

## Passing of Our Beloved Brother, Thomas Mackin

Ki Hoon Kim and Michael Balcomb  
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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Our beloved brother, Thomas "Tom" Mackin, passed away on Sunday, September 15, 2013 in his home in Milford, CT. He faithfully served True Parents and God's Providence for many years and brought great inspiration and joy to his family and friends.

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

Following is information on Tom's life from his pastor, Rev. Richard Buessing.

Sincerely,



Archbishop Ki Hoon Kim  
Continental Director



Dr. Michael Balcomb  
President

### Victorious Life of Thomas Mackin: 1955-2013



Thomas "Tom" Patrick Mackin, the son of Joan Crabtree Mackin and Thomas P. Mackin Sr., was born on February 27, 1955 in New Rochelle, New York. He spent his childhood in New York and his teenage years in Newport, Rhode Island. Tom dedicated his early adult years as a missionary for the Unification Church in the United States and traveled around the country fundraising and doing service work.

In 1982, Tom was Blessed in marriage to Eva Stuedemann by True Parents during the 2,075 Couples Blessing at Madison Square Garden in New York City. He joined his wife in Thailand, where she worked as a missionary for eight years prior. During his time there, Tom worked directly with IRFF, providing assistance to Vietnamese and Cambodian refugees, and he helped his wife expand the member base and establish several church centers throughout Thailand.

Tom and Eva's first three children, Rebecca, Christopher and Jessica were born in Thailand. In 1990, the

Mackin family relocated to the United States and welcomed the youngest child, Patrick, in 1994. In the United States, Tom worked at Christian Bernhard in Illinois for several years. A career change brought the family to Connecticut, where he then worked for his uncle, Robert Crabtree Sr., at Lexus of Westport. After the business was sold, Tom began working at his cousin's business, Colonial Toyota of Milford. After many years of service, he was promoted to his most recent position, IT and Security Systems Director.

Tom continually did volunteer work with the Unification Church in Connecticut for many years. On many occasions, he traveled with True Parents on their speaking tours and helped with security. Prior to his sudden passing, he spent the previous weekend distributing True Father's autobiography to family and friends in Vermont. He was a faithful and dedicated son of God and True Parents.

Tom will be remembered for his talent in nature photography. His connection with nature gave him peace in times of sadness, and his work became an inspiration to many. Tom effortlessly captured the magnificence of the world around him. He had a unique ability to reflect a sense of calm in a chaotic world. This past spring, one of his photographs was chosen for an outdoor mural in Milford, CT. His work has also been featured in several area publications and continues to be sold locally.

Tom is survived by his wife, Eva, and three children; Rebecca, Jessica, and Patrick. He was predeceased by his son, Chris, and his parents, Joan and Thomas. He was a loving husband, father, brother and son. He devoted his life to supporting and providing for his loved ones, and often put the needs of others before his own. Those that knew him were struck by his kind and welcoming nature, and his charming personality. He was also known for his intelligence and quick wit. Tom truly touched the heart of everyone he met.

### **Seonghwa Service**

Tom's Seonghwa Service will be held Saturday, September 21, 2013 at 10:00 AM at Cody-White Funeral Home, 107 Broad Street, Milford, CT. Burial will immediately follow at King's Highway Cemetery. Friends and family may call on Friday, September 20 from 4:00 to 8:00 PM. To leave online condolences, please visit the Cody-White website at [www.codywhitefuneralservice.com](http://www.codywhitefuneralservice.com).

Support for the Mackin Family may be sent to Eva Mackin, 26 Eddy Street, Milford, CT 06460.