



Matilda Tarusile Setoki Moe

November 9, 1950 - June 15, 2020

Matilda Tarusile Setoki Moe, of Faleniu, American Samoa died on Monday, June 15th, 2020 in Provo, Utah. She was born on November 9, 1950 in Vatukoula, Fiji to Setoki Tausia Sokmani and Maraea Irava Tukilangi. At age 11, she moved with her family from Fiji to Lotopa, Samoa.

After Matilda graduated from Pesega College, she was a teacher at Sauniatu Primary School. She graduated with a Bachelor Degree in Teaching English as a Second Language (Church College of Hawaii) and Masters of Education (University of Hawaii-Manoa). On December 29, 1973 she married her eternal companion, Vanu Au Moe in the Laie Temple and they were blessed with 4 children.

Matilda enjoyed teaching at Kahuku High School, Pesega College, Leone High School and ASCC (American Samoa Community College). She was also a Counselor (Leone High School), Vice Principal (Pavaiai Elementary) and Director of Title IV Student Support Services (ASCC). At various times, Matilda served as a primary teacher, primary music leader, Sunday school teacher, seminary teacher, Relief Society President, Stake Young Women's president and temple ordinance worker for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints.

Matilda is survived by her husband, Vanu Moe, children Sinapati (Amy), Vance

(Amanda), Zenas (Junalou) and Marella; brothers, Tiasamoa (Malia-deceased; Vaeauote), Aisake (Grace-deceased), Samisoni (Marcia), Taukeve (Tutasi), Etika, Tiue (Salu), and sisters Evaligi (Kovana), Louisa, Vaurosi (Alofaaga), Eseta (Lealofi-deceased) and Vicky (Gerald). 16 grandchildren and many nephews and nieces. She was preceded in death by her parents.

Funeral Services will be held Friday, July 3, 2020, 11:00 am at American Fork Utah South Stake Center - 600 South 100 West, American Fork, Utah. A private family viewing will be held at 9:00 am, and a public viewing held at 10:00, both at the American Fork South Stake Center. A burial service will be at the Lehi City Cemetery (1525 North 600 East, Lehi, UT) at 12:30 immediately following the funeral service.

Remembrances and condolences can be shared by going to the Tribute page for Matilda at [Serenityfhs.com](https://serenityfhs.com).

Previous Events

Viewing

JUL 3. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (MT)

American Fork South Stake Center
600 South 100 West
American Fork, UT

Funeral Service

JUL 3. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (MT)

American Fork South Stake Center
600 South 100 West
American Fork, UT

Graveside Service

JUL 3. 12:30 PM - 1:00 PM (MT)

Lehi City Cemetery
1525 N 600 E,
Lehi, UT

Tribute Wall



“ *Matilda Tarusile Setoki Moe*

October 05, 2023 at 07:49 PM



“ *A sweet smart soft spoken cuz, Matilda. Sadden I was not able to come see you off, due to the Covid-19, and I was not cleared during your graduation day. Ia Manuia tele lou toe fo'i atu ilo tatou nu'u moni. I'm sure aunty Maraea & uncle are awaiting your return with smiles and hugs. Alofa tele to your husband and children and pray for the comforting of the Holy Ghost upon them. Alofa atu Rita Hunt Auva'a*

rita hunt auvaa - July 05, 2020 at 06:30 PM



“ *Matilda was a wonderful person. I remember Matilda from the time we spent together at CCWS studying subjects for the NZ School Certificate annual exam. Matilda was smart, kind and always had a smile on her face.*

After high school we al went our own life journeys. I met up with Matilda in Hawaii after we were both married with kids and again in Pago when I visited there. Whenever we met up we laughed like teenagers and talked about our families and experiences and it was if we were teenagers again. Matilda was a great example of a mother, woman, friend and sister in the Gospel. Condolences to Vanu and the children and grandchildren. Until we meet again, Manuia Le Malaga. Vernetta Malolo Memea



Vernetta Malolo Memea - July 03, 2020 at 03:14 AM

SA

“ I got to know about Matilda through the behavior and lives of her children. Her older boys were stalwart good boys. Zenas befriended by Sons. We knew we never had to worry if they were in there company. This shows the love, affection, and hours of teaching as she and Vanu raised up their children in the Gospel. Press forward ... be true, Vanu and family, so that you can be with her for Eternity. With love and condolences - Sharyn M. Asuao

Sharyn Asuao - July 03, 2020 at 12:26 AM

SA

“ Sharyn Asuao lit a candle in memory of Matilda Tarusile Setoki Moe



Sharyn Asuao - July 03, 2020 at 12:15 AM

TA

“ My deepest condolences to the family of my dear teacher @ Leone High School @ my Amazing neighbor in Faleniu. Thank you Matilda for always looking out for me. Manuia lau Malaga Sister Moe. See you on the other side mama.

