



Talesi Te'o

August 12, 1942 - April 27, 2020

On April 27, 2020, our loving father, Talesi Ieti Te'o, returned home to our Heavenly Father.

In Vaiola, Sava'i Samoa on August 12, 1942 he was born to Ieti and Lolini Te'o. Dad married his eternal companion, Lemalie Va'aulu, on February 22, 1980 and was sealed for all time and eternity in the Los Angeles, California LDS Temple.

Dad was born and raised with a total of 14 siblings (biological & adopted) in Samoa where he lived up until the time he met his companion in California. Talesi made a life for himself and his family, and became a social worker for the state of California. That career for Los Angeles County lasted for 25 years of serving others. It was one of the greatest things he loved to do - serving. If anyone knew Dad, they knew how much music was his life. Anything from conducting choir, playing the piano, singing, & hula dancing. We can never go to a family function without him doing the little grass shack hula - it was his trademark in this world. If he slapped you, it was his way of telling you that he loved you. Dad was a God fearing man - all because of his parents and his eternal companion that continued to push him to be better. Dad loved his eternal companion, children, & grandchildren so much that he was willing to do anything for them. He left an impression on our lives with big shoes to fill, but with a legacy that will live on forever.

Dad is survived by his children, Edna Te'o, Shawn Te'o (Becky Livingston Te'o), Mckay "AJ" Fa'asou (Richelle Esteves Fa'asou); his grandchildren, Canaan Auva'a, Zoey Te'o, McKay Fa'asou, Mateo Fa'asou, Ephraim Te'o, and Maverick Fa'asou; his siblings, Matte Te'o (Gloria), Isaako Sautia, Fofoga Roe (Laupula), Olevia Tafiti, Vienna Duffy, Iuleti Te'o; and many nieces and nephews and their children.

Talesi was preceded in death by his eternal companion, Lemalie; mother, Lolini; father, Ieti; sisters, Aveolela, Nora, Fofoga, Tineia'i, Dollie; brothers, Loe, Malaela, Kiona, Togamau, Ieti Jr, Peleki, Lisona; grandson, Ioramo; and many other family members now on the other side of the veil.

Funeral Services will be held via a live webcast due to Covid-19 precautions provided by:

Serenity Funeral Home

May 6, 2020, Wednesday

Family Service: 11:00AM-12:00PM (webcast)

Followed by Burial Service at:

Valley View Memorial Park & Funeral Home at 12:30PM-1:00PM

4335 West 4100 South

West Valley City, UT 84120

Tribute Wall



“ Grandpa,

We all love and miss you so much. We hope you are enjoying your time with grandma and all the loved ones before you. Be safe! We love you!

Zoey - December 06, 2023 at 05:38 PM



“ Talesi Te'o

October 05, 2023 at 07:49 PM



“ Uncle T,

Thank you for always smiling at me every time we meet. Love you and God bless your family at this time. Condolences. Aloha oe and Alofa atu.

Love Michael Leilua

Michael Leilua - May 07, 2020 at 01:16 AM

MS

“ Dear Uncle, You will be missed! We Love you! I will miss are little car ride conversations, are phone calls, and most of all your sense of humor, laughter, smile, hugs, your singing voice, you playing the piano and your famous Hula! Thank you for your Love and support throughout my life! You’ve been a blessing to me and my family! God be with you until we meet again! My Heartfelt Condolences to my cousin Edna, Shawn, Aj and your precious families. May God bless and keep you all In his tender care during this time. We Love You All!
Love, Jerry, Moana and Salazar Family

Moana Salazar - May 06, 2020 at 12:27 PM

KM

“ My dearest Uncle how much I am going to miss you. You were there for me from day 1. We have awesome memories together at our home in Lynwood, CA. Our drives every Saturday afternoon to pick up Pa & Ma from the temple. Me always sitting shotgun (until you got married 😍) All your experimenting with cooking. Egg rolls, wontons, you & Auntie Lemalie's famous burritos 😊 you brushing my hair, braiding my hair 🧐 . All the other kids getting the beat down (I know I was your favorite 😊) You loved me know matter what and welcomed my husband into our family with open arms. He loved you for that. You take a piece of my heart with you Uncle. I will never forget you. Manuia lou malaga ❤️

Kathy Mesi - May 06, 2020 at 11:19 AM

EP

“ Not a day goes by that we don't think of you. Thank you for all the life lessons and loving us unconditionally. You'll be missed, Dad! We love you! ❤️



Edna Pierson - May 05, 2020 at 06:30 PM

SP

I will miss you uncle, the only person I talked to at church. I will always remember our conversations about the church especially our families.



Spencer - May 05, 2020 at 07:29 PM

DS

We love you Bro. Teo , We almost missed our say goodbye , but we did say our last goodbye to each other on our last conversation after church here at our Western Hills 3rd Ward in Kearns, You will be forever in our hearts 😭💕 Manuia Lau Malaga .!!!! Love , Sialaoa Family💙💙

Dorothy Sialaoa - May 06, 2020 at 04:48 AM

LE

Love ya Uncle dearest. You will be missed. Give big hugs to aunty, grandma, and especially my mother. RIL!!

leah - May 06, 2020 at 12:10 PM