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Our beloved Father, Grandfather, Brother, Uncle, Cousin, and Son was born on, October 1, 1928 in Honolulu, Hawaii to Francis Vivian Hill and Noanoa Lorraine Soliai-Hill.

He grew up in Kalihi with his older brothers, Wilton and Francis for a few years, then he and his brothers were blessed to have been able to travel to Nu'uuli, American Samoa to be raised by their maternal Grandparents, Pinemua Muliufi Soliai and Vaofu'a Willis Su'a Soliai.

This was a very special and memorable time in his life. He learned many things while growing up in Samoa. He was fortunate enough to learn how to speak his native language of Samoan, and also the many wonderful aspects of his Samoan culture. It was a time in his life that he has always held dear to his heart.

In his teenage years, he moved to San Diego, California with his mother and other siblings. He loved being with them and watching his younger siblings grow up. They were very dear to his heart and he loved them very much his WHOLE life. ~

While on the mainland, Daddy and his brothers joined the military. They each

joined a different branch of the military. Daddy joined the Navy in San Diego. He was later honorably discharged so he could stay home and care for his mother and younger siblings. Being that Daddy was the youngest of the 3 brothers in the military, he was chosen for that task.

Daddy was an entrepreneur and worked as a salesman, owned his own store and also became a dance instructor for the Arthur Murray Dance School where he traveled across the country opening up these dance schools. ~

After years in the mainland, the call of his beloved islands of Samoa called him back home. So, Daddy moved back to Samoa with his son, Brad, and there he met the love of his life, Tele Frost, a beautiful, feisty nurse from Fa'atoia. Although she was dating his good friend, he couldn't resist asking her out, and yes, even chasing her a bit. Then on February 9th, 1966, he became the luckiest man alive when he and Tele were married. They lived in Samoa until 69 and had their 1st daughter, Michelle. They then moved back to the mainland, where Daddy went to law school.

Although he didn't have a college degree, he sat the LSAT (law school entrance exam) and scored so high that they allowed him to attend law school without one.

He then owned and operated a bar, and opened his store, Fale'oloa O Samoa, in Harbor City. His 2nd daughter, Noanoa was also born. He then decided to take his family back to the islands. He raised his children in Laie, HI in the 70's and 80's, and eventually moved back to American Samoa where he was living at the time of his death. ~

Daddy's passion was reading (everything and anything), learning, his culture, trips to Vegas, his friends, and most of all his family. He was very kind hearted and friendly. His easy temperament made him very lovable and the favorite of

a lot of people. He was very smart, well spoken, and very handsome!

We will miss you Daddy but know that you are happy reuniting with all your loved ones who have been waiting to love and hold you for a long time.

He is survived by, his eternal love of 50 years (as of February 9, 2016), Tele Frost Hill of Nu'uuli, American Samoa, his children, son: Brad Hill of Downey, CA / daughter: Moana Mapuni of Long Beach, CA (spouse-Isaako - children: Vaiao (child: Michael), Isaako Jr. (child: Tatiana), Michael (returned to Heaven), Pearl (spouse-Afasa - children: Zaeden, Zachariah, Afasa Jr.), Gary (Maria- children: Royal) / daughter: Michelle Hunt of Taylorsville UT (spouse-Eugene - children: Muliufi "Mufi", Ammon "Amona", Vaofu'a "Tito", Talaitupu "Hinalei") / Daughter Noanoa Wolfgramm of Magna, UT (spouse-Frank - children: Gussy, Michelle). Siblings: Jack (Saundra) Cravens of Temecula, CA / Ruthanne Crawford of San Diego, CA / Bill (Karen) Cravens of San Diego, CA. Countless nieces and nephews that are all his own children as well, numerous cousins, aunts and uncles dear to his heart.

February 17, 2016 will be a date embedded in our hearts and minds forever. Manuia lau malaga Daddy! We love you...

Services are as Follows: A viewing will be Saturday February 27th from 9am-11:30 am. Followed by his funeral service at noon. All services will be located at the Taylorsville 14th Ward at 1250 W Atherton Drive, Taylorsville, Utah He will be laid to rest at Redwood Memorial Estates.

# Previous Events

## Viewing

FEB 27. 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM (MT)

Taylorsville 14th Ward  
1250 W Atherton Drive  
Taylorsville, UT

## Funeral Service

FEB 27. 12:00 PM (MT)

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Taylorsville, UT

# Tribute Wall



“ *Eugene Penman Vaiao Soliai Hill*

October 05, 2023 at 07:49 PM



“ *Dear Tele and family,  
Malo lava le tausi. You were a great caregiver to your Eternal Companion. We will miss Genes jokes and his big smile at church. I know he is happy and you will see him again. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and the children at this time. We love you.  
Alofa Tele Atu,  
Carola, Dave and Tavita*

**Carola Haleck** - February 26, 2016 at 03:34 PM



“ *I am so sorry to hear about Gene. He always had a quick wit & big smile. He would crack a joke to make everyone laugh. Often, at Church he & Tele would sit behind my husband & me & Gene would poke us & say something funny just before the meeting started that would make me want to giggle all through the meeting. Be sure to give Patriarch a poke when you get there! Hugs, Ali Pili*

**Ali Pili** - February 25, 2016 at 11:44 PM