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The Passing of Our Dear Brother, James Sullivan

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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Our dear Brother, James Sullivan, passed away on Thursday, May 26, 2011 in Phoenix, Arizona. He faithfully and lovingly served True Parents for many years and had a passionate commitment to fulfill God's Providence in America. He was a true champion for Heaven.

Let us support James' family during this important time and pray for a victorious transition to his new life in the spiritual world.

Following is important information about James' victorious life.

Sincerely,

Rev. Joshua Cotter
Executive Vice President
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Brief Biography of James Sullivan: June 28, 1950 – May 26, 2011



James Charles Sullivan was born on June 28, 1950 in Boston, Massachusetts. He was raised in Somerville, Massachusetts in a Catholic family. His father was Irish and his mother Sicilian. He was the second of five children with one elder sister and three younger brothers.

Jimmy loved baseball and played on his high school team during his senior year. After graduating high school in 1969, he joined the U.S. Coast Guard.

Jimmy first encountered the Unification Church in 1976. He was on a lunch break at Burger King and overheard a young woman witnessing to another young person and became interested in her message. Soon after, he went to New York for a workshop and then joined the movement.

After spending a few years on MFT, Jimmy went to work at the World Mission Center as a cook and security guard. In 1982, he was Blessed in marriage to Miyuki Watanabe as a part of the 2075 couples' Blessing at Madison Square Garden.

In 1989, the Sullivan's returned to Boston where Jimmy was employed as a security guard at Harvard University. In 1993, their daughter Eiko was born.

The family moved to Seattle in 2002. He worked for the Hisago Japanese restaurant and then went on to become a Seattle Metro Bus driver where he received awards for safe driving.

Jimmy was a big sports fan and, of course, loved the Red Sox and the Patriots. He was very proud that Eiko played softball for her high school team and he attended many of her games.

On April 1, 2011 Jimmy began a 40-day fast which he successfully completed on May 10 in Washington D.C. This was something that he felt called to do after the 9-11 terrorists' attacks. Many tried to discourage him from this course and several times, he bowed to their concerns. But, ultimately he was true to what God was calling him to do.

Jimmy passed into the spirit world on May 26 while visiting with friends in Phoenix, Arizona.

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**Testimony about James Sullivan from Rev. Randall Francis, District Pastor
in Washington, DC**

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I was informed that our Brother James Sullivan passed into the Spirit World on the morning of Thursday, May 26th. That was 15 days after he completed a 40-Day water-only fast.

Jimmy or Sully, as he was known in Seattle and Boston, was in good spirits and gaining some strength when he flew to Phoenix, AZ on Monday the 16th. He was staying with some friends there and recuperating. I spoke to him twice and he was going to go to Las Vegas for True Parents' events, but suddenly began losing strength. His daughter visited him, after the Las Vegas events, and tried to get him to go to the hospital. He did not think he needed to go. Two days later, he lost consciousness and passed in that families' home.

Brother Jim had a vision to resolve the interfaith fighting he saw after 9/11. He had tried to fast at different times over the few last years. On April 1st, 2011, he left Seattle by bus beginning his fast on the journey. He expressed to Rev. Oliver and me when he arrived here on April 4th that he was "determined to set a condition even at the risk of his life." He told us he is known for being a bit stubborn which is what, along with the grace of God, as he said, made this offering possible. He spent many days in front of the White House at Lafayette Park street preaching and distributing True Father's Autobiography.

On the last day of his fast, the Secret Service called me to ask about him, wanting to know what he was protesting. I informed them that he was doing a personal spiritual condition for religious unity and was not a political protester. This is what Jimmy and I had been speaking about over the weeks because the Secret Service around the White House had talked to him several times during the 40 days, saying, in their words, it was a hunger strike. He didn't really like that term. The agents called an ambulance and took him to the hospital but he refused to be held there and walked out. He concluded the fast that evening, May 10th, with members gathered in our Unification Church of Washington, DC and by Skype with his family and friends in Seattle, Washington. We felt it was a reuniting of the founding spirit of Washington or "Washing Stone" and "Washing Town" as True Parents and In Jin Nim have been saying.

The value and impact of this brother being "called by God", as he would tell us, to offer this condition here in Washington is still sinking in. It came as True Parents conducted their world peace tour and Osama bin Laden's terror rein was ended.

Our Washington Community is deeply grateful for Brother Jim's sacrifice.

I hope we can all offer prayers and love to him and his family. His wife Miyuki and 18 year-old daughter Eiko are traveling to Boston for the Seung Hwa.

Peace, Blessings and our Prayers go out to the Sullivan family and friends,

Randall and Kumiko Francis
District Pastors, District 1

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Memo From Rev. Larry Krishnek, James Sullivan's Pastor in Seattle, WA

Dear Families,

Our dear brother, Jimmy Sullivan, passed into the spirit world yesterday morning, May 26th. He was in Phoenix visiting family friends. His wife, Miyuki and daughter, Eiko travelled with Jimmy's earthly remains to his hometown of Boston on Sunday.

The Seung Hwa Ceremony will be held on Wednesday, June 1, 12 noon at the C.R. Lyons and Sons Funeral Home, 28 Elm St., Danvers, MA 01923. The telephone number is 978-777-7900. Flowers can be sent there. The Won Jeon Ceremony will be held immediately afterward at the cemetery. A reception will follow.

I know that many of you will want to provide some financial support for the Sullivan family. I recommend that you send checks made out to Miyuki Sullivan. They can be sent to District 10 HQ's at 6601 NE Windermere Rd., Seattle, WA 98115. Funds collected will be delivered to the family.

Let us continue to prayerfully support our brother on his transition to the eternal world.

Thank You,

Rev. Larry Krishnek
District Pastor, District 10