spooky"sister - December 11, 2025 at 09:16 PM

AD

the first picture,Maili was in hawaii,playing with some of her cousins,she came down with her Dad for Gramma Hazels funeral. the other pictures,one with her dad in the mainland, as well the other picture of her Dad and Mom. these were the only pictures I have of the sweet memories, I am so sorry we dint get to meet her with my daughter in Oklahoma, I will keep you all in my prayers❤️

Aunty Rosalie (Maili's dad"Spooky"sister - December 11, 2025 at 09:22 PM

SB

“ I'm so terribly sorry to hear this. Meili had the biggest personality and was so much fun to have at football games. She will be missed. Prayers to Leland and family. Leland, you are so very loved and never alone. Your football family loves you!

Shelly Blanke - December 11, 2025 at 08:14 PM

BH

Please tell me something I was her boyfriend and I'm so hurt I miss her so bad!!! I wish her daughter and son knew me so I could tell them how much their mother really really loved them!!!

Brandon Heintzelman - December 26, 2025 at 10:59 AM

MC

“ Mundee Cartmill lit a candle in memory of Maili Leilani Mello



Mundee Cartmill - December 11, 2025 at 05:17 PM

MC

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Mundee Cartmill - December 11, 2025 at 01:20 PM

MC

Maili was one of my very best friends 💞 for 20 years plus...our bond was super close from day one..we enjoyed all the same things..but being in nature, or with her horse 'Stormy', and road trips was some of favorite things to do...I will carry you in my heart and soul for the rest of my days...rest in paradise my Maili, until we meet again ❤️ I love you...

Mundee Cartmill - December 11, 2025 at 01:25 PM