



# Felili Effie Faleafine

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**F**elili Effie Dean Paogofie Faleafine left this world on October 11, 2020, after 96 years of a life full of love and family. She gave birth to 13 children, 12 survived, who went on to have 95 grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great grandchildren combined. Born in Aunu'u Island, American Samoa on May 13, 1924 to Muaina Paogofie Jack and Henry Dean. She was the eldest of 9 children. She grew up in Pavai'ai and settled in Iliili where she and her husband Lui Fuga Faleafine established their family home.

Felili Faleafine devoted her life to the raising of her children and their progeny, always mindful of her first duty: to love our Lord and Savior. A woman full of grace and virtue, no one who knew her could doubt the depth of her faith in God, for His goodness resounded in all that she did.

She epitomized Samoan culture and was truly the quintessential definition of a Samoan woman - a lifetime of laboring tirelessly in love and faith to help her family, friends, church, community and country with love, generosity, and grace. Her life and stories will be told for generations to come and her memory will live on forever in our hearts.

Felili is survived by her Children: Lilieni Fedler, Winona Bridgewater, Juliet Lalau, Lui (Lori) Faleafine Jr., Elizabeth (Marcos) Rincon, Sarah Faleafine, Paulo (Rhonda) Faleafine, Lydia (Peter) Faleafine-Nomura, Robert (Jill) Faleafine, and Samuelu (Rosemary) Faleafine, Daughter-in-law, Leetha Faleafine, Son-in-law, Solo Solo, Grandchildren: Steven Fedler, Cynthia McAdams, Sisifo Faleafine Jr., Kaleinani Lee, Shareen Dumlao, Asulu Faleafine, Maricia Effie McLendon, Victor Chanel II, L.J. Solo, Troy Nobriga, Winona Casanova, Scott Nobriga, Tefoa Lalau, Mamo-Lei Faleafine, Penina Faleafine, Kanoelani Faleafine, Felili Meisenheimer, Melisa Gilvey, Maria Rincon, Michelle Stroman, Paulo Faleafine Jr., Puafuatausaga Mydori Nomura, Lelalelei Faleafine Nomura, Cher Pelesia Nomura, Shareen Corlett, Shannon Faleafine, Kayla Lee, Robert Faleafine Jr., Jeremiah Faleafine, Sarah Faleafine, Samuel Faleafine Jr., Joshua Faleafine, Isabella Faleafine, and Jacob Faleafine, 46 Great-grandchildren and 13 Great-great grandchildren. She is also survived by her sisters Va'asa Fonoti Palega, Emeleta Peo Hoopi'i and Nia Peo Domen.



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Felili was preceded in death by her Husband, in addition to her Sons, Lalofutu Faleafine and Sisifo Faleafine, her Daughter, Asulu Faleafine-Solo, Son-in-law, Jerry Lalau, Grandsons: Lui Faleafine III and Peter Quinn Faleafine-Nomura, Great-Grandchildren: Kruze L. Kuaea and Lily McAdams, and Brothers: Tautalaga Fonoti, Fiapoto Fonoti and Sisters: Tofuola Fonoti Simanu, Talosaga Fonoti Nunu and Sauiafa Fonoti So'oto.

To know her is to see the face of God and love at work. She was gifted to us from Him for 96 glorious years, and now is at home with her Father. She will be buried at her home in Iliili with her beloved husband Lui Fuga Faleafine.

Our mom was the living embodiment of all that was good in life and good in us. We loved her deeply and will miss her dearly. Her words will remain with us always. "Manatua le Aiga outou le fanau. Ia outou nonofo fealofani. Tausi le tasi le tasi. Ae sili le alofa i le Ali'i. Until we meet again, Mom.



# Tribute Wall

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**Diamond Head Mortuary** shared a **Video**.



October 28 at 7:15 AM



**Diamond Head Mortuary** shared a **Felili Effie Faleafine**.



October 28 at 6:55 AM



**Martin Grant** posted:

Aloha!! I went to school with Sisifo at Ben Parker Elementary school in Kaneohe. This was the early 1970's. I wanted to express my sincere condolences and respect to the Faleafine family for your loss. Please accept my respects, Martin GrantSkippergrumby@aol.com

July 9 at 12:27 AM



**Lily** posted:

Mom, Today is December 2, 23.... I am in Houston TX visiting Cynthia, Dan and my grand children your great children!! I know you are with our Lord. Life is not the same for me since you left. I miss you so!

