



Penisimani Manupuna he Toafa Halai

January 13, 1928 - October 9, 2013

Penisimani Manupuna he Toafa Halai also known as Halatapu age 85 passed away on Oct 9 2013 peacefully at his home. He was married Mele Uhalangakali of Uiha.

Penisimani was born and raised in Uiha Haapai, Tonga Tapu. He worked very hard to provide for his family, church, and community. Something he very much believed in. He Migrated with his family to Salt Lake City in 1972 looking for better opportunities, but never forgotten his homeland where his heart remained. He couldn't bring Uiha to America so he worked very hard to take America to Uiha by sharing what he had with them. And helping them anyway he could. Every chance he gets he would take his family back to Uiha to spend the holidays with extended family and friends. The people of Uiha would always look forward to see what new gadgets he would bring back to share with them. He, along with the help of fellow Uihans in SLC, helped the island of Uiha to become a better place to live in. He shared his talent to benefit church and community. He had a very unique talent with playing the native Tongan drums in a way that no one else can. He knew how to bring in a crowd. In 1986 Honorable Malupo showed his appreciation towards this hard working father by giving him the title of Halatapu. To represent him anywhere in the world. An accomplishment we are very proud of. He was loved and respected by all those that met him and he loved and respected them in the same way. He loved to put smiles in people's faces.

Halatapu is survived by his wife Mele, daughter Fo'ou Vehikite (Siaosi), Siaosi Halai (Musie), Melekoloa Pipiena Vainuku, Tokomea Vaitai (Lomi). He has 32 grandchildren and 26 great grandchildren.

Waiting to welcome him to his new home was his son Koniseti, his parents Tevita Halai and Siutaisa Hina Tafuna, his brothers Paula, Tevita, and Sione Laulea.

Family Home Evening with the deceased to be held at the Riverside 2nd chapel on 700 N Redwood rd. Public viewing to be held at Backman elementary 700 N 1400 W

Services under the direction of Peni Malohifo'ou of Serenity Funeral Home Draper, Utah.

We would like to thank Serenity Funeral Home for making our heavy load a little lighter. We are indeed very grateful.

Previous Events

Family Moment

OCT 17. 6:00 PM - 11:00 PM (MT)

Riverside Tongan Ward
660 North Redwood Road.
Salt Lake City, UT

Viewing

OCT 18. 6:00 PM - 11:00 PM (MT)

Riverside Tongan Ward
660 North Redwood Road.
Salt Lake City, UT

Funeral Service

OCT 19. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (MT)

Free Church of Tonga
776 W 200 N
Salt Lake City, UT 84116

Tribute Wall



“ *Penisimani Manupuna he Toafa Halai*

October 05, 2023 at 07:49 PM



“ *Anonymous sent a virtual gift in memory of
Penisimani Manupuna he Toafa Halai*



anonymous - October 07, 2020 at 05:48 PM



“ *hey grandpa, i miss always being scared to say hi to you whenever we used to come over to your guys's house haha . i wish we had more time to get closer . im blessed to have gotten not enough but some time to spend with you . i know our family misses you & grandma everyday . until we meet again . see u soon . ofa atu kiate koe .*

anonymous - October 07, 2020 at 05:47 PM



“ *Grandpa:) Merry Christmas And Happy New Year And I love you Very Much And I Will Not Forget Ur Kiss And Hugs and I Love You Grandpa and Ofa A Atu And Tell we Meet Again.... Never For Gotten...*

TuliKihalakakakala Vainuku - December 22, 2013 at 06:01 PM

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“ Grandpa:) Merry Christmas And Happy New And I Will always Watch Grandma And I Will Love you From the Bottom Of My Heart And I Will Always Pray For you...
Love You Grandpa And Ofa A Atu...Never For Gotten...

TuliKihalakakakala Vainuku - December 22, 2013 at 05:50 PM

PH

“ Love And Miss You Grandpa! Trying my best to provide for the Famili and checking up on Grandma! See you in a while... Hopefully not too soon Hehehe... OFA LAHI ATU! #KissesToTheSky P.S please say Hi to my other Guardian Angel Elisiva Latu Halai! - Your Name Sake Manupuna Hetoafa Halai....

Puna Halai - December 21, 2013 at 03:27 AM

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“ LOVE YOU GRAMPA WITH EVERYTHING IN ME. I know I was your favorite, hehehe. Grateful for the Planof Salvation, & i'm working to do baptisms of the dead for you. xoxoxox! - teu vaitai

Teukisia Vaitai - December 16, 2013 at 05:52 PM

WY

“ We love You Gpa!

We Miss You - December 07, 2013 at 02:18 AM

VA

“ Grandpa I Miss You And I Wont Forget You How You Were the Best Drumer....

VainukuFamily - December 01, 2013 at 01:23 PM



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