

Duke to take last ride in the surf on Saturday

Duke Kahanamoku will begin his last ride on the Waikiki surf at about 4:30 p.m. Saturday when an outrigger canoe turns its bow toward the reef.

"That's about the time Duke used to go swimming and surfing," a friend said.

The outrigger carrying Duke's ashes in an urn will be one of several in a procession — an important part of the traditional beachboy funeral ceremony.

Duke died Monday of heart failure at the age of 77.

Episcopalian services will be conducted at 3 p.m. Saturday at St. Andrew's Cathedral by Bishop Harry S. Kennedy and Dean John J. Morrett. The Kamehameha School choir will sing.

The eulogy will be given by Duke's old friend, entertainer Arthur Godfrey. Two other friends from the world of film and athletics, John Wayne and Johnny Weissmuller may attend.

Following the 20-minute cathedral services, a motor procession will turn toward Waikiki and the sand in front of the Royal Hawaiian.

There, a brief Masonic service will be held in honor of Duke, a 32nd degree Mason

and noble of the Aloha Temple.

Beachboys will then man some 10 outriggers that will carry Duke's ashes, members of his family, Bishop Kennedy and Godfrey about one mile offshore when the urn containing the ashes will be deposited on the water.

After the urn sinks, the outriggers will turn toward the beach and race for home — another part of the ceremony specifically requested by Duke.

Duke Kahanamoku's widow requested that friends omit flowers. She suggested that contributions be sent to

Convocation at Chaminade

Chaminade College will have its spring semester convocation tomorrow at 12:30 p.m.

There will be an academic procession to the school gym.

The Very Rev. William F. Ferree, president, and Brother Robert Maguire, vice president for academic affairs, will speak.

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Duke Kahanamoku's physician at Kaiser Hospital reports autopsy findings indicate the ex-Olympic swimming champion's heart was extremely over-worked and over-taxed for "quite a long while."

His heart was nearly three times the size of a normal heart. Such over-taxing would have caused a weaker person to die months ago, the physician said.

Death was attributed to irregular contractions of the large muscular chambers which resulted in lack of blood circulation and then death.

Duke's heart, the doctor said, underwent partial damage months ago because of temporary heart failure and faulty rhythm.

Death came when the long-weary heart could no longer withstand strain wrought by age and over-work.

The physician said Duke's high degree of fitness at age 77 was probably the result of a lifetime of strenuous physical activity.