

Obituary

Etemuli "Lei" Magalei, age 61 passed away Sunday, August 4, 2024, at the East Georgia Regional Medical Center in Statesboro. He was born on October 8, 1962, in American Samoa to Lepo and Puni Launiuvao Noa Magalei and had lived in the United States since 1984. He made his home in Statesboro 24 years ago. Lei was a 1980 graduate of Leone High School in American Samoa. He was a Desert Storm Veteran serving in the United States Army. Lei retired after 35 years of government service in the Army and the United States Postal Service. He enjoyed cooking, especially on the grill, for his friends and family whom he dearly loved to spend time with. He is preceded in death by his parents and his siblings, Punipuao Pouesi, Meki Taumaivale, Asofitu Magalei, Sigava'a Jt. Tuimaivale, and Siutuloa Maglaei.

He is survived by his loving wife of 35 years, Elizabeth White Magalei of Statesboro; his children, Matthew, Andrew, Amanda, Shaun Magalei all of Statesboro; his siblings, Kaupoe Magalei of Alaska, Lepo Launiu Magalei of Louisiana, Eteuati Magalei of Hawaii, Malaelele Anderson of Louisiana, Tavita Magalei of Washington State, Fuarosa "Jay" Jarriett of Louisianna, and Poe Pouesi Magalei of Samoa; brothers in law, Charles W. (Kristy) White, Jr. of Alabama and David (Shawnda) White of Glennville; numerous nieces and nephews.

Order of Service

Prelude

Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.