



## Sulaeseina Mausali Autele

January 7, 1935 - July 31, 2024

Sulaeseina Mausali Autele was born on January 7, 1935, in Ta'u, on Manua island in American Samoa. She was the 3rd child out of 14 siblings. She attended grade school in Manua and finished 3rd grade after which she assumed full time daily responsibilities at home for a busy large family. She met her future husband, Mulivai U. Autele at age 18 in Manua. They were married in Manua on September 17, 1954. After several years, they moved to Tutuila Island in American Samoa, where they raised a large family of 9 children.

In 1973, Sula and her family moved to Laie, Oahu, Hawaii. Sula was baptized into the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints in 1976 along with her daughter and a few sons. She was sealed to her family in 1984 in the Laie, Hawaii Temple. Sula relocated to Hauula, Oahu in 1979. After Mulivai retired in 1993, She moved to Miliani in Oahu with her son Andrew's family. In 1995, she moved briefly to Oceanside, CA to help care for her aging Mother, who passed away that same year.

In 1997, due to the declining health of husband, Sula moved to Kearns, Utah with her daughter Autasia and her husband, Mark Hedquist. Mulivai passed away in August 1999. After his death, Sula traveled to Hawaii, California, and American Samoa annually to visit her growing family of grandchildren and great grandchildren.

In 2011, Sula was diagnosed with Dementia. She continued to bring her family joy and traveled with her daughter and son in law including two celebrations of her life in 2011 and 2017 in Laie.

Autasia, her daughter became her full-time caregiver in 2011 upon dementia diagnosis until her passing this summer.

Sula was a true peacemaker, a superlative example of charity and Christlike love to not only her immediate family, but also to her extended family and all whom met her. She valued family above all else in her life. She was a Samoan medicine woman, skilled with providing massages and treatment to those that came asking for assistance. She loved to bake and was well known for making baking masterpieces for family and friends in addition to barbeque. Sula had a fun-loving personality and was always keeping things light with laughter. She was a hard-working home maker and made all that were around her feel comfortable. She was patient, kinds and loving to everyone she interacted with. She loved to play cards, marbles and attend her grandchildren's sporting events.

We truly will miss Sula and we will strive to emulate her perfect example of love, patience, and happy demeanor. She passed away early in the morning on July 31, 2024, with her daughter and son in law by her side, free of all the pain associated with dementia/alzheimers for about two decades. We know she is enjoying the reunion with her husband Mulivai, parents and loved ones on the other side of the veil.

Funeral Services will be held Monday, August 5, 2024, beginning at 8:30 am at the LDS Chapel on Manzanita Dr. in St. George, UT. Interment will take place at 3:30 p.m. at the Redwood Memorial Estates Cemetery.

Services are under the direction of Serenity Funeral Home of Southern Utah.



# Cemetery Details

## Redwood Memorial Park

6600 S. Redwood Road  
Salt Lake City, UT

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

AUG 5. 8:30 AM (MT)

Manzanita LDS Chapel  
3519 Manzanita Rd  
St. George, UT 84790

# Tribute Wall



“ 1 file added to the album Funeral Audio Recording



Serenity Funeral Home of Southern Utah - August 05, 2024 at 06:24 PM

MH

“ R I P aunty Sula. Although we haven't seen each other these years but you're always in my heart , the memory's of back home in Samoa Hawaii you're one of my favorite aunty's and uncle mulivai never boring. You always made us laugh. Our family has truly lost Best part of our lives in this world. But you're with our God and savior Jesus christ and my mom sister Like and uncle mulivai and all of love ones that's there with you now. Your making them laugh again. I love you aunty Sula. Love your niece miliama (that's what you always call me. ) Forever in my heart.



Miriam Fita Horan - August 05, 2024 at 12:13 PM

FT

Yes I rembere all those memories we had back home an in Hawaii you and uncle Mulivai always made us feel welcome to yr home.Those memories will always be in our hearts.Love you and miss you Aunty Sula!R.I.L.Manuia Lou malaga.

Fanoia Thompson - August 05, 2024 at 08:11 PM

FT

“ *Foleni Fita Thompson lit a candle in memory of Sulaeseina Mausali Autele*



Foleni Fita Thompson - August 05, 2024 at 11:10 AM

FT

*Hello to my cousins the Autele family. My memories of my dear, loving and beautiful aunty Sula, I lived with my aunty Sula and uncle Mulivai in Laie Hawaii. My family is very close to my aunty Sula and uncle Mulivai. She was a loving, caring and beautiful person to me and my family. She's one of my mother Pu'e sister. And we're going to miss her very much. The last time that I saw and visited my aunty Sula was in St. Louis, Missouri where she lived with my cousin Sia and family. Ia manuia lau Malaga aunty Sulaeseina M. Autele. Forever in our hearts, Love you aunty Sula. ( Pu'e Fita Thompson's daughter n family.*

Foleni Fita Thompson - August 05, 2024 at 11:23 AM

FT

“ *Faasoo Thompson lit a candle in memory of Sulaeseina Mausali Autele*



Faasoo Thompson - August 04, 2024 at 03:35 PM

FT

*I love you auntie Sula Rest in Love ia manuia lou malaga I'll miss u auntie Sula ur Smile n ur humble Spirit n ur laughter n ur caring heart to everyone u cross path with love u auntie Sula love always from Fita n Pue Kids We love auntie Sula you will be forever in our hearts 💕💕*

Faasoo Thompson - August 04, 2024 at 03:51 PM



AS

*Aigailima Autele Veletaloola, I'm Ulafala Autele oldest daughter and my siblings and I would love to share with our family the blessings that Aunty Sula has been to us and our parents. My sincere condolences to my Uncle Mulivai and Sula Autele family and children and grandchildren in celebration of Life for Aunty Sula Autele. Our memories of times spent with her and Uncle Mulivai and my cousins, we Love and miss you all so much. Aunty Sula, e le galo oe ma mea sa e faia mo matou uma. Ia manuia lau Malaga 🇺🇸🙏🙏*

**Aigailima Autele Veletaloola Siblings.** - August 03, 2024 at 05:32 PM

MH

“ Correction on marriage year: 1954

**Mark Hedquist** - August 03, 2024 at 01:15 AM



“ *Sula was such a wonderful, loving and beautiful lady. She was a BIG part of my life as her only Son-In-Law. She loved to laugh and spoil my two girls. Sula was a fantastic cook and baker. Her masi, pineapple pies, fruit cocktail pies and other delectable treats were always perfect and delicious. She retained her peaceful and loving personality during her long term chronic illness with Alzheimers. She loved all whom came in contact with her. She was a true peacemaker. I will miss her. Our home was a piece of heaven since she came to live with us in 1997. I considered it sacred ground with my sweetheart caring for her. It was an honor to support my wife in her dedicated service full time to Sula's care for the past 13 years. She loved her sons, their families and especially her grandchildren. She was able to travel extensively to Hawaii and American Samoa from our home each year after her husband passed away in 1999 until the diagnosis of dementia in 2011. I look forward to reuniting in a future day with Sula and enjoying her presence and friendship after my passing. Alofa atu my dear Mother.*

**Mareko Hedquist** - August 02, 2024 at 10:55 PM