

Roberta Ku'ulei Keakealani comes from three Robert's, both maternal and paternal grandfathers and her father all bear the name Robert. She comes from quiet yet strong grandmothers and a horse loving mother of the Northern Cree nation. Born into a family who lives were and are lived close to the land, she calls the North Kona landscapes home. From the seemingly barren lands of Pu'uanahulu to the green pasture lands of Waimea, where she has lived most of her life, Ku'ulei and dedicated her life's work to teaching that which she has learned. Being in cultural education for the past few decades, she was a Hawaiian Language teacher from the early 90's and continues to be an educator today. Learning from family members, Ku'ulei has had the absolute privilege of walking and riding her homelands from the coastal sections to the mountain regions of Hualalai, Mauna Kea, Mauna Loa and Kohala with and among her grandfather, father and numerous uncles. The traditions and knowledge passed to her is foundational and has immensely shaped her to be the person she is today. A mother of three lovely daughters, she and her husband continue to live the ways of their simple upbringing, living close to the land and elements, growing the foods that sustain them from the blue oceans to the "forestscapes" of the uplands, they are always mindful to remember, to be observant and live the teachings of their forefathers. Today she follows suit of that teaching, to share of the things that she has learned, in humbleness and gratitude Roberta Ku'ulei Keakealani imparts the teachings of the ancestors.