



Jeremia "JR" Unasa

April 16, 1985 - March 4, 2025

Jeremia "JR" Unasa, 39, passed away on March 4, 2025, in Murray, Utah.

Born on April 16, 1985, in Pago Pago, American Samoa, JR was the beloved son of Sitivi (Steve) and Niutoua (Mua) Unasa. He spent his early years in Samoa before moving to Hawaii and later to Alaska. It was in Alaska that he met Diane, with whom he built a family. Together, they welcomed three children—Niko, Milo, and Delila. Over the years, JR and his family lived in Alaska, Washington, and eventually Utah. Though he and Diane later parted ways, his love for his children remained steadfast.

JR was known for his strong work ethic and generous spirit. He worked in the construction industry in Washington before transitioning to a role as a security guard. No matter where life took him, JR found joy in helping others whenever he could. His kindness and willingness to lend a hand left a lasting impact on those around him.

Despite facing challenges with mental illness throughout his life, JR remained a striving Christian with an unshakable faith and a heart full of love. His infectious laughter and warm presence brought light to every gathering. He cherished time with family and was always the life of the party—especially when celebrating birthdays. His tradition of singing the birthday song in Samoan at full volume made each person feel truly special on their day.

JR is survived by his children Niko, Milo, and Delila; their mother Diane; his mother Mua; brothers Mia (Bobbi), Steve (Faauiao), Lorenzo (Tina), Leroy, and Ene; sisters Charolette, Belinda (Maligi), Faaleleiga (Ian), and Tamara (Lefty); as well as many nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins, and dear friends who will forever cherish his memory. He was preceded in death by his father Sitivi (Steve), sister Caroline, and his grandparents.

A funeral service will be held on Saturday, March 22, 2025, at 12:00 PM at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints located at 6745 West 3800 South in West Valley City, Utah. His final resting place will be near his children in Washington State.

The family extends their heartfelt gratitude to all who cared for JR throughout his life—those who supported him through struggles and celebrated with him during joyful times. Though he is gone too soon, his memory will live on in the hearts of all who knew him.

Previous Events

Funeral Service

MAR **22**. 12:00 PM (MT)

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints
6745 West 3800 South
West Valley City, UT 84128

Tribute Wall

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“ *Malo lava Kama O Le Ata Kiuga,*

Sole, Misia aku lava oe se. Ia ai lava o e akaaka ma Eva ifo ma Dad, Carol ma si kakou aiga I luga iga a. Momoli aku le makou alofaaga ma si makou aiga gei ia Dad ma Mom Ese Ma Viiga. E le kaikai lava oga galo uma oukou. Momoli aku fo'i alofaaga ia Aunty Fono, Uncle Kava ma Aunty Savali, Aunty Olo, sister Faletausala, sister Fono, Uncle Matt and ma le ko'akele gaua kou muamua aku.

Magaia pe aga lakalaka mai lekou kelekoli se, ae kakou koe feiloa'i mo se Ki mase luau. Ae fair la le kou evaga, se'i ou alu e feagai ma kamaiki. Ae, Alofa kekele aku Kiuga.

Faifai malie lau aso, We Love YOU!

Belinda - April 10, 2025 at 02:47 PM