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Bio:

Leilani was born in Canada, has a Hawaiian name, but was raised in Southern California. She lived in Anaheim, California most of her life, enjoying the beaches and family vacations in the deserts of California and Mexico, riding off road and all terrain vehicles and motorcycles. In High School she took Home Economic classes in cooking and sewing, she loved arts & crafts, and belonged to the Drill Team and Dance Club. While working at Disneyland (1974-1976) she went to college studying Business and Fine Arts. She was a classically trained ballet dancer, since age 8, and continued to dance throughout her life in various disciplines, including being a member of a modern dance company while in college. She studied fine arts and enjoyed drawing and painting.

During her first marriage, she learned how to do wood burning on decorative gourds, and needle crafts like embroidery and knitting, and some sewing. Her hobbies consisted of recreational boating, off road riding, and motorcycling. She owned several motorcycles and off road vehicles, for many adventures in Southern California and the Baja Mexico deserts. She was a member of many motorcycle organizations and was instrumental in promoting women in the industry and as enthusiasts. Her most memorable ride was the "Three Flags Classic" in 1989, that took her from Tijuana Mexico into Canada in 4 days, with timed check points, on her BMW 750 Sport Touring Motorcycle.

In 2002, after meeting her soon to be 2nd husband, they moved to Lake Tahoe California and built a custom home, doing most of the work themselves. They enjoyed everything the beautiful Sierra mountains had to offer, including skiing, mountain bike riding, kayaking, and hiking. In 2005 she decided to take a beginning quilting class at a local shop, and proceeded to take several more learning the skills and techniques for various projects. She explored and experimented with different quilting styles.

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