



## Brice John Reeves

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Brice John Reeves, 73, of Salt Lake City Utah, passed away peacefully in his home, Saturday, August 28, 2021, after his battle with leukemia.

John was born September 24, 1947, in Arkansas City, Kansas, to Patricia Roselind (Gossard) and Claude Hill Reeves.

His parents instilled in him a love for God and for country. John served in the United States Army where he earned the rank of Specialist 5 in the 337th Radio Research Company during the Vietnam War from 1966-1970. After serving in Vietnam he was stationed in Hawaii.

John was introduced to The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and was baptized in 1970. He has remained an active faithful member throughout his life and has served in various Church callings. After joining the Church, he attended Church College of Hawaii (CCH), now known as BYU-Hawaii. It would be at CCH where his love for the Tongan people, culture and language grew. It was only fitting that a beautiful Tongan woman, Mele Latai Le'aetoa, to be his language tutor.

John was married and sealed to Mele in the Laie Hawaii Temple, April 24,

1973. They have six children 'Ofa (Rich) Kaufusi, Havili (Holly) Reeves, John (Mia) Reeves, Robert (Erica) Reeves, Saineha (Siutaka) Hiehiapo, and Anna (Brigham) Au and 18 grandchildren. He is also survived by his older brother Sonny (Nancy) Reeves.

John worked as a teacher and Vice Principal at Saineha High School, in Vava'u, Tonga from 1976 to 1979. Saineha High School has always had a special place in his heart. He created the Sione Palangi Maamangia Award to give back to a school that gave so much to him. Education was a central part of John's life. John received his Bachelors of Arts degree, magna cum laude, in Social Services from CCH in 1974.

He was awarded a Master of Social Work and a Master of Science in Marriage and Family Therapy in 1985 from BYU-Provo, where he graduated with honors. Following his graduation from BYU, he worked as a psychotherapist and Team Leader for Central Utah Counseling Services, Delta, Utah from 1985 to 2002.

In August of 2002, he returned with his sweetheart to where they began, BYU-Hawaii. John worked as the Field Practicum Director and Social Work Professor until he retired in 2012, to Salt Lake City, Utah. He enjoyed working in his garden, doing family history, and spending time with his family.

Funeral Services Cannon Stake Center, 934 West Fremont Ave. Salt Lake City, Utah 84104. Viewing Wednesday, September 1, 2021, 6 to 9 p.m. Thursday, September 2, 2021, 9 to 10:30 a.m. Funeral Thursday, September 2, 2021, 11 a.m. to 12 Noon.

For those who wish to attend virtually: Join Zoom Meeting <https://zoom.us/j/3345083697?pwd=R2l4VFd6NVpKWdJJNXRKTnROekltdz09> Meeting ID: 334 508 3697 Passcode: Mele

Burial will be in the Hinckley Cemetery at 3 p.m., 518 West 1750 North, Hinckley, Utah. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the Sione Palangi Maamangia Award. Make checks payable to Mele Reeves, 1289 North Capistrano Drive, SLC UT 84116 Memo: Sione Palangi Scholarship or Venmo @Anna-Au-1.

# Previous Events

## Viewing

SEP 1. 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM (MT)

Cannon Stake Center  
934 W Fremont Ave  
Salt Lake City, UT

## Viewing

SEP 2. 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM (MT)

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934 W Fremont Ave  
Salt Lake City, UT

## Funeral Service

SEP 2. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (MT)

Cannon Stake Center  
934 W Fremont Ave  
Salt Lake City, UT

## Interment

SEP 2. 3:00 PM - 3:30 PM (MT)

Hinckley Cemetery  
5900 W 1750 N  
Hinckley, UT 84635

# Tribute Wall



“ I knew John and Mele at BYUH, and loved both of them! John was loving, caring, patient, and spent a lot of his time serving others. I recently found out about his passing, how I loved this man! In a future time, I'm sure we'll be able to talk story and embrace.



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**Blake Beecher** - October 26, 2023 at 10:52 PM



“ *Brice John Reeves*

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October 05, 2023 at 07:49 PM



“ I met John at Helemano, I had't been there long. BJ and I joined LDS church around the same time. BJ, Dennis & Bonnie Lowe gave me a Book of Mormon as a baptism gift. A portion of his dedication remarks are as follows, "Jim, moments such as this; I seem to be without words, however, by your entrance into this great church and the events leading up to your baptism will remain the foundation of my testimony as to the truthfulness of the gospel. I have tried finding him over the years but no avail. My condolences to his family, I just found out on an inquiry today. God bless, Jim Greene

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**James Greene** - June 21, 2022 at 06:59 PM

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“ John and I met while serving in the US Army and stationed at Halemanu, Wahiawa, Hawaii. We shared one great love - surfing. So much so, while still serving in the army, we rented a bungalow near Pupukea; near Waimea Bay. After our service, John and I went on to college. He enrolled at Chaminade and I enrolled at University of Hawaii Manoa. We shared a small apartment together on Piikoi St for a while. I wouldn't call it shabby but it was an older building and bare, very bare.

What I remember most of John is his smile and laugh. Such a kind and good natured person.

We had many hours in the ocean together. At many different locations around the island of Oahu; from dawn to dusk. John and I went to our first surfing movie together at Roosevelt High School. I don't remember the name of the movie but I do remember we drove across the island from the North Shore to Honolulu. Speaking of driving, because we were in the army, we were allowed to drive in Schofield Barracks through Kolekole Pass to Makaha and beyond saving us a lot of driving and time. We didn't trade stories about Vietnam; we shared our thoughts and feeling of surfing; the glassy ocean; the clean silky water while padding out as the sun rose and catching the last wave as it went down. We did some not too bright things but I forgive us and chalk it up to youth.

I miss you, John. I am sorry I was lost and didn't try to contact you sooner.

Rest In Peace my friend. Thank you for sharing a part of your life with me.

Aloha

Gary Yoshiyama

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Gary Yoshiyama - January 10, 2022 at 05:38 PM