



Vaiopaa Talaia Laumatia

October 28, 1954 - March 23, 2023

On March 23rd 2023, our beloved father Vaiopa'a (Vai) Talaia Laumatia was called home to Our Heavenly Father, where he was finally reunited with his eternal companion Salu Hakila Tuia.

Vai was born of goodly parents to Talaia Laumatia and Sifea Afamasaga on October 28 th 1954 in the village of Fausaga, Samoa.

He is survived by his children, Melody, Eldon, Aaron, Jasmine (son-in-law Andrew Pornintra) Jade (son-in-law Loto To'o), Cameron (daughter-in-law Olivia), Jordan, Charity and grandchildren Maylea, Toga, Khun, Min, Mali and Naseri.

He is also survived by his siblings Poiva, Siasulu, Saleilua, Alofa, Manuele, Pala, Lagaali, Mele, Vaaiga, Sila and Sifea.

Vai was loved by many and will be greatly missed by his children and grandchildren, brothers, sisters, nieces and nephews.

He was a man of many talents who was able to embrace his friends and family through his countless and selfless services. His attributes include his ability to organize and facilitate support services for many Pacific Island communities.

Vai served in many leadership roles in The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

In Hawaii, he served several times as a Bishop then moved to Utah County where he continued his service as a Branch president for the newly developed Samoan branch. Not long after this he was then called as the first Samoan bishop to Orem 9th ward.

Vai's love for his family was unconditional, he loved everyone and most notably he loved all his brothers and sisters, his nieces and nephews. However, his greatest joy was being married and sealed to his eternal companion Salu, and being with his children and grandchildren.

His love and faith of Our Savior was unquestionable and his testimony was unwavering.

We will miss our wonderful father, and would like to invite you to celebrate the memory of his life.

Funeral service details:

Date: Friday March 31st 2023

Time: 12:00pm – 1:00pm

Address: 80 S. 280 E. Orem UT 84097

Chapel: Orem 9 th Ward

Following his services, Vai will be laid to rest at the Orem City Cemetery (1520 N 800 E).

Our family would like to express our appreciation for all your love and support.

Donation account is available on Venmo @mslauma99

Previous Events

Private Family Viewing

MAR 31. 8:30 AM - 9:30 AM (MT)

Orem 9th Samoan Ward
80 South 280 East
Orem, UT 84058

Family Program

MAR 31. 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM (MT)

Orem 9th Samoan Ward
80 South 280 East
Orem, UT 84058

Bishops Service

MAR 31. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (MT)

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Orem, UT 84058

Interment

MAR 31. 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM (MT)

Orem City Cemetery
1520 N 800 E
Orem, UT

Tribute Wall



“ *Vaiopaa Talaia Laumatia*

October 05, 2023 at 07:49 PM



“ *I have known Vaiopaa and his wonderful family from American Samoa years ago. The Laumatia Family and my Tufuga Family were devoted members of the Faleniu Branch. Although, we have not seen each family for years, what an awesome blessing to learn that we all are living and staying on the covenant path with the Savior. Yes, Vaiopaa was born of goodly parents!!! I love you very much, brother Vaiopaa!!! Elevela Tufuga Bird*

Elevela Tufuga Bird - March 31, 2023 at 06:55 PM



“ *I always loved sitting with the family in the living room listening to Vai words of wisdom and listening to him do family home evenings. Also remember all the hugs and welcoming me into the family each time I came to the house. He always made others feel loved and special..*



Camille Conarro - March 30, 2023 at 09:46 PM