

Sione Vaikoula Me'e

January 15, 1944 ~ January 13, 2025

Sione Vaikoula Me'e, 80, passed away on January 13, 2025, 2 days before his 81st birthday in his Riverton, UT home due to leukemia. He was born on January 15, 1944, in the Tongan islands. He was blessed with an educated mind, an honest heart, & strong, unwavering faith in Christ. Everyone who knew him knew what an honest, simple, and loving man he was.

Simply known as "Vaikoula", he was a devoted husband to his beautiful wife, Norma Going Wolfgramm since their marriage in 1993. Vaikoula always stood as a strong and loving patriarch to his 4 children and their spouses, their 27 grandchildren and their spouses, and their 16 great-grandchildren. He also stepped in as the father-figure to ANYONE who needed him, whether it was for baby blessings, baptisms, weddings, temple sealings, mission farewells & homecomings, football games, graduations, etc. - he would always show up to support. Him and Norma also raised 2 of their grandchildren as their own since birth: Patisia "Justine" (Star Matulino) and Otto Filise.

Vaikoula was an active member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. He served a mission in the Tongan islands in his youth, served as a branch president in Anchorage, AK, served as a temple worker in the Anchorage, AK temple, & served a service mission with his wife in his last days, passing away with the title of Elder Me'e.

Vaikoula had a passion for hooligan fishing, camping, cowboy movies, traveling, and attending ward dances as the unofficial "hall monitor". He loved his gym workouts, prioritized education, enjoyed every holiday with his entire family, and LOVED reading his scriptures.

Vaikoula is survived by his wife, Norma, & his 4 children: Taunya (Taumoha'apai Filise), Reed (Malia), Wayne (Fernanda), and Travis (Kalala) as well as all of his grandchildren & their spouses, his great-grandchildren, his nieces, his nephews, his friends, & his last living sibling (Takapautolo Hafoka).

Vaikoula's quiet, loving, & easy-going presence will undoubtedly be missed by family and friends around the world. His teachings & memories will continuously live on through the lives of those who were blessed to have the privilege of knowing him.

Funeral services will be held at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints (12691 S 3600 W Riverton, UT 84065) on Tuesday, January 28, 2025. The viewing and family program will be held in the cultural hall from 9 am to 12 pm. The Bishop's Program will be held in the chapel from 12:30 pm to 1:30 pm. Light refreshments will be held in the cultural hall from 1:30 pm to 2:30 pm. Lastly, the burial will be held at Riverton City Cemetery at 3 pm.

Funeral Services will be streamed via Zoom for those wishing to attend virtually. To watch the services, please click the "Watch Services" link above.