

## Gone, but Never Forgotten



Mabel "Meipala" Ishii was the heart and soul of Waikoloa from 1986 to September 6, 2003, when her life was tragically cut short in an automobile accident. Mabel was the Waikoloa Village Association's office administrator, but she was so much more to so many people. Twelve years after her passing, long-time residents still tear up when they speak of "Aunty Mabel."

During the Village's early stage of development, several ladies of the Waimea Hawaiian Civic Club selected names for the Waikoloa streets. For the past year, we have included translations for these street names in the Breeze. The next street name on our list is Meipala. In 2008, the street, which is located in the Sunset Ridge area, was named in honor of Mabel's memory, and a plaque was erected at the street's entrance during the dedication ceremony.



If you were lucky enough to have known Aunty Mabel, we would love to hear from you. Do you have a favorite picture or memory that you would like to share with us? Please send email to [kathy@wvagolf.com](mailto:kathy@wvagolf.com), call 747-8762, or drop by a handwritten or typed story with your name and number on it, and we will include your pictures and stories in upcoming issues.