

# "Olga" Susan S. Smith Kusano

Born May 19, 1951 in Dallas, TX. After a long illness, passed peacefully on March 26, 2008. Beloved daughter, sister, aunt & catmom. A fearless adventurer, lover of the arts, nature, & fresh, wholesome foods, Olga sought grace via the paths of Sant Mat & Christianity. She found treasure in other peoples' discards, had a very original fashion sense, & a wry, wicked sense of humor. She played bass guitar & performed vocals in three San Francisco punk rock bands. She also played piano & loved, loved, loved to dance. She was a talented visual artist, seamstress & writer who was fascinated with the diversity of life. Over the years Olga supported herself in a variety of ways, a few being vegetarian cook, motorcycle escort for a funeral home, & she delivered singing telegrams as at least four different characters. Defiant of convention and authority, always rooting for the underdog, Olga was comfortable in both solitude & fellowship and never lost the ability to find the humor in all situations or laugh at herself. She was a 1987 graduate of the University of Hawaii at Manoa, earning a BFA in Dance, Drama & Theater Production. She was preceded in death by her father Charles, brother Glenn & catchchildren too numerous to name. She is survived by her mother Laura Smith; three sisters - Carol, Joyce & Rebekkah; six nieces & nephews - Nicole, Leland, Charlie, Mollie, Joseph & Peri; and catchchildren Sampson, Shadow, Jeunnie Mac & Relly-girl. Olgy Sue was never predictable & we will miss her spirit and laughter. A memorial service will be held at 1pm on Sunday, April 27 at Central Christian Church, 109 Haili St., Hilo. The family asks that in lieu of flowers, donations and/or remembrances be made to Hospice of Hilo, 1011 Waianuenue Ave., Hilo, HI 96720.

