



MEMO TO: Las Vegas Hawaiian Civic Club Board and Membership
SUBJECT: Rocky K Jensen, Hawaiian Artist Memoriam
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The summer of 1995 was an eventful one for the Hawaiian Community in San Diego as well as most of Southern California. The voyaging canoe Hokule'a traveled to the west coast starting from San Francisco, to Los Angeles, then to San Diego. Several cultural events were scheduled around this event including a major art exhibit at the Museum of Man featuring Hawaiian artist Rocky Jensen and his Hale Naua III Kānaka Maoli group of artists.

I was involved with helping to curate the art exhibit, working with the museum, Rocky, his wife Lucia and daughter Natalie. I was saddened to learn recently of his passing and was reminded of the summer of 1995 and getting to know this talented, wonderful Hawaiian family.

Ka Ola for their July issue memorialized Rocky in a wonderful article, that does justice to his memory. Here is the link to this article as it is much better than anything that I could have written:

[The Three Souls of Rocky Ka'iouliokahihikolo'Ehu Jensen: A Gentle Remembrance - Ka Wai Ola](#)