



Cecil Kamai Chang Jr.

December 13, 1960 - July 21, 2025

Cecil Kamai Chang, Jr. (64) suddenly left this world on July 21, 2025, at his home in Saratoga Springs, Utah. Cecil was born December 13, 1960, in Honolulu, Hawaii to Cecil Kamai Chang Sr and Victoria Keawe-Aiko. He was the only boy of 5 children: Lei (deceased), Phyllis, Norma Jean(deceased), and Ernette. He was happily married to Lisa Chong for 41 years. Their living legacy consists of: 7 children, Chaundell (Will) Monn, Kamai (Kim) Chang, Chali (Kaipo) Lindsey, Candace (Brandt) Colvin, Chamei (Edgar) Escalante, Kahea (Joy) Chang, Kaleo (Sara) Chang. 22 grandchildren, Ethan, Tristan, Kaden, Mason, Tylee, Kolten, Hi'ipoi, Tinzlee, Amelia, Trexon, Kaisen, Ku'ulei, Teinani, La'ahia, Elsie, Taz, Theo, Ioela, Walter, Teanu, Keanu, and Lucille. 6 fur babies. Mochi, Nala, Milo, Koa, Maple, and Mo'o. 46 chickens, 2 sharks, and a partridge in a pear tree.

Cecil was born and raised in Honolulu. From a young age until his passing, the two things that describe him are music and sports. Cecil grew up in a very musically talented family. Drawing inspiration from his Tutu, Aunty Genoa Keawe, he picked up the ear and love for music. He taught himself to play the guitar, ukulele, bass guitar, piano, and some kazoo. People loved hearing him sing, even though he doubted his own abilities. He was a proud member of the Roosevelt High School's Glee club. Cecil enjoyed several sports including surfing, basketball, football, and volleyball. He played basketball and football in high school and had opportunities to travel and play in Japan. After high

school, he served a fulltime mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in the Denver Colorado mission. There he was assigned to serve in the first Hmong/Laotian branch.

After moving his family to Sandy, Utah, Cecil began his legacy as a coach/mentor. He began coaching his oldest son's football team at Alta little league and over the years progressed to Alta high school. Next, he assisted in recruiting football players for the University of Utah. After that, he continued coaching in various high schools; Hillcrest, Cottonwood, Juan Diego, Corner Canyon, and ended his high school coaching career at Skyridge High School with a state title. After this accomplishment, he retired from coaching. An hour later, he announced his new coaching position on a semi-professional women's football team, The Utah Falconz. He is the current head coach of the program. His passion lives on through all his players. With all the lives influenced by Cecil, he lives on in our hearts as a coach, a friend, a brother, a father, a grandpa, and most of all a husband. In Cecil's words, "Aloha and make it a great day"

A viewing will take place from 4:00pm to 6:30pm at the Sandy Crescent Ridge Stake Center, 1265 East 11000 South, Sandy, Utah. The Funeral Service will follow immediately after, starting at 7:00pm. The Chang family kindly invites all attendees who have played for or coached alongside Coach Chang to wear their team jerseys or coaching shirts in his honor.

The Chang family would like to give a special thanks to the first responders, doctors, and Serenity Funeral Home for their care of our loved one. Please share memories and condolences at www.serenityfhs.com

Previous Events

Viewing

JUL 31. 4:00 PM - 6:30 PM (MT)

Sandy Crescent Ridge Stake
1265 E 11000 S,
Sandy, UT 84094

Funeral Service

JUL 31. 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM (MT)

Sandy Crescent Ridge Stake
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Sandy, UT 84094

Tribute Wall

EI

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Ernette N laea - September 25, 2025 at 02:39 AM

EI

“ There's so much more to say about my only brother Cecil Kamai Chang Jr. These photos tells it all, mostly family.



Ernette N laea - September 25, 2025 at 02:38 AM

CB

“ Cecil was our Wells Fargo flooring auditor here at Young Powersports Centerville XL. We absolutely loved Cecil and the happiness he brought to our store and our employees. He will forever be remembered!

Conley Breshears - August 22, 2025 at 04:37 PM

DA

“ Cecil and I were classmates at Roosevelt HS and played football together. Great memories of riding in his orange VW bug, eating dinner at his home and just hanging out. Last saw Cecil when he stopped by a Roosevelt game and we chatted in the press box. Always a great friend and it was my honor to have Cecil cross my life. Thank you Cecil.

D. Asami - August 18, 2025 at 12:14 AM

WT

“ Warren Tyau

I had the privilege of knowing Cecil Chang and have many fond memories of our time together in the Auwaiolimu Ward Youth program, where Scouting played a big part in our lives. I especially remember the music—gathered around the campfire, singing, sharing stories, and creating lifelong friendships.

Cecil was incredibly talented and dedicated. He often played music alongside Aunty Genoa Keawe and her son Eric at our ward gatherings, filling the room with joy and aloha. We all graduated from Roosevelt High, and many of us later went on to serve missions—a special season of growth and service in our lives.

As I looked through old photos, I came across this one of Cecil playing music at one of our ward events. It brought back such good memories.

With love and aloha to Cecil’s family as we celebrate his life and legacy.

*Warmly,
Warren, Lena, and Kawai Tyau*



Warren K. F. Tyau - August 04, 2025 at 08:09 PM

EI

Aloha Warren thank you for sharing, Cecil young years

Ernette N Iaea - September 25, 2025 at 02:31 AM

JK

“ I had the privilege of knowing Cecil playing Pop Warner Football and eventually on the Roosevelt High School Basketball team. The boys of Papakolea (Class of 78) sends their condolences to the Chang Ohana. The braddahs will miss you but we will never forget you my friend. Until We Meet Again. God Bless.



John Kauo - July 27, 2025 at 06:37 PM

AA

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Arnold Ahyuen - July 25, 2025 at 03:56 PM



“ How thrilled we were when we moved to Sandy to find the Changs were in our new ward and neighborhood! We raised our children together and enjoyed a wonderful friendship and some fun laughs. Cecil sang Aloha 'Oe at our eldest son's missionary farewell, and Kanaka Wai Wai at my husband, Lucky's, funeral. I'm sure Lucky was there at the pearly gates, helping Cecil through orientation. We love you, Chang ohana! Mahalo plenty, and a hui hou! -- Janet Fonoimoana Settle

Janet Fonoimoana Settle - July 25, 2025 at 12:11 AM

SR

“ Cecil was a missionary with us in Denver Colorado then showed up as our neighbor across the street from us.

It was great fun to have the same number of children at about the same time and to share in baby blessings, baptisms, missions and weddings.

We were sad to see them move from Sandy but excited when we could find time to gather at our house or Randy and Jeninne Park's. We loved when he borrowed our trailer to move yet again, and when he updated us on all of his shenanigans and the going ons of the whole Chang Gang!

We love the Chang's and will miss Cecil greatly until we see him again. Our love and prayers to Lisa and family!

Susan Russell - July 24, 2025 at 05:09 PM

BU

Cecil was such a good friend. Whether It was serving together in the Church or playing music together Cec was all in. Our love & Aloha goes to out Lisa & the entire family. Wē are grateful for the great plan of hāppiness which assures us that wē will see him again.

Bode Uale - July 25, 2025 at 12:37 AM

AP

We appreciated his kindness, love and aloha! He will be missed but his legacy continues to thrive. He has a wonderful family, and his spirit will always be with us. Mahalo and Aloha no!

Aldous K Paalani - July 25, 2025 at 02:01 PM