



Milton Tuia Punausua

January 5, 1963 - July 17, 2023

Milton Tuia Punausua, 60, passed away on July 17, 2023 in Lakeland, Florida. He was born in Fontana, California on January 5, 1963 to parents, Tunoa and Cleo Ann Punausua.

Milton graduated from Lincoln High School in Tallahassee, Florida and later joined the United States Air Force. Following his service, he worked for Publix Super Markets for 37 years. Milton married the love of his life, Kimberly Dawn Hancock, on April 30, 1994 in Tallahassee, Florida.

Throughout his life, he was a mentor to many – from juvenile detention counselor to professional mentorship through Publix, Milton loved to help people grow into their greatest potential. Additionally, Milton served in different roles at church.

He is remembered for his devotion to his family and his deep affection for his wife. He will also be remembered for his love of baking, his loud, off-pitch singing, uncoordinated dance moves, and his love for his country.

Milton is preceded in death by his father, Tunoa Punausua; his grandparents, Paul and Barbara McGauley; and, his sister, Ana Punausua Spence.

Milton is survived by his wife, Kimberly Punausua; his four children, Branden

Punausuia, Ashley Noel (Ethan), Joshua Punausuia (Brooke), and Elena Punausuia; his eight siblings, Nancy Adkins, Lisa Punausuia, Tala Melendez (Enrique), Lyle Punausuia, William Punausuia (Shonna), Michael Punausuia (Cristina), Steven Punausuia (Kathy), and Vaiola Punausuia; his mother, Cleo Punausuia; his three grandchildren, Rhett Punausuia, Paisley Punausuia, and Declan Noel, as well as many nieces and nephews.

The family will be receiving guests for a visitation at Bevis Funeral Home on Sunday, July 30, 2023 from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. A service will be held at Bevis Funeral Home on Monday, July 31, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. with a private committal and honors ceremony at Tallahassee National Cemetery to follow.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be given to One More Child, the Cancer Research Institute, or the American Legion.

Breanna Green of Bevis Funeral Home (850-385-2193 or www.bevisfh.com) is assisting the family with their arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Tallahassee National Cemetery

5015 Apalachee Pkwy
Tallahassee, FL 32311
(850) 402-8941

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 30. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Bevis Funeral Home & Crematory
200 John Knox Rd
Tallahassee, FL 32303
(850) 385-2193

Funeral Service

JUL 31. 10:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Bevis Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Milton Tuia Punausua*



Bevis Funeral Home - July 31, 2023 at 11:42 AM



“ *We were the same age working at Publix, I was transferred to his store. He was tuff on me and I was so easy to get upset. As his baker. I always knew that I had something but I didn't shine there. So I quit after 2 years even though he tried to stop me. Looking back at those days in 1994 I realized that he was only trying to make me better at my job. Unfortunately I didn't realize just what a leader he really was. Fast and good! A true professional. My Old Friend I'm sorry you're no longer with us you are greatly appreciated and missed! Your old Friend and former baker Vernon James*

Vernon James - July 23, 2024 at 07:35 AM



“ *2 files added to the album Milton*



Bevis Funeral Home - July 31, 2023 at 11:41 AM

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“ 1 file added to the album Milton



Sharon - July 31, 2023 at 11:05 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Milton Tuia Punausua.



July 29, 2023 at 05:13 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket* was purchased for the family of Milton Tuia Punausua.



July 29, 2023 at 02:36 PM



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“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Milton Tuia Punausuia.

July 29, 2023 at 02:36 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Milton Tuia Punausuia.



July 29, 2023 at 08:11 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Milton Tuia Punausuia.

July 28, 2023 at 09:37 AM



“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Milton Tuia Punausuia.



July 28, 2023 at 09:37 AM

DC

“ *Deepest Condolences, Rise Baking Company purchased the Tender Tribute for the family of Milton Tuia Punausua.*



Deepest Condolences, Rise Baking Company - July 27, 2023
at 04:12 PM

MR

“ *Machaela Richard lit a candle in memory of Milton Tuia Punausua*



Machaela Richard - July 25, 2023 at 04:47 PM

JJ

“ *Jo Ann Johnson lit a candle in memory of Milton Tuia Punausua*



Jo Ann Johnson - July 25, 2023 at 03:15 PM

JJ

Thoughts and prayers for the family

Jo Ann Johnson - July 25, 2023 at 03:16 PM

MG

“ *From lunch after church on Sundays with your family to giving me advice on how to buy a car - you always were there to help. I will miss you dearly.*



Molly Goddard - July 25, 2023 at 02:17 PM

SH

“ *Sharon Hammes lit a candle in memory of Milton Tuia Punausua*



Sharon Hammes - July 25, 2023 at 12:49 PM

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“ *Milton always had a smile on his face and was fun to work with. His dedication to Publix is inspiring. Milton often spoke lovingly of his family who meant the world to him. I miss Milton but will always remember him. Sharon*

Sharon Hammes - July 25, 2023 at 12:46 PM