



Ilaise Kilisitina Vainikolo Tukuafu

December 29, 1952 - September 11, 2024

We are filled with gratitude as we honor the beautiful life of our beloved mother, Ilaise Kilisitina Vainikolo Tukuafu, who peacefully transitioned to her next journey on September 11, 2024, at the age of 71. Ilaise was a shining light of love, strength, and grace, and while we will miss her dearly, we celebrate the countless ways she enriched our lives. Her spirit will forever inspire us, and we hold her memory close to our hearts with love and appreciation.

Born on December 29, 1952 in Kameli Vava'u, Tonga, to Eikipeavale Vainikolo and Seilala Pasikala, and was a Sister to:

Tevita V. Vainikolo (Elina)
Amelia F. Vainikolo (Siale)
Mele L. Vainikolo (Asipeli)
Siosateki Vainikolo (Leody)
Sione V. Vainikolo (Sesilia)

Ilaise embodied a spirit of warmth and compassion that touched the hearts of everyone she met. A devoted mother, grandmother, and friend, she dedicated her life to nurturing those around her with unfailing kindness and an open heart. Ilaise's laughter was a joyful melody that brightened every day, while her wisdom guided us through life's challenges.

Ilaise was a woman of remarkable resilience, who faced life's trials with unwavering courage. She had a firm testimony of the truthfulness of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and was dedicated to her membership in The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. She lived as a disciple of Jesus Christ. Her deep faith and unwavering belief in the power of love served as the foundation of our family. She had an extraordinary gift for making everyone feel cherished and valued, and her home was always a sanctuary filled with warmth, delicious meals, and heartfelt conversations.

On September 29, 1978, she united in marriage with Viliami Kauvaka Tukuafu. Together, they nurtured a beautiful family, welcoming four beloved children:

Fiefia (Ofa) Tonga

Jackson (Lauren)

Viliami (Krystal)

Siosateki (Elisa)

With unwavering devotion, she supported and cherished her husband, who had previously fathered and cared for 21 children from his first marriage:

Eveline (Petelo) Kaufusi

Samiu (Ofa)

Makalita (Euta) Mulitalo

Fanga (Luseane)

Ku'u lei Mo (Semisi) Lavaka

Aisake (Lose)

Talangofua

Kavamahea (Gary) Haiola

Heamasa (Holly)

Tipasa (Melini)

Sungalu (Ametisi)

Finau (Mele)
Silivenusi
Avalisi (Ola) Lapu'aho
Paea Latu
FeoFaaki (Siale) Wailase
Ana (Toa) Afu

Embracing the roles of both mother and stepmother with grace, she exemplified steadfast dedication to her family. Her nurturing spirit has also made her a cherished grandmother to over 95 grandchildren, a testament to the love and legacy she continues to cultivate.

She is survived by her loving children, Fiefia Tukuafu-Tonga (Ofa Tonga), Jackson Monuia Tukuafu Lavulavu (Lauren), Viliami Tukuafu (Krystal), Siosateki Tukuafu Lavulavu (Elisa),

Her cherished grandchildren:

Fiefia (Ofa) Kulaea Tonga, Viliami Tonga, Tuitalau Tonga, and Etuate Tonga Jackson (Lauren) Isabella, Beckam, Cruz and Jack.

Wiliami (Krystal) Naiya Jean, Lana, Kingston and Will.

Siosateki (Elisa) Maddison Seilala, Taua'ana Tyson, and Siosateki Hunter.

And a host of family and friends who will forever hold her memory close. Each of us carries a piece of her spirit within us, and we will strive to honor her legacy of love and kindness in our own lives.

As we gather to celebrate Ilaise's remarkable life, we are reminded of her favorite saying: "Love is the greatest gift you can give." In that spirit, we invite all who knew her to join us in sharing stories, laughter, and tears as we pay tribute to an extraordinary woman who enriched our lives in countless ways.

A Family Home Evening and Viewing in her honor will be held on;
Thursday, September 19, 2024
Cannon Stake Center
934 Fremont Ave,
Salt Lake City, Utah 84104
6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

We also welcome you to Funeral Services the following day on;
Friday, September 20, 2024
Cannon Stake Center
934 Fremont Ave,
Salt Lake City, Utah 84104
10:00 am – 1:00 pm Family program
1:30 pm to 2:30 pm Bishop's program

Burial Service will follow at;
Redwood Memorial Estates
6500 South Redwood Road
West Jordan, Utah 84084
3:30pm.

In lieu of flowers, customary gifts or traditions, the family requests that you join us in celebration of this wonderful woman.

Though she has left this earthly realm, Ilaise Kilisitina Vainikolo Tukuafu will forever live on in our hearts and memories. May her soul rest in eternal peace, and may we carry her love with us always.

Until we meet again,
'Ofa lahi atu!

Previous Events

Family Home Evening/Viewing

SEP **19**. 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM (MT)

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934 W Fremont Ave
Salt Lake City, UT

Family Program

SEP **20**. 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM (MT)

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Bishops Service

SEP **20**. 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM (MT)

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Salt Lake City, UT

Tribute Wall

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“ *Malo lelei from Vava'u to all Families and Friends. Thanking our Heavenly Father for the love that He has bestowed upon us. Today we are thankful for the lifetime that we share with Ilaise during her time here on earth. Remembered her love and the help that she done for us, we will cherish and won't forget her. Sending our condolences and prayers from the Island. Ofa lahi atu from Mele 'Asipeli and Families* 🥹🥹❤️❤️



Toakase Fusikata Lafo'ou - September 18, 2024 at 06:23 AM

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Greetings to you all once again. Our love and prayers are with you on today's viewing program, with us here from Tonga to join via Livestream.

The memories of Ilaise will always be remembered with her love and care to us all.

Rest in love and peace, Ilaise ❤️❤️❤️🙏🥹

Ofalahi atu from Sateki lahi, Sione, Mhilet, Teki sii, Jay, Eva, Lili, Eli, Talakai, Tupou, myself and the rest of our families from Tonga 💖💖💖🙏

Leody Vainikolo - September 19, 2024 at 07:51 PM

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Malo Lahi fakafeta'i Sisu OFA Lahi Atu fkmonu'ia atu aho lelei mo fiefia moe famili koe 'Eiki Pe

Siosateki Pasikala Vaha'i Vainikolo - September 23, 2024 at 12:15 PM