



Leituāla Taula

July 25, 1931 - May 31, 2019

Leituāla Taula, 87, passed away on Friday, May 31, 2019, in West Jordan, Utah. He was born July 25, 1931, in Uafato, Upolu, Western Samoa, the son of Tamate Taula and Luela Mulin'u Tala/Mauāla Brown. He was the 9th of 12 children, 7 girls and 5 boys. Leituāla was sealed to his parents in the New Zealand Temple in 1958, along with his sister Vafato Taula Fruean.

Leituāla graduated from school in Sauniatu. In school he was part of the Young Adult Program called "The Silivia". He was part of the school band and played the saxophone along with his cousin Malaeloa Brown. His brother, Lalovi, played the trombone with his cousin Vaifoa who played the trumpet, and they all practiced rigorously together after school. He married our mother, Atalina Purcell, in December 1963, in the New Zealand Temple. Leituāla was a welder and plumber by trade. He would leave work and spend time volunteering at Deseret Industries. Leituāla was a family man known for being frugal. He was dedicated to serving in The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in any capacity that was asked of him. He enjoyed being in the service of others and was always focused on providing and taking care of his family. He would always come home with new clothes and especially new suits. He was a very well dressed man. Leituāla married Elsa Taula on February 14, 1991 in the Salt Lake Temple. Together they served 3 missions for the church, 1 proselyting mission to Samoa, and 2 Temple missions, also in Samoa. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his 11 siblings, Māugaleo'o Taula, Tamate Taula, Iva Taula Moea'i, Faletoi Taula, Faitoto'a Taula, Lalovi Taula, Alofa Taula, Uafato Ruby Taula Fruean, Fasito'outa Taula, Fasiito'tai Taula and Tigi Taula. Leituāla was last of his family.

Leituāla is survived by current wife Elsa Pepe Taula and his first wife Atalina Purcell Hunt and their 4 children and grandchildren, Phillip and his late wife (Kainoa Taula) children include Koho'o (Jason Sauvao) Jazmin, Maluhia, Hamana, Nohea. Next Ruby (Robert Tialavea) their 5 children include Rachelle (Travis Gibson) and their 4 children Aaliyah, Travis Jr. Sefa, and Samia, RJ, Ryan (Tai) and their 3 children Ryan Jr, Tayson, and Dwayne, Roderick and his daughter Uailoa. Ida Lewis and her son DJ Lewis, and Leituāla Taula Jr. and his children Kalani, Jaxon, Jordan, Jace, and Mya.

Celebration of life will be held on Wednesday June 5, 2019 at the Heritage 11th Ward

Chapel on 3200 West and 7334 South in West Jordan, Utah. The viewing will be from 9 am -10 am, the Family Service from 10 am-11:30 am and the Bishops Service from 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm.

Interment to follow at the West Jordan City Cemetery, 7800 South 1300 West, West Jordan, Utah. Flowers may be sent to the church by 9:00 am on Wednesday.

Comments



“ I grew up with Uncle Lei coming to our house to do minor repairs like the toilet or a broken light or just hang out with mum and dad. Uncle is soft spoken. He is just a gentle kind man. I got to know Phillip but I was quite younger than him so unfortunately I didn't really get to know Phillip that well. I knew Uncle's wife Elsa who is a seamstress. She did the dresses and shirts for our wedding line. My parents would often have them both over for a visit. Usually with taro, palusami, or koko samoa, with French bread.....you know the good stuff.

My favorite memory of Uncle is when I was a little kid, he'd come over with all his tools. Just a whole bunch of cool tools. A huge torch, screw drivers, hammers, a flint starter for a small flame thrower that he had was my favourite tool. Anyways I'd come watch him do his repairs and I was just curious and I'd play around with the toys pretending I was fixing things. He never got upset with me. Never raised his voice at me. He just let me be a kid. I always enjoyed his company even though he was the adult and I was just a kid. I just felt like I was one of his own growing up. Lol.

My dad loves Uncle Lei so much. Dad was himself seeking uncle. Laughing and joking. I never knew what they were saying but I knew my parents were happy when Uncle Lei and Aunty Elsa were around.

I've missed you heaps Uncle. Wish we were there to pay our last respects. I guess this will have to do. Travel well Uncle. I will always carry these thoughts of you close to my heart.

Love always from the Brown's down under.

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“ We met uncle in 1990. We just moved to SLC Utah and he was the first to welcome us. He hung out with our dad every day, and Phillip came with him most of the time. We learned from their get togethers, that they were close cousins growing up, they were in the band together, enjoyed all kinds of music, worked together in New Zealand, they separated once they got married and many years later they reunited here in Utah. They both were always smiling talking about the good ol days. Love you uncle. Thank you for always reminding us to find the good in everything. There is always something good to be happy about. Manuia lou Malaga Alofa tele mo oe.

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