



John Charles Putnam

August 14, 1947 - January 29, 2021

John C Putnam was born on August 14, 1947 in Honolulu Hawaii. He had a deep love for the Islands and all their music and traditions. He attended and graduated from Punahou High School and enjoyed attending many of their reunions. After high school, John enlisted in the Air Force and served for four years. His love for music and the theater led him to attend and graduate from the University of Arizona Department of Fine Arts in Theater Production. Upon graduation, he worked at Old Tucson for a number of years. As the computer generation took hold, he decided to attend Pima Community College and earn an Associate's degree in Computer Technology. From there he worked at Raytheon until they instituted a reduction in force. Upon retirement, he returned to his passion in entertainment production and volunteered for over 15 years with KXCI radio. He not only used his skills to assist with their technology but had a regular show highlighting his love of Hawaii music.

He was predeceased by his parents, Thomas and Denzel Putnam and his son Thomas Putnam. He was so grateful for his friends and Michelle Owens and Wendy Graham who also helped him during his health challenges and his many friends and colleagues at KXCI radio station.

He is survived by his son, Alexander Keoni Putnam and his ex-wife Arlene Kutoroff.

In his honor, donations can be made to KXCI Radio Station by making checks payable to KXCI and mail them to:

KXCI
220 S 4th Ave
Tucson AZ 85701

Add "In Memory of John Putnam" in the memo line, so they will know that the gift was made in his honor or you can also give online at <https://kxci.org/>

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“ I am so saddened by the loss of John Putnam. We did not know each other, however we shared a common thread, Hawaii. The love he showed and played every Saturday morning was what I looked forward to. I left my heart in Hawaii 4 yrs ago. I plan to return there to reside and stay. I will throw a beautiful lei in the ocean for dear, sweet John when I do return to the islands. Aloha my friend, I will miss your voice. Blessings, Teresa Crowell, Tucson, Az, for now.

Teresa Crowell - February 06, 2021 at 11:31 AM



“ I no longer live in Tucson, but I connected most Saturday mornings via the internet with John's radio show, Mele O Hawai'i, on KXCI. Johns' passion for the music of Hawaii brought me joy, excitement, feelings of peace. I loved learning more about the culture and music of Hawaii and hearing him "talk story." His passing leaves a little hole in my soul.

kgarlow - February 06, 2021 at 10:08 AM



“ I knew John for about 15 years through our association with KXCI. He shared lots about Hawaiian music and culture, his Hawaiian shirts, politics, and cooking and gardening tips. He could be so kind and so completely exasperating. We ate breakfast at the Cup Cafe twice a month on Saturdays after his radio show and before mine. He always had the quiche with cholula green sauce, fresh cracked pepper on the greens, black coffee, and water no ice. We probably had 75 breakfasts together. I will miss my friend. Aloha and mahalo.



Betsi - February 05, 2021 at 09:43 PM



“ We wish to convey our deepest sympathy.

We can't say that we really knew John, having met and talked with him only a few times at KXCI functions. However, for the past decade we have started almost every Saturday morning with a cup of coffee while listening to Mele O Hawaii. It is something of a tradition now for us, and I wanted you to know how much pleasure John gave us over the years with his wonderful music selections. We will miss him, and I suspect that E Komo Mai will always be first on our Saturday morning playlist.

Sincerely,
- David & Claudia Nelson

D. Nelson - February 05, 2021 at 07:15 PM