



Sela Lotulelei Pauni

January 5, 1977 - July 21, 2024

Sela Lotulelei Pauni, 47, passed away on Sunday, July 21, 2024, in Murray, Utah, surrounded by her children, husband, and close family. Sela was born, the youngest of fifteen, in Tongatapu, Tonga, on January 5, 1977, to Maka'afi and Tava Lotulelei. She married John Theron Pauni in the Salt Lake City temple on April 11, 2003.

Sela will be remembered for her beauty, infectious laugh, and love of faith and family. She graduated from Liahona High School in 1995 and served in the California Ventura Mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints from 1998-99.

In 2003, after marrying the love of her life, they moved to Hawaii for a stint and then to Kearns, Utah, where they lovingly raised their family. For the more significant part of the last decade, she was a caregiver to her aging parents until they passed.

But her greatest treasure was her three children: one who recently returned from a mission in the Philippines, her second who is preparing to serve in Papua New Guinea, and her youngest, a talented high school junior. In her

final days, she shared, "Time is so fast with your kids; I'll always be grateful I got to raise mine."

She is survived by her children, Benjamin, Sosiua, Vika, husband, John, and siblings,

Sefanaia (Fanga), Haloti, Sitalaiti (Pesatina), Losaline (Alama),

Mohekonokono (Siteli),

Atelaite (Lupeni), Tevita (Kay), Siasosi (Ginger), Anderson (Glenna),

Fakaanaua (Kali),

Saniatoa (Angie), Epoki (Shelly), Peta, Ti Akau (Ana) and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Maka'afi and Tava, and her brother, Sefanaia.

Funeral services celebrating Sela's beautiful life will be held:

Friday, July 26, 2024

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints

4660 West 5015 South

Kearns, Utah 84118

The Family Service

8:00 am to 11:30 am

Bishop Service

12:00 pm to 1:00 pm

Burial

1:30 pm

Valley View Memorial Park

4335 West 4100 South

West Valley City, Utah 84120

Cemetery Details

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Previous Events

Service

JUL 26. 8:00 AM - 11:30 AM (MT)

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