



Sephaniah Starlight Leakehe

March 13, 1971 - March 10, 2023

Sefanaia “Naia” Leakehe passed away on March 10, 2023, at the age of 52 surrounded by his loved ones and friends. If you knew Naia, he was known to some as a ‘fighter’ and to others as a ‘comedian’. It just depends on which side you stood with him, either way you were happy to have known him. Naia had served a two year LDS mission in Nukualofa, Tonga from 1989-1991. He was a teacher at Liahona High School for about a year before he migrated to Salt Lake City, UT to meet the love of his life Elizabeth Tauaalo. They were sealed for all time and eternity on December 15, 1995. He has five beautiful children and one grandchild and helped raised several wonderful nieces and nephews: Prescilla, Sefanaia Jr. (Kaya and Naia Jr), Isileli (Tiane), Nganatatafu, Abbylene, Maeakafa Lasalosi, Makelesi Taufu, Amalani Taufu, Meian Tauaalo, and Fololina Tauaalo. Sefanaia Leakehe was a hard worker and a dreamer. He came to the US with nothing and basically created a business in which many people were able to benefit from his sacrifices. Naia had one of the biggest hearts in which he shared everything he had and expected nothing in return. He had opened his home to anyone in needing a place of refuge. He valued family and God above everything and it was evident in his actions and word. His contagious smile and laughter can spark any occasion from boring to excitement in minutes. Born in Niuafu’ou Tonga, Naia was the sixth child of eleven children. He is preceded by his father Sione Vaisa Leakehe and survived by his mother Paea Lao; Stiveni (Marcella), Viliami (Lisi), Pisila (Maea), Mele (Moses), Penina (Jay), Peni

(Hinelei), Moana, Paula (Mia), Nunia (Mapa), and Vaisa (Daphne). Naia was very proud of his Niua upbringing and he loved to talk for hours of his childhood years. Since, Naia's father had passed away at a young age, he was very fortunate to be raised by Tava and Makaafi Lotulelei's family since the age of 9 years old. He will always be grateful to this family for their endless love and countless sacrifices. His funeral services will be held Thursday, March 16, 2023 at 14550 W. Juniper Crest Rd Herriman UT followed by internment at Wasatch Lawn Memorial Park South Valley, Riverton.

Previous Events

Viewing

MAR 16. 7:00 AM - 12:00 PM (MT)

Desert Sage Ward
14551 S Juniper Crest Rd
Herriman City, UT 84096

Funeral Service

MAR 16. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (MT)

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Graveside Service

MAR 16. 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM (MT)

Wasatch Lawn South Valley
13001 S 3600 W
Riverton, UT 84065

Tribute Wall



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Elizabeth Leakehe - June 03, 2023 at 09:54 PM



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I loved this guy. He was an incredible friend and customer all of my years in flooring. He always had my back. I am blessed to have been a friend.

Mike Connole - November 07, 2024 at 08:07 AM



“ *Naia—we loved you and Pets from the moment we met. You had a strength and love for your family that just RADIATED. It made people want to be in your presence. You have created the most beautiful legacy. We promise to honor you and keep you close. Your grandson has his Papa with him every hour of the day now. Nai will carry your name with reverence ... and pride ... and faith in the Gospel ... with adoration for his beautiful grandma/your eternal sweetheart ... and with a love for each minute of time with you here on earth. You will be missed so much. It hurts to face a future where you aren't holding Nai in your arms or on the trampoline with him (or calling him on FaceTime). You are so loved. Until we meet again — we are holding you in our hearts. Love. You.*



Dawn Meehan - March 15, 2023 at 10:57 AM