

## FFWPU USA Blessing and Family Ministry: In Memory of Masayo Takahashi

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### **Masayo Takahashi**

Spouse: Toshiyuki Takahashi

Children: Yuka

Birthdate: December 31, 1964

Blessing: January 12, 1989.

Ascension: January 11, 2024

Seonghwa Ceremony: January 16, 2024

Masayo Takahashi passed away surrounded by her family on January 11, 2024, at age 59.

Born on December 31, 1964, Masayo spent her childhood in the city of Oomiya, Saitama Prefecture, Japan. She went on to pursue her studies at a technical school of business in Tokyo with the encouragement of her mentor. During this time, she learned of the Unification Church and began dedicating time to her faith as well as excelling in her studies. Being the diligent woman

that she was, Masayo traveled all around Japan and the U.S. for more than 10 years fundraising with the Unification Church while striving for success in her accounting profession. Her combined knowledge of information processing, English, accounting, and secretarial work from this time became the cornerstone of her dedicated 23-year career in accounting for One World Market, Inc.

Whether it be her professional life or her private life, she was accepting and earnest with every person she met and was open minded to all ideas. Masayo went with the flow and accepted whatever opportunities came her way.

It was in New York that she met her husband, Toshiyuki, at an engagement ceremony in 1987. They continued their long-distance relationship for two years and was finally blessed in marriage in Korea on January 12, 1989. After many miles apart, they finally bought their first home in Illinois in 1995 and had their first daughter, Yuka, in 1996. While they enjoyed their time there, they ultimately made Metro Detroit their home in 1997.

Masayo took great delight in spending quality time with her family. Together, they traveled on memorable family trips to breathtaking destinations such as Niagara Falls, Mackinac Island, and Traverse City, creating lasting memories filled with laughter and love. Her family was complete when they brought home Max, their dog, in 2007. She continued to enjoy her daily life in recent years by exploring new restaurants and cafes with Yuka, where they enjoyed food and conversation.

Masayo's commitment to nurturing strong family connections extended beyond her immediate household, as she cultivated a vibrant community of friends. Their gatherings at play dates and playgrounds provided a fun environment where all the children could play together, forming lifelong bonds.

In fact, Masayo was a beacon of warmth and neighborly spirit to any community. She would greet neighbors with heartfelt gifts when settling into a new home. And from strangers to friends, she extended a welcoming hand with refreshments whenever someone visited her home. Masayo's open-hearted approach to life was a reflection of her compassionate personality. Though soft-spoken, Masayo's presence was anything but shy, leaving an enduring impression on those fortunate enough to receive her kindness. Her legacy lives on in the countless hearts she touched through simple acts of generosity and genuine connection.

Masayo is survived by her beloved husband, Toshiyuki, and caring daughter, Yuka. She was preceded in death by her parents, Yoshio and Ikuko Shimamura, and her brother, Akira Shimamura.

### **Seonghwa Ceremony**

**Date:** Tuesday January 16, 2024 at 6:00 PM EDT (Viewing will be from 3:00 to 6:00 PM)

**Location:** Lynch and Sons Funeral Home (1368 N Crooks Rd Clawson, MI 48017)

Please wear white or cream for women and suit with white tie for men

To Join the Seonghwa Ceremony via zoom [click here](#).

### **Won Jeon Ceremony will be held on Friday January 12, 2023 at 10:00 AM EDT**

**Location:** Acacia Park Cemetery (31300 Southfield Rd Beverly Hills MI)

Lunch at the Michigan Church right after burial