




Eleminoti Tu'uhetoka Sekona

December 4, 1955 - March 17, 2022

'Eleminoti "Tu'uhetoka" Sekona BKA Toka was called back to his Father in Heaven on March 17, 2022 at the age of 66. Dad passed away peacefully in his sleep in Magna, Utah where he resided with his daughter Kolokiholeva & son in  Hans "Chubby" Fonoimoana.

Our Father was born on December 4, 1955 in Fo'ui, Tongatapu to Siosaia Kanavale from Fo'ui and Kalolaine Fakauho from Kolovai. He was the 7th of 13 children. His siblings are Atikono (Violani), Fonomanu (Lolohea), Uila Mohi (Latai), Vaiangina (Atalina) deceased, Samani (Epenisa), Manitisa (Alisi) deceased, Toka was born in the same year (IYKYK), Fungafa'imata, Maunaloa, Heamasi (Ema) deceased, Emalini (Vaini) deceased, Kolokiholeva Fifita (Ma'u), and Samani Sii Siale (Ma'ata). As a young child, Dad was raised by his paternal grandparents Makeleta Brown and Fine Sekona of whom he loved dearly. He was known to be spoiled by Makeleta, he could do no wrong in her eyes.

Dad and his family migrated from Fo'ui, Tongatapu to Culver City, California in 1967 when he was 12 years old.

Dad grew up in Culver City California. As he got older he spent a lot of his time in Santa Ana where his brother Heamasi lived.

Dad became part of the 'Kalapu Lolopa'ongo' in California, Utah, & Hawaii. He also enjoyed spending time at the 'Kalapu Kolokakala' with his friends, who immediately became family as well.

Our dad was a loving man... na'e faiteliha he taimi kotoa pe. People who knew our father loved him. He had a certain SWAG about him. He was young at heart. At any family function, when people are looking for him, you can find him hanging around his nieces and nephews, doing anything from playing cards to drinking kava or other beverages.

If Dad was there, it was gonna be a good time. He was loved by people from all walks of life, it didn't matter if you were rich, poor, young, old, hard working, hardly working, or a person of faith. You could have been Mormon, 'Uesliana, Siasi Tonga, faithful or unfaithful IYKYK, it didn't matter. Dad was easy to get along with.

Koe tama mata ka'ing moe mata 'OFA he taimi kotoa pe.

He was a free-spirit. Dad lived a worry-free life, he didn't have to worry about bills, always had a place to stay, literally anywhere in any state whether it was in California, Hawaii, Utah...

Na'e 'i ai ma'u pe ha feitu'u ke nofo ai, and it wasn't only with family but

Dad had friends everywhere.

Our Father was a man of few words in public, but was an expert in persuasion & communication as many people learned as they played any card game, pool, checkers, rugby, it didn't matter, he always had the last laugh.

His laugh was so infectious. Any group he was in, whether he was at church,

faikava, or with family, everyone around him was guaranteed a good laugh as he was the life of the party.

In 1973, Dad married Teuila and had Toka sii, Vaiangina Sii, Margaret, Asi, Tofa, & Janet Moala.

In 1985, Dad married Lea'aefaiva Sili from Vaini and had Tangi Nai, Siafa Nai, Samani Sekona, Kolokiholeva Fonoimoana (Hans "Chubby"), Fonomanu (Jackie), & Sosaia Sekona (Tupou Florena).

Dad had 12 children that we know of, 39 grandchildren, & 19 & counting great-grandchildren.

Throughout his life, Dad enjoyed Polynesian dancing as he danced for his Aunt Oloka's Polynesian dance group at the Tiki in Culver City, California.

Dad loved playing rugby and was part of the Young Tiger's team from Los Angeles. Other hobbies included playing checkers, any card game (He was the biggest cheater),

Dad could always pick a brother or cousin to work 'late with... People would think he was working hard when in reality he was hardly working but still getting paid.

In his final days, Dad enjoyed attending family functions, playing pool at the senior citizen centers in Glendale and Magna, but most importantly he enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren.

They loved their Papa who always made sure they had their Mc Donald's.

Dad was not only an ENJOYER of life, but he loved it! He did not wait for life to pass him by, he jumped in and LIVED the best way he knew how, with a SMILE that was always accompanied with a joke, so that people around him were smiling & enjoying life too.

Prior to Dad's passing, due to old age, he began to lose his sight. He had surgery on his eyes and he was able to see again. He planned to take a trip to Hawaii with Lea & Ti. Leva & Chubby would later join them. He was excited to SEE beautiful Hawaii. Little did he know, his eyes were fixed to SEE all of the beautiful things in heaven as he is reunited with all his loved ones on the other side.

