



## Pelenato Taula Jr.

July 4, 1984 - September 2, 2022

Pelenato Taula Jr "Smokey" died unexpectedly on September 02, 2022 in Sandy, Utah at the age of 38.

Junior is survived by his parents Pelenato & Leavaolagi(Ki) Taula; his son Junior(13), Brothers Lafu(Leti), Ueli(Sepa) and his Sister Lagi, along with lots of nieces, and nephews. He is preceded in death by both his paternal, and maternal grandparents.

Junior was born at LBJ Hospital in Faga'alu, American Samoa. Junior grew up in the village of Faleniu. He attended Pavai'ai Elementary(K-8th grade), and then moved to Utah, and attended Taylorsville High School. Junior also attended Job Corp where he learned the trade of Welding. Junior over the short course of his life worked in various jobs.

Junior truly lived up to the saying "Live Your Best Life". He enjoyed volleyball, basketball, and took up pickleball as well. He also enjoyed watching all the new movies that would be out at the theatres. Junior was also an avid, somewhat talented pool player. He was a fan of the USC Trojans Football team. Everyone who knew Junior felt his big heart, and giving nature. He will be truly missed.

A Celebration of his life will be held at the Midvalley 2nd Samoan Ward -1106 E 8050 S., Sandy UT 84094 on Friday, September 16. Family Service will be

from 8:00am -10:00am, Final Viewing 11:00am, Bishops Service 12:00pm - 1:00pm. Burial following at the Sandy City Cemetery, 700 E 9000 S, Sandy, UT 84070.

# Previous Events

## Family Service

SEP **16.** 8:00 AM - 10:00 AM (MT)

Midvalley 2nd Ward (Samoan)  
1106 East 8050 South (Old Dairy Road)  
Sandy, UT 84094

## Viewing

SEP **16.** 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (MT)

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## Bishops Service

SEP **16.** 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (MT)

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# Tribute Wall

DE

“ I was deeply shocked when I searched his name and came across this page. It’s heartbreaking to learn that he is no longer with us. I had always imagined him sitting on a beach, soaking up the sun, and enjoying the life he truly deserved. I wish I could have done more to support him.

I only knew Junior for a brief period, but I will never forget the sound of his voice when he called me after receiving a letter I sent, asking if he needed my help—and he did. Junior was not a bad person, and he didn’t deserve the struggles he endured.

He loved his family deeply, and all he ever wanted in life was to be with them, especially his children. It’s truly shameful that some people took that away from him with their lies. If anyone doubts this, I am prepared to share hard evidence to support my claims. Jr., may you rest in peace, my friend. I only wish you could have found the peace you deserved in this life.

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Debra - February 25 at 02:32 PM

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“ My name is Ta'isi and I was one of his sons I know it's been couple years since he's passed away, but I never got to say goodbye to him, I never got to hug him for the last 3yrs he was on this earth and honestly despite what everyone thinks, he was the best dad I ever had I always think about you and wish how things could've been different I always miss the times we all use to laugh as a family together or when he would come home from work and we would attack him with hugs before he could get 5 steps in the door and we could smell the metal he cut, when I was a bad kid he'd take me to work with him and show me what hard work was, when people needed help moving he'd take me with, I always think about how much I love him and with out him I would've never became the man I needed to be for my boys and dad if you reading thing I miss you so much and I love you so much I wish I was a better son when I was younger and in this life I will always have a smile like you did💙  
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**taisi toluA** - October 31, 2025 at 10:53 AM

JA

“ Taula was my rock in the most trying time of my life. I miss Jr more than words can express and hope to be able to connect with his family at some point to reminisce about him...

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**Jack** - December 02, 2023 at 11:47 AM



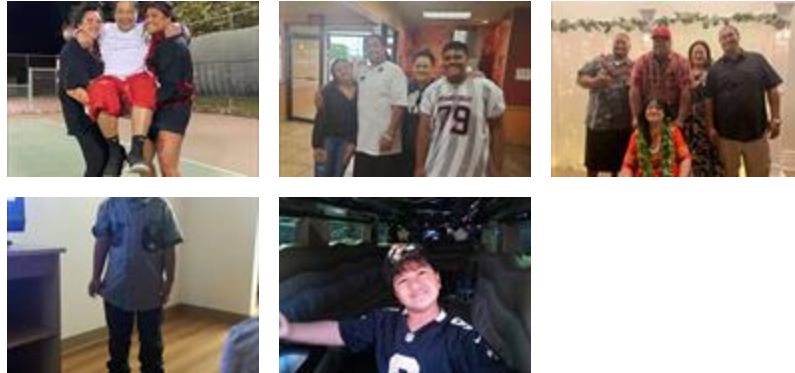
“ Pelenato Taula Jr.

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October 05, 2023 at 07:49 PM

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“ 6 files added to the tribute wall



LEAVAOLAGI KI - September 11, 2022 at 10:53 PM

SP

“ I'll always remember him back home in Faleniu as a scrawny little “maka saiga” kid that always had a smile on his face, no matter what you said to him, be it nice or not nice (not that I ever said anything unkind to him) hahaha, he would just laugh, scratch his head with his cute saiga smile and walk away.

*Prayers of comfort and peace to Uncle Gako, Aunty Vaolagi, Ueli, Lafu and Vaolagi la'ikiki and their families. We love you all!! Rest in heavenly peace “Kiuga” until we meet again ❤️🙏*

*Love your Pei Aiga*

Sulesa Victoria Pei - September 09, 2022 at 11:21 PM