

FFWPU USA Blessing and Family Ministry: In Memory of Mark Vogenthaler

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August 10, 2023



Mark Vogenthaler

Spouse: Keiko Sato

Children: James, Thomas, Amy

Birthdate: July 1956

Blessing: 1989

Seonghwa Ceremony: August 14, 2023

Mark Vogenthaler was born in July of 1956 in Denver, Colorado. He grew up in an adoptive family along with his sister, Janet. In 1977, Mark was traveling in San Francisco and met Leona Didsbury, who introduced him to the Unified Family. Soon enough, he had joined the Unification Church as an active member.

Mark supported witnessing and fundraising activities in Oakland and was the first to introduce foil laser prints. He later joined Leona and her husband in Flushing, Queens, where he participated in Home Church activities.

In 1983, Mark returned to his hometown of Denver and was involved in business activities before being blessed in marriage to his wife, Keiko Sato in 1989.

During Father Moon's 50 state tour in 2001, Mark traveled to all multiple states to record True Father's informal speeches to members. Mark and Keiko have continued to faithfully support church activities in the Denver area until the present day.

Mark was always there at church events, and he was always the first one to ask questions. He never seemed to run out of questions and was always searching for the truth. He longed to see our daily practices match up with our ideals, and he never forgot the original heart of God he experienced when he first joined the movement.

Mark is survived by his wife, Keiko; his sons, James and Thomas; his daughter, Amy; and his grandson, Atticus.

A reflection from Mark and Keiko's older son, James:

"Our dad had a great passion for life, his family, and so many things. He was always there whenever life would happen. In fact, he made a point of being there especially when life happened. He got our family through any hardship that came our way. Our father was deeply sentimental and always made sure to bring our family together for every occasion he could. He loved family dinners and gatherings more than anything. He would always find any reason to celebrate even the smallest of accomplishments we had. He made the best barbeque, and he loved cooking for anyone who would ask. There were so many things we loved about our father even with his shortcomings. But most of all, he never stopped trying. He never stopped wanting to do more for us whenever he could and was always looking for ways to contribute or be part of our lives, no matter how big or small. Now it's our turn to do everything we can to honor our father and the legacy of love he left for us."

Seonghwa Ceremony

Date: Monday, August 14, 2023 at 1:00 PM

Location: Colorado Family Church (3418 W. 14th Ave, Denver, CO 80204)

The Won Jeon Ceremony will be immediately after the service

Location: Foothills Gardens of Memory (14241 N 107th St, Longmont, CO 80504)

GoFundMe page to support the family for plot and burial costs: www.gofundme.com/f/vogenthaler-fundraiser

Mark Vogenthaler's Remembrance Fundraiser



Team fundraiser

James Vogenthaler and Amy Yuka Vogenthaler are organizing this fundraiser on behalf of Thomas Vogenthaler.

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As many of you may have heard, our beloved father, Mark Vogenthaler, went into sudden cardiac arrest and passed away on Sunday, August 6th around 2:00 A.M. His sudden death came as an unbearable shock for our family. We never could have foreseen losing our father so suddenly and unexpectedly. We really appreciate all of the support, condolences, and prayers everyone has offered for our family during this difficult time. Our dad mentioned in life that he would like to be buried among family and friends, and as such we are trying to raise money to have our father laid to rest at the Longmont Foothills Garden of Memories cemetery. As some of you may know, this site offers a natural burial service where loved ones can pass on beautifully and organically. Other family friends like Steve Tamayo and Fumiko Bruner were laid to rest there, and I feel that my father would appreciate being among people he knew in life. However, the costs associated with the funeral service my father deserves are well outside the reach of our family, and we reaching out in hopes that others might be willing to support our family financially during this terribly difficult time.

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Our family has always been burdened with great financial hardship, and we want to be able to give our father the full funeral service he deserves. We are asking for the help of others, to please donate whatever is affordable to help us with the high funeral costs we are currently facing and unable to meet. Any amount no matter how small would be deeply appreciated by our family. Please feel free to reach out directly to any of us with any questions and please keep our family in your thoughts as we navigate this difficult time. Thank you.



4 days until service
August 14th, 2023



\$6,149 raised of \$12,500 goal

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James Vogenthaler →

Organizer
Englewood, CO

Contact



Thomas Vogenthaler

Beneficiary



Amy Yuka Vogenthaler

Team member

Words of support (3)

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Hitomi Okada

\$300 • 1 d

I am so sorry for your loss. Thinking of you all and sending your family love during this difficult time ❤️



Angelika Buczynski

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Maigh Jammu

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