



## Hawai'i County Office of Aging 2022 Outstanding Older American Awardees



Older American Awardee Daniel Perreira pictured with Hawai'i County Mayor Mitch Roth

### **Daniel Perreira**

Daniel is 79 years young and resides in Honoka'a Hawai'i. The Waimea Senior Citizens Club nominated him for Hawai'i County Office of Aging 2022 Outstanding Older American Award.

"Danny learned at an early age from his grandma the love of preparing and sharing food. It has been his life's philosophy!"

After graduating from high school, Danny worked various jobs in the food industry. He would go on to buy and run "Paniolo County Inn" in Kamuela, Hawai'i from 1992 to 2020.

During this time, Danny would support many community groups and activities. Waimea Lions Club held monthly meetings at the Inn and Danny would donate, prepare and serve breakfast to workers setting up for the Aloha Week Parade. In addition, he donated and cooked food for the Hawaii Saddle Club Rodeo in Honoka'a with all the proceeds going to scholarships. His Inn was a warm gathering place for many in the community.

Upon the closing of the restaurant, he opened a food truck and continued to serve the Waimea community. Once a week he served dinner at Kuhio Town Hall with all tips going back to them for their programs. During the height of the COVID pandemic, he cooked and donated breakfast, serving over two hundred people weekly for months.

Danny's love of sharing food has assisted his community in many ways and provided him great happiness!

We extend our heartfelt congratulations to him as the Hawaii County's Office of Aging Outstanding Older American.