Our Father was preceded in death by his grandparents: Makeleta & Fine, his parents Kalo & Kanavale, his brothers Manitisa, Heamasi, Vaiangina, his sister Emalini, his grandchild Raider and his great-grandchild Viliami.

Dad is survived by his children:

Vaiangina, Meki, Asi, Tofa, Janet Moala, Tangi Nai (Lesieli), Siafa Nai (Losina), Samani, Kolokiholeva (Hans "Chubby"), Fonomanu (Jackie) & Saia (Tupou Florena)

Grandchildren:

Jonathan, Esther, Naise, Lise, Blessed, Journey, Jamar, Christina, Asi, TJ, Noah, Gordon Faiva Zion, Lea Vanessa, Zacheria, Ika, Lea'aefaiva, Jennifer, Sifa Lopiseni, Sophia, Ryan Nimo, Samani, Neriah, Ekuasi, Jaidyn, Tangi Tiufilusi, Taniela, Sione Sili, Kovani Joyce'ann, Falakika Vaipongi, and LyanaRose Kaleia.

Great-grandchildren:

Valentina, Teuila, Akili, Tasi, Micah, Nancy, Sosaia, Matthew, Lieszel, Siva, Maggie, Latai, Maryann, Ave, Nahla, Navarra, Noah, and Dalton Jr.

Until we meet again on that glorious day.

Ki he 'emau Tamai 'ofa... Toka ā moe 'Eiki...

Funeral Services for our Father are as follows:

March 27, 2022

Wake: 6-10pm

Location: 3151 South Broadway Street

Magna, Utah 84044

March 28, 2022

Viewing: 3/28/2022 9-11am

Bishop's Program: 11:30-12:30pm

Burial: Redwood Cemetery 2pm

Location: 6500 South Redwood Road

Taylorsville, Utah 84123

Previous Events

Wake

MAR 27. 6:00 PM - 10:00 PM (MT)

LDS Church Magna, Utah
3151 south Broadway Street
Magna, UT 84044

Bishops Service

MAR 28. 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM (MT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Eleminoti Tu'uhetoka Sekona*

October 05, 2023 at 07:49 PM



“ *i miss my grandpa*

kyree sekona - September 11, 2023 at 04:51 PM



“ *It's so hard to write a memory because I would start crying. All my dads brothers (my uncles) are like dads to me and it always gets hard to say goodbye to each that passes on to the next life. There are so many memories of this wonderful man and where to begin! I will share that he smiled and laughed a lot. His friends made were all walks of life and he treated everyone the same, with love & humility. He respected all that he passed by or cared for. I love you uncle, we love you and our hearts hurt here in New Zealand because we can't be there to farewell you in person. You were loved by all of us and we hope that we who are left behind take time to reminisce on your free spirit and the love you showed for all of us. Ofa lahi atu, til we meet again as a family! Please give grandpa and grandma a big hug for us! Give our love to our family who are eagerly awaiting your return 💕 #ofalahiatu #familiesareforever*

Lavinia Sekona-Vimahi - March 23, 2022 at 02:32 AM



Oh sorry uncle auto correct is terrible!! But you know what I mean hehe I love you and miss you heaps!!

Lavinia Sekona-Vimahi - March 23, 2022 at 03:35 AM

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“ I love you uncle Toka I will miss the good times we had! Ima miss your smeeegal smile, your funny jokes, laugh & teasing fkmatalili facial expressions lol we always have that one uncle and that's you. The one who sprays so much cologne when your about to go faikava you can taste it in your mouth. lol you was the GQ young ridah kinda uncle that was always hanging around us. I'm grateful for you, your kids & grandkids. Ofa lahi atu ka koe Toka!!! I will "C" u again my OG kulipi uncz. Send my luv to everyone,Kay! No goodbyes...tau toki sio! ~Love ITO

krystal - niece - March 20, 2022 at 10:48 PM

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We love you so much Uncle Toka my Mom is going to miss you the most 😭 you are the uncle that everyone got to spend time with or get to know everyone's children and grandchildren out of our kkg has gotten to know you on a personal level because you surrounded yourself with the children/teenagers ect... We will miss you Toka you were everywhere, every family function you were there. You will be greatly missed thank you for the good times, laughs, jokes and teasing more importantly your love for all of us. I bet your reunion is the grandest..send my love to my Dad I love you Toka.

Asinate - March 21, 2022 at 10:59 AM

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My OG my first beer my first iate, you show nothing but love I'm finna miss calling and talking to you , watch over us and keep us connected. Ofa atu to my siblings. We got this .

tangi nai - March 22, 2022 at 04:31 AM