



Polikalepo Tuigamala

November 25, 1964 - January 16, 2020

Polikalepo Tuigamala was called back home on January 16, 2020, at 5:15pm. He was surrounded by family & friends as they bode him farewell at the Jordan Valley Hospital. Polikalepo was born in the village of Falefa, Western Samoa to Tina Talaetau Fuimaono and Tagialupe Tinei Tuigamala. He was blessed with the opportunity of being the eldest brother to 4 sisters and 3 brothers. He was raised by his late grandmother, Meavale and his late great grandfather, Polikalepo. It was under his grandparents that he learned the true value of family and hard work.

At the age of 14, he was compelled to move to Honolulu, Hawai'i. It was a decision that forever broke his heart, leaving behind his dear grandparents.

Growing up in America, Polikalepo had his challenges, however found ways to adapt. One of the ways he coped with his circumstances was through rugby. It was through rugby that he found how to truly express himself. He had a deep commitment to the game until he met his eternal love, Senovefa Souvenir Afemata. Shortly after dating, they chose to get married on March 24, 1990. With children on the way, Polikalepo knew through experience that being apart of his children's lives would be more important than being on a rugby team. Polikalepo and Senovefa had 7 children, 3 boys and 4 girls. From the oldest to the youngest, Faamalosi Norman, Vahine Tiliansa, Palepa Lucy Sofarania, Polika Tina Souvenir, Polikalepo Jr., Peletisara Lotu, and Lucy Christina.

In the year 2000, Polikalepo and Senovefa moved to Salt Lake City, UT to provide a comfortable lifestyle for their family. Polikalepo worked construction and was able to share his talents. When that door closed, he continued to hustle at whatever means to help provide for his family.

Polikalepo loved and cherished his wife and children. Later in life, he was blessed with becoming a grandpa. He was the best Papa to his 2 grand babies Gabriel Tevita Pemasa Kava-Tuigamala and Senovefa Kapiolani Kava-Tuigamala. Once he was given the title, "Papa", he devoted all his time and attention to fulfilling that duty.

Polikalepo's greatest accomplishment in life was overcoming the natural man in himself. Through his eternal love's growing testimony and his own diligent study, a seed was embedded within his heart. Polikalepo spent his last year of life striving to know Heavenly Father. It was through his faith in Jesus Christ that he felt at peace with his past and was ready to do the Lord's errand. Polikalepo received his temple endowments on August 21st, 2019. He bore his first testimony and received his Patriarchal Blessing both on September 1, 2019. He took his eternal love to the temple to be sealed for all time and eternity on October 19, 2019. Polikalepo worked on his family history and completed the temple work for his grandma on November 19, 2019. On December 14, 2019, he completed the temple work for his great grandpa.

Over the many years, Polikalepo was beyond thankful that the day had come for him to complete his Grandma Meavale and great Grandpa Polikalepo's work in the House of the Lord. He lived the rest of his days with a heart full of gratitude and a deep conversion to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Survived by: Senovefa Souvenir Afemata Tuigamala (wife), Fa'amalosi Norman (son), Vahine Tiliansa (daughter), Palepa Lucy Sofarania (daughter), Polika Tina Souvenir (daughter), Polikalepo Jr. (son), Peletisara Lotu (son), Lucy Christina (daughter), Senovefa Kapiolani (granddaughter), Gabriel Tevita Pemasa (grandson).

Preceded in death by: Meavale Talaetau (grandmother), Polikalepo Talaetau (great grandfather), Tagialupe Tinei Tuigamala (father), Tina Talaetau Fuimaono (mother), Lupe Tuigamala (sister).

Luncheon:

Please, allow us to show our appreciation by joining us afterwards for an eating. We will meet back at the church.

From the Tuigamala family, thank you for being there for us through this time of loss. We are forever indebted and look forward to the time that we can replicate the same love and energy that we have received. We truly love you all. Alofa atu

Cemetery

West Jordan City Cemetery

1300 West 7800 South

West Jordan, UT, 84084

Events

JAN 27 Family Program 09:00AM - 11:00AM

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Samoaan Heritage Ward

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JAN 27 Bishops Service 12:00PM - 01:00PM

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