

Paea He Lotu Tulimafua

August 24, 1953 ~ December 18, 2020

If you ever wanted to see how sunshine could be represented in human form, you need only look to Paea Tulimafua. She was a sweet, happy individual who radiated light, joy, and fun, but she also was a mischievous soul who loved a good joke and could be commanding and
intimidating if the situation required it, as related by her children, nieces, nephews, cousins, friends, and family. Paea was born in Ha'akame, Tonga to parents Paula Finau Ita'aehau Mataele and Lesieli Falahola Itaaehau. Paea became a graduate of Liahona High school in 1971. She later went on to attend Brigham-Young University- Hawaii where she was a dancer at the Polynesian Cultural Center or PCC. Paea enjoyed many hobbies including dancing, sewing, knitting, reading, but she especially enjoyed teaching and singing. She was an educator for many
years and influenced children in Hawaii, Tonga, and Utah. Students and colleagues have shared over the years how her laugh and light really impacted their lives. Paea was able to attain a unique and diverse perspective on life that allowed her to connect with so many people from all
around the world. In 1977, she married her sweetheart, Iki Tulimafua in San Bernardino, CA and sealed in the Los Angeles Temple. She later had two children named Sela and Viliami.

As a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Paea was called to serve in many capacities over the years from primary teacher to Stake Primary President, to Relief Society Teacher to Counselor. She was often called upon or volunteered her service to assist
anyone who was in need. She had so much love to give, but mostly she understood others and knew how to provide whatever was required to bring aid, comfort, or cheer into another's life. She was a great listener and a shoulder to cry on, and she was also the best cheerleader and
supporter to anyone who needed that boost or motivation to keep going or to keep trying. Her example of self sacrifice, love, and hard work impacted the lives of all the children she influenced, especially those of her family members. Paea was also a very accepting and kind
person who liked minimal fuss and was known to tell everyone, " it's ok. We are going to be fine. We will get through it," because she willingly helped to share burdens others had, even if they did not intend her to help carry those burdens. Her easy going nature and immediate
acceptance made her a popular auntie among all her nieces and nephews!

Paea's love of singing stemmed from her family and her culture. As a Tongan, singing was all around her. She first learned this skill as a child singing with her family and community, but then that passion seemed to grow. She participated in many different choirs over the years. One big music event she truly enjoyed was being able to be part of a community choir in Hawaii who had the privilege of singing for the King of Tonga when he visited Hawaii. She also was blessed to help be a leader for the Tongan Stake Primary Children's choir who were invited to

sing for a Worldwide Primary Broadcast from Temple Square. The most recent choirs she was able to practice and perform with were the Community Choir led by her cousin Sione Ika and the Sweet Harmony Choir led by Ifa Motuliki. Her love of music influenced the lives of her
children, who also continued the legacy of music and singing and were long time members of the Polynesian Divine Heritage Choir located near Salt Lake City, Utah.

On December 18, 2020, at the age of 67, Paea was called home from the Utah Valley Specialty Hospital in Provo, where she had been receiving great care by an amazing staff who made her feel comfortable and well taken care of. We are certain she had a wonderful reunion
with lots of laughter and joy and maybe some singing and dancing, with her loved ones who have passed on. Paea is survived by her only son Viliami Tulimafua, her daughter-in-law Anya Pasi, her granddaughter Paea, and son-in-law Sateki Latu. She is preceded in death by her father,
Paula Ita'aehau, her mother Lesilei Folahola Ita'aehau, her husband Iki Talaiasi Tulimafua, and her daughter Sela Leolani Latu. Services will be held Wednesday, December 23, noon, at Larkin Mortuary in downtown Salt Lake City. The viewing will be from 9am-10am, the family services
from 10 am-noon, and the Bishop's services from noon to 1pm. The graveside services will be held at the Salt Lake City Cemetery.

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Only 50 people are allowed, masks required, social distance, zoom link above for online viewing, waiver must be signed by burial attendees 18 and older.