



## Naniloa Amusia Tilei

June 30, 1960 - March 11, 2023

Naniloa Amusia Tilei, age 62, of Waynesville, MO passed away Saturday, March 11, 2023, in General Leonard Wood Army Community Hospital.

Funeral Services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, March 25, 2023, in Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville/ St. Robert.

Visitation will be held Saturday from 12 Noon until service time at 2 p.m. in the funeral home.

She is survived by her husband, Tupuivao Tilei of Waynesville, MO; her seven children, Paepaetele Auelua(Erica Valencia) of Marina, CA, Itagia Penitito (Steven) of Waynesville, MO, Sofai Tilei of Waynesville, MO, Luanna Saia (Paniel) of Waynesville, MO, Naniloa Tilei (Fiti Atuatasi) of Federal Way, WA, Samantha Tilei of Seaside, CA, and Renea Tilei of Waynesville, MO; eleven grandchildren, Eugene Tilei, Faafetai Penitito, Anthony Valencia, Tavita Saia, Cush Penitito, Avaai Saia, Amuia Saia, Manuia Saia, Paepaetele Penitito, Siakimo Penitito, and Jungle Riggins-Tilei; several brothers and sisters, Aigafau Auelua of Seaside, CA, Laisene Auelua (Kathy) of Seaside, CA, Sofai Bertainia (Joe) State of Hawaii, Taumafaaiofi Rose (Rubeen) of State of CA, Onosai Auelua (Candy) of State of Hawaii, Palesoo Iglenas (Ricky) of State of CA, and Alofamoni Auelua of the State of AZ;a number of nieces and

nephews; as well as a host of other relatives and friends.

Memorial contributions can be made in memory of Naniloa Tilei, and may be left at the funeral home.

Online condolences can be sent at [www.memorialchapelsandcrematory.com](http://www.memorialchapelsandcrematory.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR **25**. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville/St. Robert  
202 Historic 66 W.  
Waynesville, MO 65583  
(573) 774-6111  
memorialchapels@embarqmail.com

## Funeral Service

MAR **25**. 2:00 PM.

Memorial Chapels And Crematory Of Waynesville/ St. Robert

# Tribute Wall

ML

“ I remember Nani from Seaside High School, she along with my Late (Divorced) wife played with each other on the Varsity Volleyball Team. She will be greatly Missed, and my Deepest Condolences to her Husband and Family.  
See you soon "Nani".



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**Manuel Lujan** - December 15, 2023 at 06:13 PM

LC

“ linda cole-schonbok sent a virtual gift in memory of Naniloa Tilei



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**linda cole-schonbok** - March 23, 2023 at 01:29 PM

SM

“ Sandra Moore lit a candle in memory of Naniloa Tilei



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**Sandra Moore** - March 21, 2023 at 11:27 AM

SM

“ My sister, my dear, dear friend of 50 years...we met on Ft Ord in late Winter, early Spring of 1973. We attended Marahl ES, Fitch Jr HS and graduated from Seaside HS, along with our sisters and your brothers. We played sports especially volleyball where we learned to spike that ball with strength, power and no fear! Oh the fun and the laughter we shared!

Our families grew up together on Ft Ord, Seaside and Marina. Even though we grew up, married, had kids, our Mom's kept in touch. My Mom always told me she saw you, with your kids in the Pediatric clinic where she worked and I checked in with Mama Auelua whenever I came back home.

Though we were apart for my years, when we came back together, it was as if we had not left. We just had gained more experience, more laugh lines, had grandkids, were a bit fluffier – however our friendship was still strong!

They say that you can count your true friends on your hands. Well I am blessed to have been rewarded with 50 Golden years of friendship and love. The honor would be mine to have our friendship continue between our families.

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**Sandra Moore** - March 20, 2023 at 11:28 PM

SM

Nani ( Kili) and I attended Marshall ES.

Memory that popped up--- I remember you, Sherri and I went and played Bingo one night. Apparently the 3 of us were on the younger side ( yea) and we laughed to loudly and way, way to long which upset the other bingo players in the room. While we were giggling, talking, laughing even louder, we had the audacity to win! Well shame on us!



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**Sandra Moore** - March 21, 2023 at 11:22 AM

SC

“ Nani and I were friends since 6 th grade. We played sports together both in school and summer. Some reason people have told both Nani and I that they were scared of us during school but to be honest her and I had the biggest hearts that anyone could have . And both of of us were bullied in middle school. That’s what made both of us to seem tough. I got to go to a lot of their family gatherings which was so awesome. She used to try and teach us dancing. We even came up with a dance when Kung Fu Fighting came out. One of the hardest days in my life was October 1977 when my dad got orders over seas. But Nani and her sister threw us a great going away party. She always made me laugh. We had the greatest times together especially dancing. Her family has always made me feel as if I was their family. This is going to be the hardest time of my life not being able to talk to her or text. She will always be in my heart ❤️ and will always be my sister. God bless you sis will always love you girl. See you Saturday.



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sherri craig - March 19, 2023 at 06:34 PM

CB

“ I remember meeting Nani in 7th grade at Fitch and at first being scared of her but we soon became friends and she always made sure I was safe...she never took any shit...not from anyone 😊 even the boys knew better...as we grew up our friendship became family...she always knew how to lift my spirits when I was down...always came up with the craziest things to say that would have me laughing...she definitely had jokes!!! 🤪🤪 I remember her telling me “sis I gotta teach you how to dance” I think that might have been the last time I was ever on the same dance floor with her...but I enjoyed watching her out there “shaking her groove thing”...I love you sis ❤️❤️ I’ll see you Saturday 💔💔💔  
#RestInLove #ForeverInMyHeart



Cheryl Brickwood - March 19, 2023 at 06:27 PM

IS

“ Nani was a great friend of mine she use to be my dept manager at walmart in salinas calif she taught me so many things as a manager i am so greatly appreciative of her When i got married in May 2003 her an her dotrs did a special wedding dance for me it was amazing i can not believe my frnd is gone i will truly miss her every year she wud tex me on my bday june 28th and then id text her on the 30th that was our thing every year. To her husbnd tupu n there children i am here for you all god bless you all 🙏 i will miss u mi Naniloca 😭💔🕊️



isabel - March 17, 2023 at 11:29 PM

CB

“ *My loving thoughts and prayers to the Tilei & Auelua Ohana. I love you all*



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**Cheryl Brickwood** - March 17, 2023 at 10:55 PM

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“ *Pulaski Camp Gideons lit a candle in memory of Naniloa Tilei*



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**Pulaski County Camp Gideons** - March 17, 2023 at 10:21 AM