

Islands' Aloha Today for Duke

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Hawaii will bid aloha today to Duke Kahanamoku.

Services will be simple and dignified, the way the Duke spent his 77 years. Traditional beach boy services will follow church and Masonic rites.

The ashes will be scattered in blue waters beyond the reefs.

There will be more than 100 honorary pallbearers, including State and City leaders, members of the Hawaii congressional delegation, show business personalities, and beach boys.

Services begin at 3 p.m. at St. Andrew's Cathedral at Queen Emma Square with Dean John J. Morrett reading psalms. The Rev. Abraham K. Akaka, pastor of Kawaiahao Church, then will read a Hawaiian prayer.

Duke's long-time friend, entertainer Arthur Godfrey, will deliver a short eulogy, followed by music by the Kamehameha School choir.

The Rt. Rev. Harry S. Kennedy, Episcopal Bishop of Honolulu, will quote from the Scriptures and deliver the prayers.

The funeral procession will leave St. Andrew's about 3:45 p.m. for the Royal Hawaiian Hotel, by way of Beretania Street and Kalakaua Avenue.

The pallbearers will follow

the family cars in procession to the Royal Hawaiian with police escort, enter the Royal driveway and park on the left.

A Royal Honor Guard and a Masonic honor group will escort the family through the hotel to the beach where Duke's canoe will be waiting on the sand. His surfboard will be resting across it.

Bishop Kennedy will place the urn on the surfboard, where it will remain during a 32nd Degree Masonic ceremony, conducted by Worshipful Master Howard Wong of Hawaii Lodge 21.

The Rev. Akaka then will say a Hawaiian prayer.

A group of beach boys will sing several of Duke's favorite songs, including "Hui Nalu" (Surfers' Club) and "Imi Aua Oe." (I am Seeking You).

The beach boys then will board their lei-covered outrigger canoes and follow the canoe bearing Duke's ashes in single file "beyond the break" (reef) about two miles from the beach.

With Duke on his final canoe ride will be his widow, Nadine, the Rev. Akaka, Dean Morrett and Godfrey.

The beach boys will circle Duke's canoe while Akaka and Dean Morrett say prayers. The clerics will scatter the ashes on the sea.

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