Vea Toki Masima Tenifa

August 2, 1948 ~ September 1, 2017

On September 01, 2017, Vea Toki Masima Tenifa, passed away unexpectedly, in a tragic car accident. She was chosen to return home to her Heavenly Father. Vea Toki, was born on August 02, 1948 in the village of Ha'ateiho, the South Pacific Island of Tonga. The daughter of the late Timote Masima Saulala and Veisinia Kalava Tapua Uata Masima (deceased).

Vea Toki, comes from a strong loving family of 10 siblings. Five Brothers, and Five Sisters including herself. From eldest to youngest; Telisa Masima Sister (deceased), Ana Masima Sister (deceased), Sione Kini Masima (deceased), Kelosipani Tuakalau Sister, Lauaki Pili Masima Brother, (deceased), Melemosi Lolesio Sister, Luke Masima Brother, Haisinini Masima Brother, Vea Toki Masima, (deceased) Lolo Masima brother.

Growing up as a young girl, Vea Toki had a very happy upbringing. Her parents were hard workers. She helped her Father around their family owned farm. Alongside helping her Mother with homemade crafting and sewing. A loving daughter that was obedient, selfless, who truly honored her parents.

As a young lady, in Tonga, she raised her nephew since he was a newborn baby, as her very own child. She named him Timote Masima Jr., after her late father. This baby was her pride and joy, she spoiled him and was very protective of him. Vea Toki, made sure nobody laid a finger on him.

As she became a young woman she was not only known for her gracious beauty, and charm, but her outgoing personality, and her great sense of humor. It is no coincidence she is caught the eye of the man of her dreams, her best friend and husband Mikaele Tukulolo Tenifa. They met at dance gatherings, and she knew he was the one she wanted to spend the rest of her life and eternity with.

They moved to American Samoa, where they joined hands in marriage. Her husband managed a construction company there, where they lived and had their two first born children. Oldest son Sione Manuhekina Tenifa, second oldest daughter Barbara Asena Tenifa. Years after they moved to Salt Lake City, Utah in the 1970's. They welcomed their third oldest son Lawrence Anthony Tenifa, Son Vaiola Mataele Tenifa, daughter Amelia Fapiola Tenifa, and youngest son Tukulolo Mikaele Tenifa.

She was a devoted, hardworking, selfless, loving wife, Mother and Grandmother who would do anything for her children and grandchildren. Her grandchildren meant everything to her. She was a great woman to her community and always provided service to others especially cooking for Liberty 3rd Ward, Highland High Football, and countless other functions. She served in many church callings and was always a comfort to everyone in need. She immediately made you feel comfortable and we all knew she loved us. She will be missed greatly.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, September 9, 2017 at the Salt Lake Tongan North Stake Center at 3300 South 4400 West at 12:00 pm. A viewing will be held on Friday, September 8, 2017 from 6:00 to 10:00 pm and from

8:00 to 11:30 am prior at the Salt Lake Tongan North Stake Center. The burial will take place at Larkin Sunset Lawn, 2350 East 1300 South following the service.

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