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Tevita “Pulotu” Tu'ipulotu Lavaka, 55, of Ogden, Utah, passed away peacefully on October 11, 2025.

Pulotu was born on March 16, 1970, in Faga'alu, American Samoa, to Tevita and Fapuiaki Lavaka. He was the fifth of their children. In 1973, the family migrated to Oahu, Hawaii, and later settled in West Valley City, Utah, in 1977. Pulotu graduated from Kahuku High School in 1989.

In 1994, he enlisted in the United States Army and served proudly for three years. In 1997, he met Danielle, and the two were married in March of 2003. Together they raised six wonderful children.

Pulotu was a loving dad, uncle, brother, and friend. He coached his children's sports teams and took great pride in his family. Known for his warm hugs and big heart, Pulotu had a presence that made others feel safe and cared for. He loved music of all kinds—rock, reggae, and country—and he danced like no one was watching.

He was a humble man who often worked behind the scenes, helping others without seeking recognition. Strong, protective, funny, and kind, Pulotu was

someone you could always count on.

He is survived by his partner, Natalie Olson; his son, Jermaine; and the mother of his children, Danielle Lavaka, along with their children: Savannah (Dominic) Patrick and their daughters Stella and Ivy; Olivia (Solomon) Tuliapupu and their children Tahalofa Tu'ipulotu and Ualosi; Avery Auna Lavaka (Daniel Aneo); Levi Lavaka; Fapuiaki Nenie Lavaka; and Daniel Tevita Lavaka.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Tevita and Fapuiaki Lavaka.

He is also survived by his siblings Amanaki Siuhengnalu, Mary (Viliani) Tonata, Gustaf Lavaka, Larry Lavaka, Joceneen Lavaka, Rosella (Edward) Vehikite, Stephanie (Tevita) Finau, Sela (Sione) Vailahi, Tapukitea (Moe Pau'atu) Fonoti, and Feofa'aki Lavaka.

Services

A viewing will be held on
Sunday, October 19,, 2025
from 6:00 to 10:00 p.m.
LDS Chapel
8350 S. Jackson St.
Midvale, UT 84047

Funeral services
Monday, October 20, 2025
from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.
Bishop's program
from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m
LDS Chapel
8350 S. Jackson St., Midvale, UT 84047

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

Cemetery Details

West Jordan City Cemetery

1300 West 7800 South
West Jordan, UT 84084

Previous Events

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OCT **19**. 6:00 PM - 10:00 PM (MT)

The Church Of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints-Midvale
8350 S Jackson Street
Midvale, UT 84047

Family & Friends Service

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Bishops Service

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Burial

OCT **20**. 1:30 PM (MT)

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