Tammy Tete Alofipo - July 01, 2020 at 11:17 PM

MP

“ Rest in love, dear Matilda. Thank you for being the example of strength and love that you have been. Thank you for letting me and my family come by and pick fruit from your avocado tree. I will treasure our talks about music and Relief Society. I still see you in my memory, talking to kids in high school, always offering encouragement to be better. Much love to you, Pres. Vanu Moe and family.

Melody Poloa - June 30, 2020 at 04:38 AM

MM

“ She was a wonderful person, her smile's always brighten up everything, I remember on stake activity I wasn't feeling well, but the moment I saw her smiling changed how I felt, I'm so thankful that I was able to have her in my life. Rest in peace and love Sister Matilda Moe.



Meuike Magalei-Pula - June 29, 2020 at 03:31 AM

SW

My condolences to Vanu and his family. Tile was always such a happy, kind, and very loving person. May you rest in love and peace Tile. I will miss your always smiling face. Love you Vanu and your childre!!😭😭
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Susana Wong - June 29, 2020 at 07:04 AM

FR

Condolences to Bro Moe and his children..Love n Miss you Sis

Friend - June 29, 2020 at 07:48 PM

EE

Condolences to Vanu Moe and family. Matilda is in a much better place

Enesi Enesi - July 02, 2020 at 12:46 AM

LW

“*Matilda was a wonderful friend of mine. For some reason, I tend to have many friends older than I because they were such great examples! Matilda was very intelligent, very knowledgeable in academics and so very strong in the church's teachings. She is not one to beat around the bush very well, she'll tell you straight what she thought, in a nice way, of course, if she feels something is not quite right. She was very confident and carried herself well in any situation, but certainly someone you wouldn't want to overstep because she'll let you know. Maybe that's why I admired her, her straightforwardness, her kindness, her determination, and her desire to do the right things.*

She was like an older sister to me both in Hawaii while attending BYU-Hawaii and also while working at the Polynesian Cultural Center, in Minnesota while she was working on her Masters, and just when we would meet up. I'll miss our getting together when you'd visit Utah for your yearly visits to your children. i can talk to her about anything and everything like a good sister, for hours because she's such a great listener!

Her mom was one of my mom's best friends, and of course, her parents were just like her, strong in the gospel of Jesus Christ, humble and just solid good people of great integrity and hard working ethics. I've always admired this Wesley family when they first moved in to Pesega 2nd Ward. They were not only very smart, everyone of them, but they were so very humble and very unassuming.

I'll miss you dear Tilda, I'll miss our talks, our visits, and our laughs, but I can still hang on to the wonderful memories we had as "friends".

Lusila Westin - June 29, 2020 at 01:07 AM

MS

I knew Mrs. Matilda Moe, when i was a Secretary at the English Department (American Samoa Community College) frm 2001-2005. She was a humble n a great leader in our department. RIP. Mrs. Matilda Moe.

Malu Sione - June 29, 2020 at 02:02 AM



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Serenity Funeral Home - June 28, 2020 at 05:08 PM

PS

Rest on peace Matilda setoki moe

Paloa saseve - June 29, 2020 at 05:54 AM

ET

Talofa e, iā Matilda. One of the best instructor. RIP.

Esekielu Tuigamala - June 29, 2020 at 11:23 AM

BH

We are saddened to learn of the passing of our dear cousin, Tile. She was a fun, generous and energetic person who always gave so generously of herself in hospitality and service. We express our love and sympathy to Vanu, children and the whole family, with prayers for comfort and peace at this time when it is so hard to get together as friends and family. Alofa tele atu, Sola, Beth, and Hunt children.

Beth and George Hunt - June 30, 2020 at 03:56 AM

SH

Condolences to Vanu and the children.....RIL sis.vanu

Sailimalo Harrington - July 01, 2020 at 10:10 PM

TK

Alofa'aga mo Pres Vanu Moe male fanau, faapea le 'au aiga atoa, Wesley Setoki family and the Moe family near and far. Our sympathies and condolences in the depart of a precious loved and dearest friend, Mom and sister to us all. It will only be a short time and we shall see her again.

Say 'Hi' to everyone Tile, Amuia oe!

Tai & Mao Kurene - July 02, 2020 at 04:23 PM

VT

Our Deepest Condolences to Sagapolu Vanu Moe and Family.. Our Heartfelt prayers of comfort to you Family through this difficult time.. Families are Truly Forever.. We Love you Sister Matilda Moe May you rest in Heavenly Peace .. Alofa Tele Vida Tuitama Hafoka and Family



vida Tuitama'alelagi - July 03, 2020 at 03:02 PM