

Passing of our Beloved Second-Generation Sister, Songja Naomi Ono

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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Our most beloved second-generation sister, Songja Ono, from the Boston community, ascended to the Spirit World on Saturday, December 5, 2015 after battling with brain cancer. Songja was a bright and loving daughter of Hiromi and Catherine Ono and younger sister to Suja. She was known and beloved by her community and many friends from her school days and her time at the Generation Peace Academy. We will miss her and remember her with love and admiration for her great courage and bright spirit.

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

Following is a note from Pastor Jim Edgerly of the Boston Family Church and her Seonghwa Ceremony information.

Sincerely,



Dr. Ki Hoon Kim
Continental Director



Dr. Michael Balcomb
President



Victorious Life of Songja Naomi Ono December 20, 1993 - December 5, 2015

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

As you may have heard, beloved daughter of God, Songja Ono ascended to the spiritual world on Saturday at 7:45 PM. Songja is the 21 year old daughter of Hiromi and Catherine Greene Ono and younger sister to Suja Ono. The entire family was with Songja at the time of her passing.

Songja is a graduate of Mount Saint Joseph's Academy in Brighton, Massachusetts and was the Salutatorian of her graduating class. She completed a very meaningful year at Generation Peace Academy and was preparing to attend Wesleyan University when her brain cancer was first

detected in the summer of 2013.

The story of Songja's life over the past two and a half years has been touching to all of us. Despite the detection of her illness, Songja became more active than ever within the Boston Family Church community, organizing fundraisers, leading Children's Day activities, and working with Youth Ministry. Most notable was the slide show tribute she prepared for Boston's Third Anniversary Commemoration of Father's Seung Hwa. While doing all of this she was undergoing aggressive treatments for her illness that continued to advance, increasingly impairing her mobility.

During the final month of her life, friends from church, school and GPA traveled to visit the Ono family from across the US. Friends traveled from as far as Scotland and Korea to make brief visits to the Ono home in Somerville. Two weeks ago, I happened to meet one of Songja's who friends who had traveled

all the way from San Diego just to spend two hours with her. A van full of GPA buddies came for a brief visit from Chicago.

The father, Hiromi Ono travelled to Cheong Pyeong to make a final condition of support for his daughter. The mom, Catherine repeatedly told us about the remarkable love and care that Songja received from her elder sister Suja, who quit her job to so she could provide care.

In my prayer, I discovered that Songja received an entire lifetime's worth of God's true love during the final month of her precious life on earth.

We hope that our Unification community will make an extra effort to support the ascension of Songja and join the Ono Family at the upcoming Ghi Hwan and/or Seong Hwa events (see information below).

Sincerely,

James B. Edgerly, Pastor
Boston Family Church

Seonghwa Ceremony

Ghi Hwan (Viewing)

Time: 3:00 to 7:00 PM
Thursday, December 10
Location: George L. Doherty Funeral Service
855 Broadway (Powder House Square)
(Near Davis Square stop on MBTA Red Line)
Somerville, Massachusetts

Seong Hwa (Ascension Ceremony)

Time: 11:00 AM Friday, December 11
Location: Winchester Unitarian Society
478 Main Street
Winchester, Massachusetts
(Near Winchester Center stop on MBTA Lowell Commuter Rail Line)
Seong Hwa Message by Pastor Heather Thalheimer

To be followed by **Won Jeon Ceremony** (burial) and a **Reception** (details forthcoming)

The In Memoriam page for Songja Ono will be updated with this information. Please check back:
<https://bfm.familyfed.org/in-memoriam/in-memory-of-songja-ono/>

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