

## In Memory of Karin Wilson (1948 - 2018)

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Name: Karin Wilson

Spouse: Steven Wilson

Children: Dorek, Unja

Birth Date: September 18, 1948

Blessing Date: July 1, 1982

Ascension Date: November 3, 2018

Karin was born on September 18, 1948 in Bremen, Germany. Her parents are Wilhelm and Johanna Schmidt. She has two older sisters: Ulrike Hampel and Elfriede Schmidt-Christ. She had a very sheltered and happy childhood, growing up in a small village (Platjenwerbe) near Bremen, surrounded by beautiful nature. Her father was the Principle of the village's school.

During her teenage years, she enjoyed sports especially rowing, swimming, hiking, and biking. With her friends she biked from Youth Hostel to

Youth Hostel during the summers, those were very happy times. She liked to travel, her favorite countries were Norway, Sweden, Finland, and the Netherlands.

Her favorite subjects in high school were Math, Latin, Geography, and Art. After graduating, she moved to Leverkusen to study computer programming. After graduating in spring 1970 she worked at Bayer as a computer programmer and then moved to Heidelberg to work at the University in January 1971.

She joined the Unification Church on September 25, 1971 in Heidelberg, Germany. Her spiritual parents are Paul and Christel Werner. Her father died unexpectedly a few days after I joined. Her mother joined the Unification Church on January 1, 1977 and received the Single Blessing on April 7, 1989 in the World Mission Center, N.Y., by our True Parents. Later, as the providence allowed it, she received the Heaven/Earth Blessing with my father by HJN and Daemonim in Washington, DC.

On January 15, 1973, Karin arrived with the first European missionary group. As a member of OWC and IOWC she participated in witnessing, fundraising, and campaigns. It was a very intense time. Karin participated in TP's providential speaking events like Carnegie Hall, Madison Square Garden, 32 city Day of Hope Tour, 8 City Tour, 21 City Tour, Yankee Stadium, Washington Monument.

After Father bought the WMC in May 1976, she was with the very first group who moved there. First, she was on the cleaning crew, then worked at the front desk, and then she was for exactly 40 months the accountant of the World Mission Center.

Steven Wilson and Karin were matched on May 12, 1979 in the World Mission Center, N.Y., and they were Blessed in marriage on July 1, 1982 (2075 couples) in Madison Square Garden, N.Y. by True Parents. They have two children: Dorek and Unja (Matched and Blessed by True Parents with Michael Hempowicz in December 2004 in East Garden, New York).

"Every time I saw True Parents was a very special occasion. The first time I met True Parents was in Essen, Germany, in March 1972. Less than a year later, on Jan. 15, 1973, when the first European members arrived in the USA, True Parents waited for us at JFK airport and welcomed us when we entered the public area. I still remember their smiling faces as we walked by them one by one. We stayed two weeks in Belvedere and True Father spoke to us every day.

I participated in all of True Father's speaking tours during 1973, 1974, and 1975, as an IOWC member, as well as Carnegie Hall speech (10-1-73), Madison Square Garden speech (9-18-74), Yankee Stadium speech (6-1-76), Washington Monument speech (9-18-76). As we traveled from city to city, we worked hard to invite people to come to Father's speeches. Once True Parents arrived in our city, I had the privilege be on the house staff team. After we came home from the speech, Father changed clothes and I washed his laundry, which was soaking wet from the sweat he poured out during the speeches. He truly gave his 100% effort. In Raleigh, North Carolina, I ate lunch with True Parents at their table right next to True Mother, and I ironed True Father's suit just before he had to speak in public.

One Sunday afternoon I was walking on 5th Avenue in New York City, inviting people to the Yankee Stadium event. Suddenly a big black car stopped next to me and True Father called me over, handed me three bags of candy and chocolate and said "thank you" and patted my arm. Needless to say, that I was on cloud 9 for a long time. In the evening we all shared the sweets and I still have some empty wrappers.

When Father bought the World Mission Center in 1974 I was in the first group to move in. We had a lot of cleaning to do. Then Rev. Vincent asked Klara Chen, Renee Phil, and myself to multiply several bowls of Holy Salt, which True Father used to sanctify the whole building with. We felt so honored. A little later I worked at the front desk of the WMC and shortly after that as the accountant of the WMC. That mission I had for exactly 40 months, it was my favorite mission. During that time we saw True Parents almost every Sunday morning in Belvedere.

Steve and I were matched by True Father on May 12, 1979 in the Ballroom of the WMC, and had the Holy Wine ceremony the next day. On July 1, 1982, we participated in the 2075 couples Blessing in Madison Square Garden. In September of that year, after living in New York for seven years, I moved to Mobile, Alabama, to join my husband, who worked there in Master Marine and later in IOE. I too worked in both companies as a bookkeeper. Both of our children were born in Mobile, Dorek on Sept. 20, 1983, and Unja on June 16, 1987.

In the summer of 1997, our whole family went door to door and Blessed 185 couples with holy wine. During that year we had a Korean exchange student (Ga Eun Kim) living with us. Shortly after Father started the Chung Pyung Providence, I went to a 10-day workshop there in June 1997. I love Chung Pyung so much and went there several times, especially in September 2000 to the 21-day Blessed Wives workshop, in February 2003 when I received the CIG Award, and in Sept./Oct. 2005 to the 40-day Blessed Wives workshop. Steve and I Blessed many generations of our ancestors."

### **Seonghwa Ceremony**

Time: 10:00 AM

Date: Thursday, November 8, 2018

Location: Serenity Event Center: 8691 Old Pascagoula Rd. Building 2, Theodore, AL 36582