

AUNTY MARGARET  
KALEHUAMAKANOELULU`UONAPĀLIAHUALAKEALI`I  
MACHADO

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Elizabeth Johnson Au Solomon died on O`ahu in 1920, leaving three young children, Henry, Margaret, and John. Her wish to her husband was to place Henry and Margaret in a Christian home where they would learn about the Bible and it's teachings of God. She did not want the children learning about the stone and wooden Hawaiian Gods. Henry went to the Salvation Army Home; Margaret, at age 3 1/2, was placed into Susanna Wesley Home; John, sent to live with a relative in Kona.

Susanna Wesley Home for Girls taught home-making skills such as cooking, sewing, cleaning house and child care. While the girls were taught responsibilities, they also learned to take pride in doing their chores well, being clean, neat, and cheerful whenever presenting themselves. Classes included daily Bible study, being kind to each other, and singing. During some of their outings into the community, they would sing to prisoners.

It was a lonely loveless life without a mother and father. Once each month at the Home, visits were allowed for the children to see their parents, family, and friends. On most occasions, no visitors came for Margaret, leaving her with the feeling that she was not loved. On those days, she always watched the happy faces of children being kissed and hugged. She would go looking for Mitsy, the little house dog, for companionship and someone to love; she longed to be loved by someone. Margaret did have an unforgettable visit when she was 10 years old, from John Au, her grandfather, who, with her family's blessing, acknowledged her destiny as a healer and a teacher. Nearly 40 years would pass before she learned all her skills and opened her school on the big island. He also gave her the name "Kalehuamakanoelulu`uonāpaliahualakeali`i". Within her name are several meanings: the lehua flower, eyes, mist scattered pollen, cliff. The lehua flower has been described as having many eyes. Margaret could see right through the core of each person. There is a mist present amongst the cliffs; when it lifts, it leaves everything green and refreshed. Her name also means to revive or bring back to life. She was the chosen one in the family, the one who would be able to do the loving work of Hawaiian Lomilomi Massage, and to use the many Hawaiian herbs available to help cleanse one's body.

The special gift given to her by her grandfather, also known as "Old Man Ko`o", could only be passed down within the immediate family. If the time came for Aunty Margaret to pass this gift, she would have a dream about a family member, and then chant the blessing on that person. In this case, the gift died with her. Her family is happy to see that Aunty Margaret's work will carry on throughout the world through the students who came to learn lomilomi. She was the first Hawaiian to teach this Sacred Art outside of

the family, and also to non-Hawaiians, and to stress the importance of “Ho`oponopono”. She was the first Hawaiian lomoilomi teacher certified by the State of Hawai`i, in 1965. Ho`oponopono (prayer and the Hawaiian art of family mediation) were deep beliefs of Aunty Margaret’s; “just before every sunset, you search your heart and forgive yourself and others whom you may have offended, or who you perceive to have offended you.” She would say that you cannot go to sleep with a troubled mind or troubled heart. An unforgiving heart and mind cause changes in the muscles, nerves, and blood vessels that add to many health deficiencies, chronic diseases, broken families and relationships.

Margaret was blessed with an everlasting love, flowing from heaven through her to others. Many experienced this acceptance, unconditional love, and forgiveness when meeting her for the first time. Another famous quote of Aunty’s was, “touching the body with a loving touch; if your hands are gentle and loving, your patients will feel the sincerity of your heart. Their soul will reach out to yours, and the Lord’s healing will flow through you both.”

Aunty Margaret was always a very calm and serene person. In her smile, she radiated happiness and joy toward students and everyone she encountered. She looked for the good in people, always overlooking any past misbehavior or fault. She would have a warm greeting and a smile for each person that came in the gate to her school at Ke`ei beach. For each person who came seeking assistance, she would say, “come, let me help you.” Aunty had a wonderful, loving kindness which she shared with all who came in contact with her. Many people admit to having felt drawn to Aunty Margaret, and ended-up at her Ke`ei beach school. Margaret became “Aunty” to everyone, especially to her students who came from around the world and from all walks of life. She taught the meaning of love, kindness, sharing, and to practice the Spirit of Aloha.

Aunty Margaret received numerous awards, including Living Treasure of Hawai`i, the Ka`onohi Award for Hawaiian Health and He Kuleana Aloha Award for lifetime achievement.