



## Tevita Tangatafoua Moala (Mokofisi)

January 13, 1940 - August 22, 2016

Tevita Tangatafoua Moala (Mokofisi) has departed from this life on August 22nd, 2016 surrounded by his wife, children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

He was born January 13, 1940 in Nukualofa, Tonga to Henele Moala Mokofisi (Pea) and Luisa Fakahoko (Kanukupolu) and grew up between Vaotu'u and Pea, Tonga Tapu. To family and friends he's known as Dave, but to the rest of Tonga he is Foua Kelo, he was known for his red Kelo hair.

He is the eldest of 8 children and carried that responsibility throughout his life. He was a part of the first Tongan National Team to win the title in 1968. Best known as Tevita Tangata Foua (1st and 2nd row/forward for the Tonga Rugby Union). Through his travels, he was able to bring his family to America and he created more opportunities that have given many that have crossed his path a better life. He and his brothers worked very hard and won many awards for commercial landscaping in the Bay Area. He was first married to Falefehi Muakiholeva ( Puleiku) and had 4 children and later remarried to Joan Goppert.

He is survived by his wife Joan Goppert Moala and his 7 children (Hulita Tauteoli (Elevisi), Mapeli Tauteoli (Fifita), Uenti Teumoehenga (Fisimanu), Tevita Moala, Dawn Pitts (Sam), Courtney Valdes (Jason), Keleigh Kauhane (Samuel). His Brother Veamatahau, Sione Fatai, Ana Kelela and many nieces and nephews. His legacy lives on through his 45 grandchildren and 36 great grandchildren and still growing. His unconditional love, selflessness and living life fearlessly lives through his posterity. He was a loving husband, a wonderful father and the best grandfather. May you rest in Paradise until we meet again. Families are forever and we will see him.

Services are under the direction of Peni Malohifo'ou of Serenity Funeral Home Draper, UT

# Previous Events

## Viewing

SEP 3. 8:00 AM - 11:30 AM (MT)

River 3rd Ward  
2550 W 9800 South  
South Jordan, UT

## Funeral Service

SEP 3. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (MT)

River 3rd Ward  
2550 W 9800 South  
South Jordan, UT

# Tribute Wall



“ *Tevita Tangatafoua Moala (Mokofisi)*

October 05, 2023 at 07:49 PM



“ *My condolences for the loss of your loved one. He left a beautiful family behind. May you take comfort knowing that God cares for you and can give you the strength you need during this time. (Psalms 34:18, Phillipians 4:6, 7)*

**Danielle** - September 02, 2016 at 07:47 AM



“ *With his great grandchildren on Sunday visits a few weeks before he passed. He loves his grandchildren more than anything ❤️❤️*



**Hulita Moala Tauteoli** - August 26, 2016 at 09:16 PM



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**Serenity Funeral Home** - August 26, 2016 at 10:24 AM

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*D&C 76:5-6 my Dad favorite scripture, For thus saith the Lord-I the Lord, am merciful and gracious unto those who fear me, and Delight to honor those who serve me in righteousness and in truth unto the end. I love you daddy.*

**Mapeli moala** - August 26, 2016 at 04:08 PM