



Eli Tu'ua Na'oupu

July 23, 1961 - November 4, 2020

Born in Avoka Faleula, Samoa on July 23, 1961 Eli came into this world filling his loved ones with much joy and love. He was born to his mother Sataua and father Na'oupu, and his 6 siblings: Gaga'emalae, Fa'afetai, Misualesi, Tali, Alaese, and Asovale. Eli was a loving child, caring about others, animals, and especially his mother Sataua. Even as a young child he had a very mischievous side with his favorite partner in crime Alaese. Secrets were kept safe between the partners with a little pinky promise. When he wasn't being mischievous he would spend his time with his father Na'oupu and Mother while his siblings would run off to their aunts and uncles. When Eli turned 12 years he had the opportunity to move to American Samoa with his family. After two years Eli's family had moved back to Western Samoa, but he stayed behind with his uncle Marston Porter so that he could finish high school. Once in American Samoa Eli found an endless love with football. After graduation Eli moved to California, USA at the young age of 19.

While living in California, USA Eli met Maxine Beede in 1987. Eli followed Maxine back to Utah, and married in June of 1987. Now a father of two young boys Eli was eager to have a son whom he could pass on the family name. After two years of blissful marriage Eli and Maxine started their beautiful family: Marston Alaese was born 1989, Sebastian Misualesi December 1990, Armond Etuale February 1992, Sophronia Gagae'malae Maxine April 1995, Adopted Sabrina Fuataina April 1996, Zephaniah Eli October 1998, and Josiah Taotafa June 2000. Eli loved his little family that he had created with Maxine in 1989; they had the decision to make their family eternal by being sealed in the provo temple in September. Maxine and Eli separated and later divorced. Later in life Eli had a second chance with Maima Peterson where they had Puanoa Salote Na'oupu. Together they raised Puanoa, and Maima's two other daughters Chyenne and Moana Peterson.

Eli was known for being able to make the whole room laugh, and crack a smile on everyone's face. When Eli wasn't making people laugh he would be barbecuing, cooking, or eating Samoan food. He was a hard worker who always put his family first. From giving advice on relationships to holding his grandchildren with a big grin. Eli lived in the moment not letting a single one slip by. Even though we are apart; Eli will always be in the hearts

of all those he had touched with his love, laughter, kindness, and his ability to live in the moment.

Eli Ioane Tu'ua Na'oupu survived by his seven children: Marston, Sebastian, Armond, Sophronia, Zephaniah, Josiah, and Puanoa; his siblings: Gaga'emalae, Fa'afetai, Alaese, and Asovale; Maxine Na'oupu-DeLeon and Maima Peterson.

Funeral Directors: Utah Valley Mortuary.

Cemetery

Provo City Cemetery

610 South State Street

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