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Before the dawn broke out a new day, our beloved husband, father, grandfather and greatgrandfather, Petelo Filitonga Kaufusi passed away peacefully at his Glendale, Utah home on September 19, 2018 at the age of 79.

He was born November 7, 1938 in the beautiful island of Ha'akio, Vava'u in Tonga to the late

Mesiulame Vaka Kaufusi and Sekolaia Teukifaivailo Fosita. He was the 7th child of 14 children

consisting of 8 brothers and 5 sisters.

On December 13, 1962, he married his eternal companion, Eveline Kauvaka Tukuafu in

Fua'amotu, Tonga. They were later sealed for time and all eternity on August 23, 1972 in the

Salt Lake City Temple. They had 9 children, Sitiveni Steve (Michelle) Kaufusi, Makalita (Vea)

Ofa, Lisiate Rich (Ofa) Kaufusi, Jeff (Brooke) Kaufusi, Henry (Toakase) Kaufusi, Doug Kaufusi,

Jason (Tenille) Kaufusi and baby J Lindon Kaufusi (deceased). He has 47

grand children, 5

great grandchildren and expecting 2 more shortly.

His life was dedicated to God, his family and his fellow men. He served 3 different LDS missions

and held numerous callings in the church. In 1971 he migrated to the United States in the hopes

of giving his children more opportunities for a better future. Along his journey through life he

helped countless people come to America or get back on their feet. He gave whatever he had.

He was a hard worker that worked several jobs at once to provide for his family. He worked for

over 25 years and retired as a Building Engineer for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day

Saints in the Salt Lake City Temple.

Petelo's dream of a better future for his children became reality as athletic and academic

scholarships was the means to a college education. He loved to watch his sons play football

and would travel any distance to watch them. As his grandchildren grew older he took pride in

their many academic accomplishments in school and also seeing them play, not only football

but soccer, softball, volleyball, rugby, swimming, and tennis and also furthering their education

in college. He loved his family very much and in his last days would reflect back on his life of

how a simple man born and raised in a tiny island in the South Pacific had a dream of a better

future for his family. Now his posterity flourishes throughout the world.

We are grateful for the countless doctors who had helped him along the way

and also to

Intermountain Home and Hospice for their tender and loving care of him in his last days here on

Earth. Thank you to Serenity Funeral Homes for their care and services.

A viewing will be held on Wed, Sept 26, 2018 from 6-10 p.m. at the Cannon Stake Center 934

W Fremont Ave. SLC Ut 84104.

Family farewell on Thursday Sept 27, 2018 8-10;30 a.m.

Bishop's Service 11am - 12pm. He will be buried at Lake Hills Cemetery 10055 Sandy, Utah

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

Cemetery Details

Lake Hills Memorial Cemetery

10055 S. State Street
Sandy, UT

Previous Events

Viewing

SEP **26**. 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM (MT)

Cannon Stake Center
934 W Fremont Ave
Salt Lake City, UT

Family Viewing

SEP **27**. 8:00 AM - 10:30 AM (MT)

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Bishops Service

SEP **27**. 11:00 AM (MT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Petelo Filitonga Kaufusi*

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