## Family Church of Connecticut: Please pray for the ascension of Yoko Kojima

Simone Doroski February 2, 2024



## Yoko Kojima

[September 23, 1948 - February 1, 2024]

Yoko Kojima and her husband were blessed in a 6000-couple ceremony in 1982, becoming one of the 97 couples recognized as established family members.

Yoko joined the Unification Church in 1973 while pregnant with her first child. Even with an infant, she was a dedicated member, engaging in daily missions such as witnessing and attending church. Three years after her entry, her husband joined the church as well, becoming a full-time member alongside other younger congregants, enhancing their shared spiritual journey.

For 50 years, Yoko served as a counselor, extending her support to Unification Church members across Japan. She traveled wherever needed, offering guidance and care to those struggling with their faith or church life. Her philosophy centered on living and loving for the sake of others, believing it would fulfill God's will and bring beauty back to one's life.

She also serve people to analyze their family trees, identifying issues affecting fate and explaining their impact on individuals and lineage. Yoko's strong faith and motivation aimed to contribute to the realization of heaven on earth, and she imparted these teachings to many members.

In the summer of 2023, Yoko was diagnosed with stage 4B pancreatic cancer, which proved untreatable. Remarkably, she experienced little to no pain, a fact deemed a miracle by her doctors. In the final days of 2023, the Kojima family and two grandchildren gathered at her home, spending peaceful moments together. In January 2024, her physical condition suddenly declined, and she peacefully passed away on February 1, 2024, with her husband preparing their meal.

Yoko Kojima was not only a great church counselor and faith caregiver but also a role model and a loving mother/grandmother for the Kojima family.

They have one son, Takafumi, who resides in Bridgeport, and two daughters - Kie in Japan and Maki in Korea. Yoko is also a grandmother to six: Taketo, Munetsugu, Takayoshi, Yui, Tomoyo, and Yuna in Korea.