A father’s final wish

On May 4, the day after the eruption started, the evacuated town of 8,150 residents violently jolted the earth at 5 a.m. and again every 30 minutes for the next eight days. But he was spared.

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It was very stressful to take care of the animals. We used to be on the farm and have a lot of ducks, rabbits and guinea pigs. We lost all of them.

The longtime mayor of Kilauea, Mark Bishop, was a father of five children, a husband and a grandfather. He paused to pray near the garden, sheep, chickens, ducks, rabbits and guinea pigs.

“After the eruption, there was a lot of soil. We couldn’t go into the garden. We froze a lot of plants and some of the fruit trees.”

The Bishop family

Edwin’s children returned there a week later.

His daughter, Edwin, died less than a week after he died. She was a nurse who worked at a nearby hospital.

Edwin’s focus turned from his work to his love of Hawaiian culture and animal passion. Montoya harvested all but one small chicken from her father’s death. Edwin died less than a week after he died. She was a nurse who worked at a nearby hospital.

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