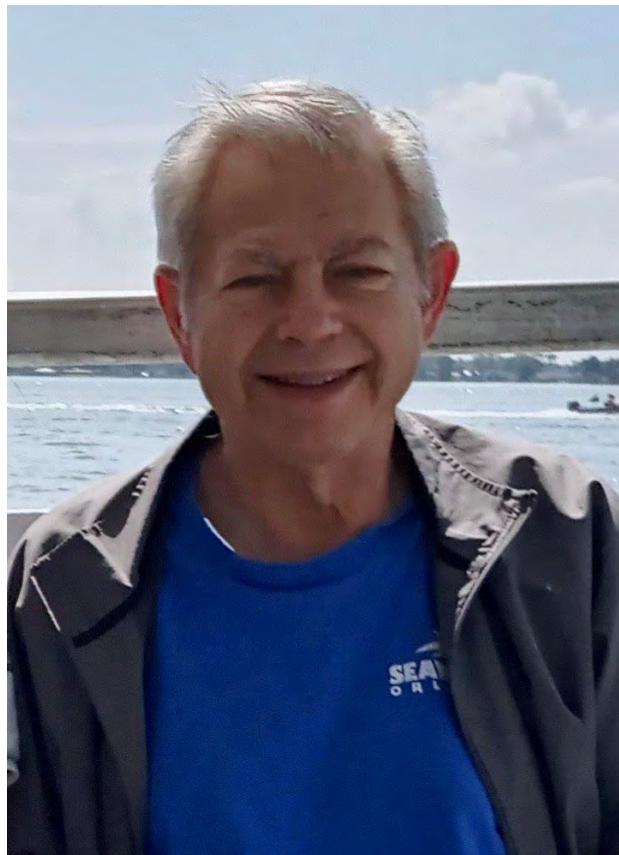


FFWPU USA Blessing and Family Ministry: In Memory of Jerry Parks

Carina Mendez
January 29, 2024



Jerry Parks

Spouse: Emiko Parks

Children: Naomi, Christopher

Birthdate: April 16, 1953

Blessing: July 1, 1982

Ascension: January 9, 2024

Seonghwa Ceremony: January 21, 2024

Jerry Kenneth Parks was born in Rome, New York on April 16, 1953 to Kenneth and Donna Loveless. He had one brother, David, who was 5 years younger. Jerry had a nice childhood surrounded by his grandparents and parents. He often spoke of the snowy cold winters in upstate New York with lots of snow shoveling and ice hockey. Both of his parents were musicians, and music played a large role in his life. Jerry played the drums and guitar, participating in marching band in high school and occasionally performing with his dad and brother.

He attended college for two years at the State University of New York, with a focus on engineering. After graduating he became a musician full-time, soon touring as a drummer with a country western rock band, Southern Comfort. He often told the story of this time period, where he had a life-changing experience of finding his faith and giving his life to Jesus Christ. He left the music industry despite the band signing a record deal. "The music industry was a one-way ticket to Hell," he recounted.

Jerry moved to Albany, NY, and in August of 1975 had another life-changing experience of faith in meeting and joining the Unification Church. He became a full-time missionary, coordinating events and workshops and playing music. He spent seven years in a missionary group called MFT and was a captain for 5 years. He was dedicated to the mission of bringing peace to the world and sharing the truth.

In 1980 in New York City, Jerry was introduced to and "matched" by Rev. Moon to Emiko Kuroi, from Niigata, Japan. They were blessed in marriage on July 1, 1982 at Madison Square Garden along with over 2,000 couples.



Jerry worked for a church-related machinery company, Seilo Machinery, for about 10 years. The couple continued their missionary work, with Jerry even spending some time in Hong Kong. They spent a few years in Chicago, Illinois, where Jerry joined another band, this time with fellow church members. He wrote songs and played the drums for the band, called Jacob.

