

KUA HINGA TETAHI TŌTARA I TE WAONUI A TĀNE.
A MIGHTY TŌTARA HAS FALLEN IN THE FOREST OF TĀNE.



The Rangi whānau is heartbroken to share the unexpected passing of our beloved Wiki Te Ahu Nopera Toa Rangi, affectionately known as “Son Son.”

Wiki was deeply loved by his parents, Wiki and (the late) Janet. He was a devoted brother (and brother-in-law) to Suzanna (Suzy), Janet (JJ), Dave, Haki, and Shannen. He was a cherished uncle to his five nephews and four nieces, and a grand uncle (Koro) to Mikaere.



NGĀ MIHI | ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The Rangi whānau would like to thank everyone for your aroha, messages, prayers, and support during this time.

Some of the amazing messages we received and wanted to share; these messages exemplify the love, respect, and kindness Son Son gave to every single person he met.

He truly was the nicest and greatest bloke, and he will be greatly missed. (Samantha Tolley)

Sonny was a wonderful man with a big heart who will be dearly missed by many. (Sofia Elizabeth)

We worked together at the Tote a very long time ago. I caught up with Sonny last year when my son & I ran into him at the ABS captains run in Welly, still the same happy smiley guy. (Rhianna O'Donnell)

One of life's genuine good guys. (Glenn Dawson)

To all the Rangi whānau, my deepest condolences to you, your son and brother was the kindest man, with the best heart and laugh. Our friendship, many years ago, working together at the tote, fills me with joy as much as his passing fills me with sadness. You raised a great man, respected and loved. (Fleur McNaughton)

HE TOHU WHAKAMAUMAHARA
IN LOVING REMEMBRANCE

Wiki Te Ahu Nopera Toa Rangi



'Son Son'

20 OCTOBER 1976 – 9 JANUARY 2026

HERETAUNGA COMMUNITY CHURCH,
UPPER HUTT

FRIDAY, 16 JANUARY 2026
AT 11.00AM



USHERS (CHAPEL)

Mark Willis
Mark Burns
Santana Faint
Gareth Edwards
Nathaniel Perigo
Ben Moke
Jayden Tolley

PALLBEARERS IN

Haki (Snr) Rangī
Tama Edmonds
Wiki Mather-Toma
Haki (Jnr) Mather
Raiden Rangī
Corey Lahina

PALLBEARERS OUT

Mark Burns
Santana Faint
Mark Willis
Michelle Faint
Adam Ogilvie
Jayden Tolley

Order of Service

10.15AM – KARANGA (HIKURANGI EDWARDS)

Manuhiri to gather outside

Whānau pani, Ushers and close whānau enter
Pallbearers will bring Son Son into the chapel

11.00AM – SERVICE BEGINS

Karakia / Mihimihi

Wiki Mather-Toma

MC, Welcome, Eulogy

Suzanna Rangī

First Reading

Ecclesiastes 3

Jay Jay Rangī-Mather

Shared Memories

Friends - Santana Faint, Mark Willis

Work Teammates - Justine Bamber (Floss), Robyn Maathuis

Whānau - Grant Haami, Nanny Tricia, Nanny Kathy

Waiata

He Hōnore (Everyone)

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 13

Tamapeke Mather-Toma

Waiata

How Great Thou Art (Solo)

Pa Rangī

Waiata

Whakaaria Mai (Everyone)

Final Farewell & Closing Karakia

Pa Rangī

Haka

Haki (Jnr) Mather leading - outside chapel

He Hōnore

He hōnore, he korōria
Maungārongo ki te whenua
Whakaaro pai e
Kingā tangata katoa
Ake ake, ake ake – Āmine
Te Atua, te piringa,
Toku oranga

Whakaaria Mai

Whakaaria mai
Tōu ripeka ki au
Tiaho mai rā roto i te pō
Hei kona au tītoro atu ai
Ora, mate
Hei au koe noho ai
(Repeat verse)

A NOTE FROM THE WHĀNAU

We invite everyone to join us in celebrating
Son Son's incredible life - his passion for sports,
his kindness, and his wairua.

After the Service

All are invited to gather at the Tote to share stories,
laughter, and reflection.

1.00pm - Akatarawa Crematorium (private whānau ceremony)

2.00pm - Whānau to bless the house

2.30pm - Hakari / celebration at The Tote (Garden Bar)

68 Ararino Street, Trentham, Upper Hutt

*Travel safely, look after each other, and keep
Son Son's stories alive.*