



## Bradshaw Satui Soaia

January 18, 1976 - February 24, 2022

Bradshaw Satui Soaia, age 46, was born to Satui Tevesi Soaia & Caroline Ierome Sio on Superbowl Sunday (Steelers vs. Cowboys) January 18, 1976, at Fort Bliss, El Paso, Texas. He was raised in Torrance, CA on 223rd where he grew up in a household filled with his older boy cousins, surrounded by music.

In 1992, his family would move to Rose Park, UT & he would attend West High School. Brad's greatest accomplishment and comfort was his family. He had a special bond with each of his parents. After his parents & sisters moved to Texas in the late 90's, Brad cared for his younger brother Liva as his own. He adored his younger sisters and loved to listen to Daisy sing. He followed Keki around everywhere & spent time living with her in Tooele & West Valley with her son Lian where he was lovingly known as "Guncle Brad". A loving brother, he was always there for his siblings in their time of need. Which in then turned full circle, when his sisters were there by his bedside, caring for him in his last days.

In 1995, he had his first son, Shawbaz Kainoa Lang with his childhood sweetheart Leah Taguiped. Brad was always proud of Baz with all of his accolades received throughout his life in body boarding & in the military but especially when people would comment how much they resembled each other.

After his few years at Draper University Brad returned to live on Catherine Street. He was loved by his community. He opened his home to everyone & was known as a Rose Park original.

In the Summer of 97', he met Neilani Saini Ankers & on November 5, 1998, they were married by Bishop Avei in Rose Park. Together they shared 4 sons, Yummy Satui, Bradshaw Tangi, Rikki Potumoeteine & Tevesi Faaleleiga. They raised their kids in Utah, California & Louisiana. They loved to travel & take road trips. Their most memorable trip was with the kids to Samoa in 2008. Brad loved fishing, camping, going to the movies, barbecues at the park & body boarding at Seal Beach every weekend with his kids. Lani & Brad were married for 15 years but their love & friendship they shared continued on as they raised their children.

Brad was a very hard worker & great provider, sacrificing long hours to provide for his family. He was a jack-of-all trades, and a professional MMA fighter for a time. He was fearless & sports came natural to him. He was good in all sports, even bowling. Most people will remember him as a comedian. He could make anyone laugh. A sense of humor like no other, the life of the party. He loved to BBQ, cook for friends & family, listen to music, & go shopping. Always wearing the newest shoes, and freshest outfits.

Brad courageously fought diabetes for years & in 2019 he received tragic news that he was in kidney failure. His son, Rikki had a close bond with Brad. They were very similar in their traits & personalities. Brad saw this in Rikki & had trained him from a young age to be a fighter like he was. While in his last years of high school, Rikki moved in with his dad to help him battle his illness & was there in his corner until his last breath.

In November he endured a massive hemorrhagic stroke & the family was told

he would not survive the night. Through his fighter spirit, the many prayers, & caring staff of the U of U Hospital, Brad was able to endure & be transferred to Encompass Rehabilitation Center. He was completing his therapy to regain his strength and was looking forward to coming home to be with his family with an anticipated release date of February 26th, just two days before he passed away. On February 24, 2022 at 1:55pm his marathon ended & he returned home to his loving Heavenly Father & family.

Brad's is survived by his five sons, Shawbaz, Yummy, Tangi, Rikki and Tevesi. Former wife, Neilani Ankers Soaia & stepdaughter Aliyah Marie. Brothers Matthew Palelei & Flyriver "Liva" Soaia. Sisters Foketi "Keki" and Daisy Soaia. He is preceded in death by his sister Pauline Misa, father, Satui "Peni" Tevesi Soaia and Mother, Caroline Jerome Sio Soaia.

Brad was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints & had a testimony of Jesus Christ. Even in his last days he wanted to partake of the Sacrament each Sunday.

A viewing will be held in his honor on March 19, 2022, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints at 1155 North 1200 West Salt Lake City, UT 84116 from 9am – 12pm and a Bishop's service from 12:30 – 1:30pm.

Following the memorial services, he will be laid to rest next to his mom at Memorial Redwood Cemetery in Taylorsville, UT (6500 S Redwood Road)

We would like to give a special thank you to the staff of the U of U Hospital, Hope Hospital & Encompass Rehabilitation Center for their care & support for Brad. To all those who helped show their love & support for Brad, we also thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

Until that bright and beautiful day of eternal happiness when we are together again, we love you Pops!

# Previous Events

## Viewing

MAR 19. 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM (MT)

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints  
1155 North 1200 West  
Salt Lake City, UT 84116

## Bishops Service

MAR 19. 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM (MT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Bradshaw Satui Soaia*

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October 05, 2023 at 07:49 PM



“ *Just realizing it's been 9yrs since I last seen you. So many mixed emotions but there'll always be the good times. Rest Easy Brad. Ofa Atu.*

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**Tongan Sis•** - March 08, 2022 at 08:35 PM