In 1989 Jerry and Emiko moved to New York, where their first child Naomi was born. In 1995, just before their second child, Christopher, was born, they moved to Florida to be closer to Jerry's mother. In recent years, he often expressed to his children how proud he was of them.

Jerry had several health challenges over the years, battling diabetes for over 35 years and related kidney disease since 2018. He always kept fighting through the various challenges and kept up a good attitude, often using humor and telling jokes.

He was a generous friend, loving father, and caring husband. Jerry will be remembered as a dreamer and charismatic storyteller with lots of hope and optimism for a better life, for both the world and his family.



Seonghwa Ceremony

Date: Sunday, January 21, 2024 at 10:30 AM

Location: Magnolia Room at Harry P. Leu Gardens (1920 N Forest Ave, Orlando, FL 32803)

The Parks Family thanks everyone for your support and for reaching out. You can continue to support the family by donating here: gofund.me/05998e50

If you wish to send a message to the family, please email: naomidonna@gmail.com or ricefield1@gmail.com

Jerry Parks, January 9th 2024 - Support the family



Naomi Bush is organizing this fundraiser on behalf of Chris Parks.

Jerry Parks was a generous friend, loving father, and caring husband. He passed away suddenly the evening of January 9th due to complications from long-standing medical issues. Our mom, Emiko was with him at home in Orlando, FL. He was 70 years old.

Jerry will be remembered as a dreamer and charismatic storyteller with lots of hope and optimism for a better life, for both the world and his family.

Jerry had several health challenges over the years, battling diabetes for over 35 years and related kidney disease since 2018. He always kept fighting through the various challenges and kept up a good attitude, often using humor and telling jokes.

The family has a modest life insurance policy which will cover a simple service and cremation. Support the family with travel expenses, lost wages, meals, and other miscellaneous and unexpected expenses during this time. Or just send a note with a memory or story you have. Thank you very much for all the love and support at this time.

Jerry Parks Seonghwa Memorial Service

Sunday, 1/21/2024

10:30 am

Magnolia Room at Harry P. Leu Gardens

1920 N Forest Ave, Orlando, FL 32803

With the church Seonghwa tradition, women typically wear white or light attire and men wear suits with a white or light tie. But if you don't have this, please come as you are!

If anyone would like to send flowers for the service, please do so for the morning of Sunday 1/21, as early as 9 am. Please specify "Magnolia Room". If you would like to send a card or flowers to Emiko, please contact Naomi or Chris for the address.

Thank you,
Naomi Bush and Christopher Parks

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Clark Eberly
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Anonymous
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\$50 · 9 d

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Updates (3)

January 22nd, 2024 by Naomi Bush, Organizer

Thank you very much for all of your support, generosity, and those who were able to attend or view the service yesterday. We really appreciate every single text, card, and flower bouquet. Our family feels very supported and we were able to send our father off with so much love.

With gratitude,
Emiko, Naomi, and Chris



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Organizer
Orlando, FL

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Chris Parks

Beneficiary

Words of support (3)

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Victoria Lucena

\$50 • 9 d

Our heartfelt condolences to the family From the Lucena family



John & Yuko Parker

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Jerry, Thank you for blessing our lives by encouraging us to follow our dreams to make a better world, and your inspired belief that with God, ALL things ARE possible! Much love to you and your wonderful family!



Randall Francis


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Godspeed, dear Brother Jerry! Your drumbeats and love for life live on. Randy & Kumiko


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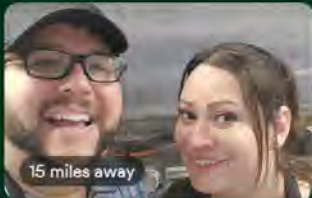
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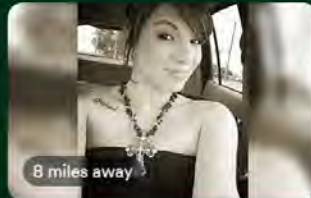
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