



## Toalei Afo

January 31, 1958 - February 2, 2023

Zoom Link

<https://zoom.us/j/94189614748>

Toalei Afo, 65, surrounded by his family, returned home to the arms of our Heavenly Father on February 2, 2023 after his courageous battle with cancer for the past 13 years. He is our Samoan Superman.

Toa was born in Faganeanea, American Samoa on January 31, 1958 to Aimiti Mapuolesega Afo

and Lauoletema Afo Fa'amaligi. He is the seventh child out of 11. At the young age of 12 Toa

moved to California for medical care. He has lived in Florida, Canada, Massachusetts, Arizona,

Iowa, and Louisiana. He went to high school in Carson, California and graduated from St.

Petersburg High in Florida. He eventually made his way to Utah where he built his home and

raised his family for the past 46 years residing in Kearns and South Jordan, UT.

At the age of 15 he started traveling with Chief Mapu (uncle) and the Sounds of Polynesia. With

his family he learned how to play music including the bass, guitar, drums, all along with singing.

Toa was THE BEST entertainer who had charisma and talent shaking out of his leg. He quickly

became the star of the show, hosting hundreds of shows throughout the country. Toa is most

known for his Elvis impersonation and has been called the "Samoan Elvis".

His travels ended in

Utah performing with his family at the Ming and the Hawaiian restaurants. This is where he met

the love of his life, Sylvia King, at the age of 19 years old. He spotted her in the crowd with her

long blonde hair and she saw him with his silk bell bottoms, platform shoes, and afro hair. He

thought she was Marsha Brady and she thought he was someone from the Jackson Five. He

serenaded her with Elvis songs most of that evening while Sylvia and her best friend giggled in their seats.

His charm worked and she quickly became his "Pricilla". Toa and Sylvia fell in love and married

on January 9, 1978 in Salt Lake City, UT. They had their first daughter and then built a home

together in Kearns, UT in 1980. There they welcomed two more daughters and raised them

there for 22 years.

Toa continued entertaining with his brothers and their band Island Time 2 performing for countless luaus, weddings, and more. Along with working at UDOT and West Jordan City where he retired after 25 years of service.

In 1982 Toa discovered the game of golf and fell harder for that than he did Sylvia . He spent the majority of his time on the golf course and just couldn't get enough of it. His time on the course and love for the game grew and grew. He loved it so much that he found a job at multiple courses so he could golf for free. He worked for the county courses until 2022. He was one of the founders of the Utah Islanders Golf Association and tournament chairman for over 30 years and is currently their President. He loved and planned his Friday skins at Fore Lakes.

Over the years he would come home with his winnings and take his family to Leatherby's for ice cream to get his banana split with extra hot fudge and pineapple. Toa had so many opportunities given to him and has made hundreds of lifetime friends because of the game. Toa traveled across the world to events on his bucket list: Junior Ryder Cup, Ryder Cup, FedEx Cup, and The Masters. His greatest accomplishment and most proud moments with the game, came from teaching children. He introduced hundreds of kids through his junior golf program and most

importantly his grandchildren.

His love of golf was huge but doesn't even come close to the love for his family and friends. He was everyone's friend, and everyone was his favorite. He was always bringing a friend to family dinner, making sure someone had a place to eat for Thanksgiving, or inviting people to events he was performing at even if he had nothing to do with the guest list. If the band was playing, you were invited.

Toa loved music, golf, and the Dallas Cowboys. He always had a cooler full of treats and a pocket full of napkins. He loved his Trans Am, peanut M&M's, his trusty Honda, ice water with lots of ice, America and Donald Trump. He was a fierce and loyal friend (or your worst enemy), a brother to all, an amazing husband, the best girl dad and the world's best Poppy. He enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren more than anything. His favorite things were watching them play golf, playing "hike hike" with the boys, watching them on the football field, cheering for volleyball teams, watching dance and choir performances, going on individual traditional birthday dates, trips to Disney World, Christmas Adam, summer sleepovers, flickering the lights on the porch to say goodbye, weekly family Sunday dinners and giving his baby Maliana her dollars every time he would see her. He loved these babies more than

anything.

Dad, Poppy, Hun, we will miss you forever. His granddaughter Larissa shared “it doesn’t feel real. I keep thinking he’s with the band, or at the golf course, but in reality he’s at the best family reunion ever.” We love you forever and will wait for the day until we are reunited.

Toa is survived by his wife Sylvia, daughters Ku’uipo (Myron Vea), Kassie (Ray Feinga), Kamie (Matina Aiono), and his 10 most favorite people in the world, his grandchildren Kalena, Larissa, Karmen, Nicea, Toa, Elway, (twins) Ray and Moni, Malone, and Maliana, and 7 siblings. He is preceded in death by his parents, mother and father-in-law and three brothers.

