



## Tumua Fagatele

November 10, 1946 - July 23, 2018

"Tumua Fagatele" returned to our heavenly father on July 23, 2018, at home surrounded by his Sweetheart, children, and loved ones. Tumua was born on November 10, 1946, to loving father Aioletuna Fagatele Lea'ea of Masausi, American Samoa, and loving mother Taiva Feu'u Fagafa Togiola, of Sa'ilele, American Samoa.

Tumua Fagatele was enthralled by books and could always be found with a book in his hand. His deep fondness for books and their transformative thought-provoking words propelled him to a profession of education. His teaching career although spanning from various grade levels started in American Samoa at Matafao, Aua, and Aofau Elementary schools. Tumua later received a teaching position offer from the State of Hawai'i Department of Education. In search of a better life for his family, he accepted the offer and moved his young family to Hawai'i. Tumua taught a variety of subjects from English, History, and Math at various schools such as Farrington High School, Kalakaua, Washington and Jared Intermediates, Waikiki, Hawai'i Kai, and many other elementary schools on the island of O'ahu. He was later appointed by the Department of Education District office as the head of Teachers for English as a Second Language (ESL) Department. He served in various capacities representing underserved communities such as; Samoans, Hawaiians, Laotian, Vietnamese, Japanese families in school conferences, parent-teacher meetings, providing counseling and educational support. On

the weekends, Tumua found pleasure in spending his leisure time teaching English to the Laotian and Vietnamese refugees who ventured to Hawaii envisioning the American dream. His passion for teaching was solidified by his students living a successful life. Tumua later moved to Taylorsville, Utah and continued his teaching career at Bennion Elementary until a fourteen-year stint with Huish Detergent Laboratory. Destined to shape future lives, he sought a career in youth counseling for the State of Utah where he retired in 2010.

Tumua Tasi was proud of his Aganu'u Fa'a Samoa, and its vitality in instilling Cultural identity in the Samoan youth. Tumua actively sought out opportunities to serve his community as the President of the Nu'u O Matai or in the local kilikiti community.

He married his sweetheart P. Lauama Taituave on October 10th, 1996 and was blessed with six children. Roger Sui Fagatele (Michelle Lund Fagatele), Theresa Fesili (Fa'afouina Fesili), Caroline Leo (Vincent Leo), Leroy Fagatele-Paselio, S. Lilly Taituave Fagatele, and the ui'i Tile Taituave Fagatele. Tumua has 18 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

He is survived by his: Mother; Taiva Feu'u Fagafa Togiola and Siblings; Siauto Asifoa, Siupapa Segi, Fia Feu'u "Taloü" Fagatele, Lemafoe Ne'emias, Isaiah Fagatele, Fa'atautui Sioloa, Taufusi Lea'ea. Children: Roger Sui Fagatele (Michelle), Theresa Fesili (Fa'afouina), Leroy Fagatele-Paselio, S. Lilly Taituave Fagatele, and Tile Taituave Fagatele.

Preceded in death by his: Father; Aioletuna Fagatele Lea'ea, Brothers: Suani Fa'afia, and "Aiga" Tumama Fagatele, Sister: Fa'avae Tupuola, and daughter: Caroline Taiva Fagatele Leo.

Services are under the direction of Peni Malohifo'ou of Serenity Funeral

Home.

A celebration of life service will be held on Friday, August 10, 2018, at 9:00 a.m. at the Decker Lake Ward Chapel at 2101 West 3100 South West Valley City, Utah followed by his final service.

Dad will be laid to rest at West Jordan City Cemetery, 7925 1300 West, West Jordan, UT 84088. Our family would like to extend our most profound heartfelt gratitude to Bishop Harrison, the Decker Lake Ward, our dad (Fagatele-Lea'ea/Fagafa) and mom's (Taituave/Fauatea) families, friends, Stacy Shulof and The University Health Palliative Care Service, Dr. G. Raychel Gonzales, Rocky Mountain Home Health and Hospice, and Serenity Funeral Home.

# Cemetery Details

## West Jordan City Cemetery

1300 West 7800 South  
West Jordan, UT 84084

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

AUG **10**. 9:00 AM.

Decker Lake Ward  
2101 West 3100 South  
West Valley City, UT

## Funeral Service

AUG **10**. 11:00 AM.

Decker Lake Ward  
2101 West 3100 South  
West Valley City, UT

# Tribute Wall



“ *Tumuaatasi Suitofo Fagatele*

October 05, 2023 at 07:49 PM



“ *Reggie & Sandy Coleman lit a candle in memory of Tumuaatasi Suitofo Fagatele*



**Reggie & Sandy Coleman** - August 03, 2018 at 02:33 PM



“ *I will never forget how he gave me permission to use a 2x4 if his Lilly and Tile didn't practice piano. He was a great father. He insisted on the best from his family. Bless you all.*

*with love, Linda and Jerry Meyers.*

**Linda Meyers** - August 02, 2018 at 07:13 PM



*I'll never forget every time I go to their house when I'm mad at my husband Tumua always tells me to go home to my husband because I'll never find another good husband. We always enjoyed hearing Tile play the piano. Tumua is going to be missed. My deepest condolence to my sister Pepe and the kids❤️❤️*

**Gloria Tonuga** - August 10, 2018 at 12:29 AM



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**Serenity Funeral Home** - August 01, 2018 at 10:35 PM