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Michael Tavai passed away January 15, 2016. He was born in San Francisco, California on September 11, 1946. He resided in Kansas City, Kansas.

He is survived by “whom he called his better half” Ramona Nelson and sister, Sharon Tavai.

Michael is preceded in death by both parents, sister Sheila Tavai and brother Vaivoi Tavai. He will be sorely missed by his beloved daughter, Briana Tavai; two loving step-daughters, who he always acknowledged as his own, Jessica Miller and Victoria Miller; son, Eric Tavai; daughter, Natasha Tavai. Deeply loved and missed, living far away, Michael had other children, grand-children, and great grand-children. He also had two “adopted” daughters, Trisha Marie and Marissa Villarreal.

Michael did not particularly like sports, however he always had a soft spot for the San Francisco Giants. He had a great passion for martial arts and any movie with martial arts in it.

You could always find Michael with a cup of coffee in his hand and close by. He would tell you it was his “water”.

Michael grew up in San Francisco, California, then moved to Samoa with his adoptive father and family. He spent many years living there working as a fireman, learning their language and culture. He felt the Samoan culture had a

profound effort on his thinking and way of life. After leaving Samoa, he lived in Hawaii for a short time, before returning to California. He settled in Kansas City, Kansas and spent the rest of his years with his loving family.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, March 5th, 2016 3:30pm at River View Estates, Community Center at 1010 South 74th Terrace (off Swartz Road), Kansas City, Kansas. This is a celebration of Michael's life with stories from his friends and family.

In lieu of flowers, donation may be made directly to the family for final expenses.

Previous Events

Memorial

MAR 5. 3:30 PM (CT)

River View Estates Community Center
1010 S 74th Terrace
Kansas City, KS 66111

Tribute Wall

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“ *So sorry for your loss* ”



Al & Patty Miller - March 02, 2016 at 11:33 AM



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Reflections Memorial Services LLC - March 01, 2016 at 01:31 PM

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“ *Bryon & Keiana & Kids lit a candle in memory of Michael Robert Tavai* ”



Bryon & Keiana & kids - January 24, 2016 at 04:48 PM