Funeral services will be as follows:

Monday February 13, 2023

There will be no public viewing.

Service: 12:30-1:30

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints

8107 S. 6700 W.

West Jordan, UT 84081

Burial: 2:00PM

Valley View Memorial Park

4335 W 4100 S.

West Valley City, UT 84120

Celebration of Life: Doors will open at 3:00PM

Victor's Event Center

2527 S. 3270 W.

West Valley City, UT 84119

A special thanks to all of the family and friends who have shown so much love and support to

the Afo family and Toa over the years and especially this last month. You know who you are. Big

thanks to the Huntsman Cancer Institute, Dr. Maughan and Dr.Kokeny who cared for him for 13

years. We will also never forget his number one nurse (his sweetheart) and his best nurse

helpers Vainiu Afo and Rosie Afo, we love you!

In lieu of flowers donations can be made to his family for expenses to the Venmo account

@sylvia-afo

# Cemetery Details

## Valley View Memorial Park - Utah

4335 West 4100 South,  
West Valley City, UT 84120

# Previous Events

## Service

FEB 13. 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM (MT)

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints-West Jordan  
8107 S. 6700 W.  
West Jordan , UT

## Burial

FEB 13. 2:00 PM (MT)

Valley View Memorial Park - Utah  
4335 West 4100 South,  
West Valley City, UT 84120

## Celebration of Life

FEB 13. 3:00 PM (MT)

Victor's Event Center  
2527 S. 3270 W.  
West Valley City, UT 84119

*Doors will open at 3:00 PM.*



# Tribute Wall



“ *Toalei Afo*

October 05, 2023 at 07:49 PM



“ *Miss an love you uncle Toa from the Kirisimasi Klan Daygo City misses you uncle Toa we love you aunty Silvia an the girls Kuipo Kass an Kam* 🤝🙏



claudia kirisimasi - February 14, 2023 at 05:02 PM



*We love you uncle Toa now you are peace love you aunty Silvia an the girls Kuipo Kass an Kam* 🤝🙏

claudia kirisimasi - February 14, 2023 at 05:03 PM



“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Dahni - February 13, 2023 at 01:59 AM

DA

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



---

Dahni - February 13, 2023 at 01:59 AM

DA

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



---

Dahni - February 13, 2023 at 01:58 AM

DA

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



---

Dahni - February 13, 2023 at 01:58 AM

DA

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Dahni - February 13, 2023 at 01:57 AM

DA

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Dahni - February 13, 2023 at 01:56 AM

FS

“ Manuia lau malaga 🙏 ua misia lava oe.



FITILAGIPUPULA SIMANU - February 12, 2023 at 02:38 PM

SO

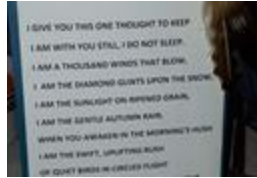
“ Sylia Olive lit a candle in memory of Toalei Afo



Sylia Olive - February 12, 2023 at 01:14 AM



“ Always remembered as the most genuine, kind and epic of men to grace this earth, and our lives.  
 Rest in the sweet love of the angels arms...the Guardian Angel of so many..May your memory Toa, be Eternal.



Kathey McMaster - February 10, 2023 at 02:56 PM



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Dahni Lauoletolo-Wily - February 10, 2023 at 02:03 PM



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Dahni Lauoletolo-Wily - February 10, 2023 at 01:59 PM



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Dahni Lauoletolo-Wily - February 10, 2023 at 01:53 PM



“ I will miss you so much Uncle. Rest now in the loving arms of Jesus.



Emily - February 10, 2023 at 07:11 AM



“ I'll always love you Uncle! Thank you for who you are and have been to me and to many 🙏  
👉👈💖100



Jeanne Afo - February 08, 2023 at 03:22 PM



“ I never saw Toa without a smile and a glisten of joy in his eyes. Rest In Peace, Toa.



Branson Evans - February 08, 2023 at 02:21 PM

LS

“ Rest peacefully Uncle Toa 🕊️🕯️



LeTasha Soliai - February 08, 2023 at 02:10 PM

TT

“ Tina Tuupo lit a candle in memory of Toalei Afo



Tina Tuupo - February 08, 2023 at 12:35 PM

MS

“ Maryan Savini lit a candle in memory of Toalei Afo



Maryan Savini - February 08, 2023 at 12:01 PM

LA

“ Luaipouomalo Afo lit a candle in memory of Toalei Afo



Luaipouomalo Afo - February 08, 2023 at 04:20 AM

LA

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



---

**Luaipouomalo Afo** - February 08, 2023 at 04:20 AM

SS

“ *Siolosega F Soliai lit a candle in memory of Toalei Afo*



---

**Siolosega F Soliai** - February 08, 2023 at 01:57 AM