



Monte Christo Tukumoe'atu Sr

August 29, 1955 - June 29, 2015

Monte Christo Tukumoeatu Sr., 59, passed away on June 29, 2015 at his home in Magna, Utah after a year long battle with cancer. Monte was born August 29, 1955 in Nuku'Alofa, Tonga to parents Mafi Kakau Langi and Tonga Hihifo Tukumoeatu. He is the oldest of seven children. Monte married 'Ofa Alilia Fifita Sitake in the Oakland, California LDS Temple on July 10, 1982.

In 1962, Monte's family moved to Pago Pago, American Samoa. He learned to speak the Samoan language fluently and loved the culture. When he was 14, Monte moved to Utah to pursue an education and graduated from Granger High School (class of '72). He played safety on the high school football team and his passion was music. Monte was a very capable guitar, bass, and drum set player who loved playing in community cover bands in his younger years.

Monte was a dedicated, life long member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. He served a 2 year full time mission in the Nuku'Alofa, Tongatapu Mission. He served within various positions of the church including Home Teacher, Elders Quorum President, High Priest Group Leader, and High Councilman in the Magna, Utah Stake.

In 1986, Monte began what would become a 29 year career with Northwest Airlines and Delta Airlines. He was an employee until he passed. During his airline career, Monte was stationed in San Francisco, Memphis, Minneapolis,

Las Vegas, and Salt Lake City. He loved the airline family he worked with and was known among co-workers as a man with a big heart and warm smile.

Monte was a hard working family man who always believed in putting the family first. He often worked multiple jobs simultaneously to support them and was sometimes forced to temporarily move away from his family to keep his job. He is survived by his wife, 'Ofa Alilia Tukumoeatu. Father, Tonga Hihifo Tukumoeatu. Children: Tonga Hihifo Tukumoeatu Jr., Monte Christo Tukumoeatu Jr., and Aurelia Selai Tukumoeatu. Grandson, Hyrum Tonga Tukumoeatu. Daughter-in-law, Sharlene Tukumoeatu. Siblings: Seifagafaga Tukumoeatu, Batchelor Tukumoeatu, Pauline Sanft, and Pago Pago Tukumoeatu.

He is preceded in death by his mother, Mafi Tukumoeatu and his sisters, Fipe Tafia Tukumoeatu, and Pauline Tukumoeatu.

All funeral services for Monte will be held at the LDS Chapel located on 3084 South 8400 West, Magna, UT 84044. The viewing will be on July 9th from 6:30-10:30 pm. Family prayer meeting July 10th from 8:00-10:30am. The funeral service will be held on July 10th from 11:00-12:00pm. The graveside service will begin at 1:00pm, July 10th at Redwood Memorial Mortuary and Cemetery located on 6500 South Redwood Road, Salt Lake City, UT 84123.

The Tukumoeatu family would like to thank all family, friends, church leaders, and doctors who have supported Monte and his family through these trying times.

Please share memories and condolences at www.serenityfhs.com

Services are under the direction of Peni Malohifo'ou of Serenity Funeral Home

Previous Events

Viewing

JUL 9. 6:30 PM - 10:30 PM (MT)

Magna LDS Ward
3084 South 8400 West
Magna, UT 84044

Family Prayer

JUL 10. 8:00 AM - 10:30 AM (MT)

Magna LDS Church
8181 West Breeze Drive
Magna, UT

Funeral Service

JUL 10. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (MT)

Magna LDS Ward
3084 South 8400 West
Magna, UT 84044

Tribute Wall



“ *Monte Christo Tukumoe'atu Sr*

October 05, 2023 at 07:49 PM



“ I first met Monte when both of us were transferred to Salt Lake City with Northwest Airlines back in 1997. I was in Newark and he in Vegas. I was one of his ramp chiefs. I had worked with Monte over 8 years but due to some changes, we both found ourselves working graveyards. I do not recall the circumstances but Monte and I got into it one night...I guess I said something that set him off(which was weird because he was so mild mannered) and he literally wanted to knock my head off. I think a couple of the other guys held him back until he collected himself. The thing I remember was the next day. With tears in his eyes, he came to me apologizing for his actions the night before and he gave me this big embrace, literally picking me up off the ground. Monte had a big heart and truly reflected his religious beliefs of trying to be more Christ like. Most of the guys he worked with, including me, were less active Mormon men and women, yet he always stood by his faith. He was a great example to me and is one of the main reasons I returned to activity in the LDS Church.

After Northwest Airlines made drastic cuts in 2006, i moved to Oregon where I married a LDS single mom of 8 and lost contact with Monte. It wasn't until my recent move to Hawaii that one of our fellow workers informed me of Monte's passing. I was so saddened to hear that my good friend Monte passed to the other side.

God bless his family and know that he was well loved by the Salt Lake City gang at Northwest Airlines.

My sympathies and love,

Andrew Hendrickson
Ramp Chief
Northwest Airlines
SLC 1997-2006

Andrew Hendrickson - April 09, 2018 at 01:35 PM

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*Hello there Mr Hendrickson! We haven't met yet. I am the widower, late Monte's wife! Thank you so much for sharing beautiful & sad memories. I'm very sorry that was asking for trouble hhh but he should understand that you were his boss hh. Thank you for controlling your wrath on him. He might irritated your but I know he sometimes doesn't control his anger. God bless you! I've heard a lot about your last name. How he talked highly about you as his boss but he haven't said anything about trying to fight you hhh thank goodness you didn't give my man a black eye 🥊😭 I missed him so much but thank you so much for everything! He was very proud of being a NWA employee it took him
A while to admitted he's with delta not NWA hhh. Much love ❤️ to you Mr Hendrickson. Good nite*

OFA TUKUMOEATU - October 29, 2023 at 11:29 PM

BD

“*Monte always put a smile on my face and will continue to do so whenever I think about him. Many sympathies for your loss.*” Bill Dwyer



Bill Dwyer - July 08, 2015 at 08:29 PM

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Hi Bill I'm so sorry for da late response. I hardly go to this page & now I've seen this photo I really liked it. Thanks for da kind words & for all you've done for him. He always talks highly abt u Tony & lots of his DLA friends. Much love ❤️ from the Tukumoeatu's

Ofa A Tukumoeatu - March 29, 2017 at 07:01 AM

OT

I liked this pic it just like yesterday's LOVE U SO MUCH MY LOVE ❤️ REALILY MISSED U

Ofa A Tukumoeatu - March 29, 2017 at 08:46 AM

JL

“ I met Monte when i transfered to salt lake city 3 years ago on the ramp. He was one of the nicest people i have ever met. He would always take the time to talk to me. He genuinely cared about how i was doing. He was a hard worker and i would always find him stacking bags in the belly of a jet. Monte was a class act and i will always remember his kind, humble nature. I will always remember you my friend. I know heaven will be a better place with you there.
John LaDart

john ladart - July 06, 2015 at 06:46 PM

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tony holloway - July 04, 2015 at 01:37 PM

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“ I had the pleasure of working with monte in las vegas at northwest airlines. he was one of the nicest people I have ever met. he loved his family, though he worked in las vegas he went home to salt lake city every chance he got to be with his family. may you rest in peace my friend. may god bless you

tony holloway - July 04, 2015 at 01:30 PM

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Thanks a million TONY we do appreciate u for all you've done for me & my little family

Ofa A Tukumoeatu - March 29, 2017 at 06:57 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Monte Christo Tukumoe'atu Sr.



July 04, 2015 at 01:45 AM