

## FFWPU USA Blessing and Family Ministry: In Memory of Misao Kurz

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### **Misao Komino Kurz**

Spouse: Phillip Kurz

Birthdate: October 18, 1964

Blessing: January 12, 1989

Seonghwa Ceremony: October 6, 2023

Misao was born to Toshikatsu and Yai Komino. Misao has a brother, Yasutero, and a sister, Keiko. Misao grew up in Japan and graduated high school. Like True Mother, Misao had a gift for drawing. But after joining the Unification Church, Misao did not pursue developing an artistic career. Instead Misao developed an heartistic life that has touched all who have had the privilege to know her.

Misao came to America as a missionary in 1987. She arrived in America the day before her matching to Phillip Kurz. In Japan and America Misao served on many Mobile Fundraising Teams (MFT). After her husband returned from Korea to his hometown in Milwaukee, Misao was assigned to Minnesota Family Church,

where she served in witnessing and fundraising until she joined her husband in Wisconsin in 1993.

In the last thirty years, Misao and Phillip have been engaged in fulfilling the role of Tribal Messiahs. Misao has demonstrated an extraordinary commitment to carry out God's will. Her dedication to her husband is acclaimed by all who know her. As a colleague, friend, and evangelist, Misao has demonstrated many of the qualities listed by Solomon in Proverbs 31. She treated everyone with respect and exhibited patience, perseverance, and a beautiful heart to everyone who came within the radius of her smile. She always sought to encourage and raise people up.

In her twenty years of serving the Kenosha community selling flowers on weekends, Misao has been dubbed the "Flower Lady." When it became cheaper to buy her flowers at a retail store rather than a distributor, the checkout clerks would ask, "What are you going to do with all those flowers?"

"Make people happy," she would say.

Her fellow employees at a flower business called her sister, and she outstripped everyone in her speed and ability to display every bloom to its best advantage. Misao is deeply loved by all her husband's family and is greatly admired and appreciated for the loving care she provided her parents-in-law for many years

until they passed.

In the Cheon Bo providence in Wisconsin, Misao led the way in establishing Blessing Booths and manning them at Hmong New Year Festivals, Mexican Fest, County Fairs, and the Seven Mile Fair. Her hard work and excellent organizational skills enabled the Wisconsin community to move forward in their Tribal Messiah work. In addition, Misao provided loving outreach to many ACLC ministers in Wisconsin. On top of all the outreach work, Misao provided support to the Wisconsin family through serving as the church bookkeeper for twenty years.

Her request to all would be to pray at Cheong Shim Won. It is a testament to the value that Misao places on family that she requested all the immediate relatives be listed by name in this section:

Misao's parents, Tashikatsu and Yoi Komino

Brother, Yasuteru, and his wife, Rie - Mayo and Sayo

Sister, Keiko, and her husband, Chiba - Takashi (Ayumi), and great nephews, Yosuke and Nephew

Noboru (Miyuki) and great nephews, Wataru and Ryo

Misao's brothers-in-law:

Henry (Bonnie) - Julia, Melissa, Christina, Noah (Joshua), and Katie

Peter (Lori) - Peter Daniel, Christina, Natasha

Father Andrew Kurz - a Catholic priest

Joseph (Cecilia) - Rafael, Catrina, and Tereza Marie

Thomas (Jessica) - Samuel, Thomas Henry, Elise

### **Seonghwa Ceremony**

**Date:** Friday October 6, 2023 at 10:00 AM CDT (Visitation is Thursday October 5 from 5:00 - 7:00 PM and Friday October 6 from 9:15 - 9:45 AM)

**Location:** Wisconsin Memorial Park (13235 W Capitol Dr, Brookfield, WI 53005)

**Won Jon Service:** immediately following Seonghwa Ceremony

**Link if you'd like to join the service via Zoom:** [us02web.zoom.us/j/84977504537](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84977504537)

**GoFundMe to support the family:** [gofund.me/f95cc4fa](https://gofund.me/f95cc4fa)

# Misao's medical expenses



Marian North is organizing this fundraiser on behalf of Phillip Kurz.

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Hi my name is Marian. I am initiating this fundraiser in order to provide an opportunity for you to show your love and care. Misao and her husband Phillip are outstanding members of our community. She is experiencing serious health issues requiring numerous hospitalizations that have broken the budget of the Kurz family. She is beloved by all who have the privilege of knowing her. For the last twenty years Misao has volunteered her services as bookkeeper for Family Federation for World Peace, Wisconsin chapter. Misao has also humbly and tirelessly invested herself in numerous projects aimed at strengthening marriage and family. This includes becoming a Cheon Bo couple. She has dedicated her life to bringing God's love to the world through sharing True Parent's teaching. Thanking you in advance for your support of Misao and Phillip at this time. God bless you.

## Updates (1)

October 2nd, 2023 by Marian North, Organizer

The bridge from the physical world to the spiritual world was crossed by Misao on Saturday, September 30th at 1:30 pm. Misao was surrounded by friends and family in her last hours. Her beloved spouse, Phillip, was with her as she breathed her last breath. In addition to expenses incurred through her illness, there are the additional expenses of end of life arrangements. Heartfelt thanks for your support and care of Kurz family at this time of bereavement.

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## Organizer and beneficiary

Marian North Organizer Waterford, WI

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