December 2 at 1:53 AM



**Lily** posted:

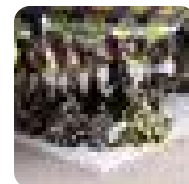
Hello Mom: I miss you more now than ever.. We have so many special memories

November 1 at 7:09 AM



**Jill Faleafine** shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

Our Mom is home. Rest in love ❤️



November 13 at 3:56 PM



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**Jill Faleafine** shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

Mom right before leaving Hawai'i this morning 🌈🌈



November 7 at 1:34 PM



**Maricia Effie Mclendon** posted:

Growing up in Samoa was an honor and a privilege. I am blessed to have learned our culture and language. From Grandpa Lui teaching me to laga afa, valu talo, to helping Grandma Felili, gathering vavae for pillows, laufala for ie toga, sitting with grandma lalaga ie toga or having to ta'i sua for whatever the occasion was that Grandpa/Grandma attended. Grandpa Lui's last words to me, "sorry I wont be around to see your children born". My son Kruze's last words to me, "I love you mom, everything will be ok". My mom, Asulu's last words to me, "Thank you, I love you Maricia". Grandma Felili's last words to me, "Koaga e fai fa'alelei le aiga. Tausi fa'alelei lou fanau. Fa'afetai mo lou galuega mo lou tinā. Tatalo i aso uma, oute alofa tele lava mo oe." Grandma, you taught me grace and forgiveness. I will be missing you until we meet again. Alofa'aga e le mavae si o'u tinā peleina.

November 4 at 9:18 AM



**Lily** lit a candle in honor of Felili.



November 4 at 5:37 AM



**Lily** posted:

Mom loved us all unconditionally as we also loved her. She loved her sisters, Va'asa, Emereta and Nia. There will never be a more giving and generous person. She loved sports and was truly proud of our young Samoan football players. I miss our evening prayers and hymns--her voice always rang out with conviction. I know that she is in a better place, but it still hurts not to have her with me. Not everyone knows how funny she was because she was very proud and very proper. I will miss her laughter, her humor and yes her scolding me. I will miss our card games. She was the queen of rummy games and could add up scores faster than anyone else. It's easy to forget the fun times when life got difficult toward the end. I miss her. She was not only my mother, she was my best friend. Love, Lily

November 4 at 4:14 AM



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**Rhonda Faleafine** sent a virtual gift in honor of Felili.

Mom you will be our Angel forever in life ❤️🌸 Paulo and Rhonda

October 31 at 11:11 AM



**Harvalynn Nalani Kekua** November 3 at 3:39 PM

To the Faleafine Ohana. Our deepest condolences. Love to all....from Carol and Harvalynn



**Rhonda Faleafine** lit a candle in honor of Felili.

MomWe will miss you so very much. Until we meet again. Much ❤️ Paulo, Rhonda and family

October 31 at 11:04 AM





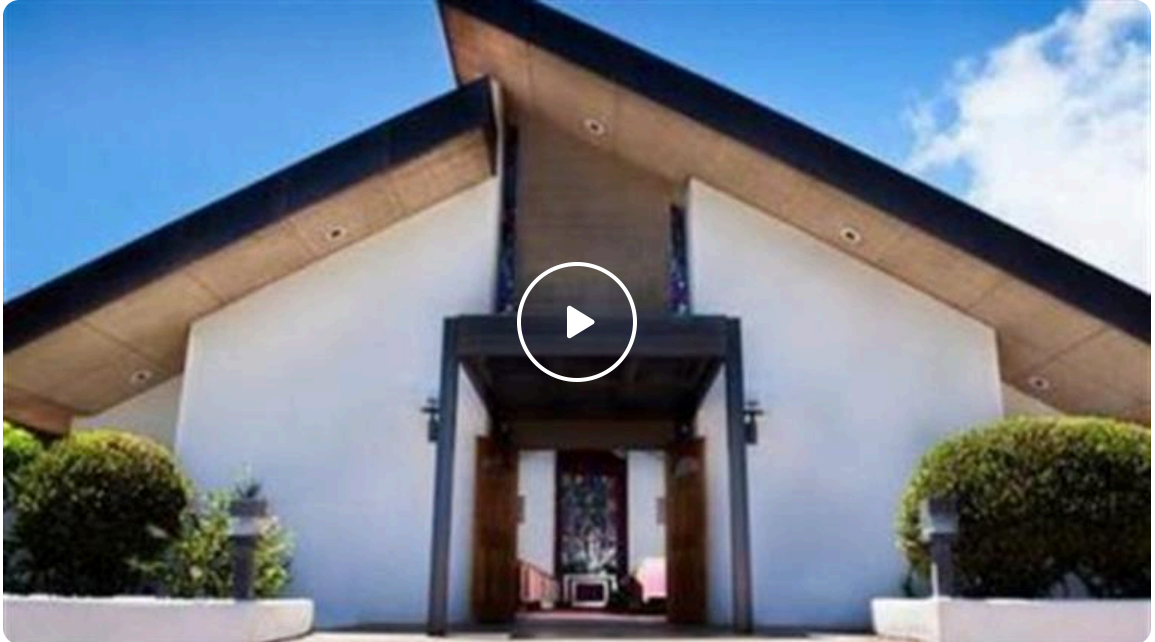
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