



William Purcell

April 8, 1926 - November 21, 2013

1926 - 2013 William Purcell

William Purcell passed away peacefully, November 21st 2013, at the age of 87 in Salt Lake City, Utah. He was born on April 08, 1926 in Malaela, Samoa to Litia Palesasa, and was raised by his Uncle Etuina. He married Nora Te'o June 28, 1980 in Hawthorne, California.

William loved being a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints and counseled his family in accordance to his strong beliefs in the gospel. He held several positions in the church, serving as a stake and ward missionary, high priest group leader and ward chorister. Dad was very proficient in his scripture studies. He had many hobbies and talents including boxing, dancing and playing the trombone for the Tongan Marching Band for 4 yrs when he moved to Utah. William is survived by his wife, Nora and his children: Kalilimotu, Kathy, Steven, Sandra, David, Nathan and William. As well as many nephews and nieces. He is preceded in death by his mother Litia and siblings: Mateaki, Theresa, Loimata and Seu.

He had a loving heart and wanted to help in any way possible. He was someone who didn't know how not to give. Dads demeanor of humbleness was expressed through all aspects of his life, and it has been inherited by his family and will carry on for generations. He was well respected, cherished and loved by all those who knew him. He will be dearly missed, until we meet again.

Services will be held Saturday, November 30th, at the Mapusaga Ward on

3970 S. 5200 W. in West Valley City. The viewing will be at 9:00-10:30 a.m. Followed by the Bishop's Service from 11-12 p.m. The Burial will follow in conclusion at Valley View Cemetery, West Valley City.

Under the direction of Peni Malohifo'ou of Serenity Funeral Home Draper, Utah

Our family would like to thank Bishop Brown and the Mapusaga Ward.

Cemetery Details

Valley View Cemetery

4400 W 4100 S
West Valley City, UT

Previous Events

Viewing

NOV 30. 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM (MT)

Mapusaga Ward
3970 South 5200 West
West Valley City, UT 84120

Funeral Service

NOV 30. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (MT)

Mapusaga Ward (Stake Center)
3737 South 5600 West
West Valley City, UT 84120

Tribute Wall



“ *William Purcell*

October 05, 2023 at 07:49 PM



“ *I was blessed to play piano alongside Bro. Purcell at Nu'umau. I will never forget the times we would practice at the apartment in Hawthorne after school. He will always be remembered and never forgotten. Much love to Sis Purcell and the family.. Prayers of comfort.*

Ingrid Taufao - November 26, 2013 at 11:50 PM



“ *I will never forget Brother Purcell when he marched in the Liahona Alumni Band, in the Days of 47 Parade. His talent in music and on the trombone was a blessing to anyone who heard him play! He will be missed. Condolences to the family.*

Sunia Kinikini - November 25, 2013 at 01:22 PM



“ *Peni & Shelly Malohifo'ou lit a candle in memory of William Purcell*



Peni & Shelly Malohifo'ou - November 24, 2013 at 06:44 PM

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He's the sweetest and amazing man from our ward "NU'UMAU". He a great dancer love watching him dance. AWESOME family man. He will be missed. Condolences to Nora and kids...LOVE YOU....Have a safe journey home :):) Love you the TAVAI'z

Keiana Ahhong Tavai - November 27, 2013 at 09:41 AM