



Tamoto "Masi" Filo

December 25, 1948 - April 21, 2026

Tamoto "Masi" Filo, age 77, of Salt Lake City, Utah, passed away peacefully at home surrounded by his family on April 21, 2026.

Born on Christmas Day in 1948 in Falealupo, Savai'i, to Uelese and Fa'amelea Seufata, his birth date earned him the name he was known by throughout his life: "Masi," short for Kerisimasi. As a master carpenter, Masi spent his life building—not just structures, but a legacy of hard work and craftsmanship. He was proud to serve as one of the lead carpenters in the construction of American Samoa's first mall, South Pacific Traders. Even while dedicating his skills to building the Methodist Church house of worship in Tafuna, he worked a second job at the American Samoa Airport to provide for his family. He was also a beloved member of the Sinapati cricket team, where he was uniquely tasked with hand-carving the team's bats, a role that combined his trade with his love for his community and sport.

Masi's greatest masterpiece, however, was his family. Having been with his beloved wife, Lasera, since 1972, their 54-year journey together served as the foundation for a massive and loving legacy. His devotion was second to none, living by the creed of "family first" in every choice he made. He is survived by his wife, Lasera Filo; his 15 children; his 40 grandchildren; and his 10 great-grandchildren, all of whom remain a testament to his immense love and strength. He was preceded in death by his parents, Uelese and Fa'amelea.

Services

Funeral services will be held on May 4, 2026, at the LDS Chapel located at 1401 West 700 South, Salt Lake City, Utah 84104.

- Family Service: 9:00 AM – 10:30 AM
- Bishop's Service: 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Burial will follow at the West Jordan Cemetery, 7925 S. 1300 W., West Jordan, UT 84088.

Cemetery Details

West Jordan City Cemetery

7925 S 1300 W,
West Jordan, UT

Previous Events

Family Service

MAY 4. 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM (MT)

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1401 West 700 South
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Funeral Service

MAY 4. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (MT)

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Graveside Service

MAY 4. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (MT)

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