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Masao "Dobu" Pilipus, age 42, of St. Augustine, passed away on January 6, 2017 at Baptist Medical Center Downtown in Jacksonville. Born and raised in Micronesia, Masao's father was the King of Micronesia, making him a Prince. He moved to the United States in the late 2000's, settling in Hendersonville, North Carolina before relocating to St. Augustine in 2009. He was a self-taught Hibachi chef, who worked in his expertise for many years. He was most recently employed as a chef at Mikato's Restaurant in St. Augustine, where he was affectionately known as "Mr. Miyagi". Masao also had a passion for fishing, but most of all, he loved spending time with his daughters, Lilly and Mara. He is survived by his wife, Holly Sterry; daughters, Driney Pilipus, Lilly Sterry and Mara Sterry, all of St. Augustine; mother, Bedra Hadley of Henderson, NC; sister, Betsina Hadley of Micronesia; brothers, Singurdo Hadley of Ohio and Linter Hadley of Hawaii; sister, Miereen Hadley of Kansas; and a grandson, Manoa Pilipus. A funeral service will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, January 17, 2017 at St. Johns Family Funeral Home, with Miuline Abram officiating. A visitation, beginning at 9:00 a.m., will precede the service. St. Johns Family Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.