

# The Passing of Doris Orme

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**O**n the night of 27th of April 2016, Mrs. Doris Orme passed away while in a coma in a hospital in the city of Bedford in the United Kingdom. Doris was 86 years old and had been in declining health for several years. For those European members who remember her, they will know her as the wife of Dennis Orme, a former national leader of the Unification Church of the United Kingdom. Doris had arrived in the United Kingdom with her husband in

May 2014, after traveling through several European countries. With the help of British members, they were accommodated in special housing for **the elderly near Dennis' hometown of Bedford.**

Doris Orme (nee Walder) was among the first members to join the Unification Church in the Western world, as a result of the pioneering work done by Professor Young Oon Kim in the early 1960s in the United States. Doris went on to witness to several members in the U.S. who became prominent leaders in

our Church before she moved to Italy and pioneered the Church there. She later worked for a while in the Netherlands before moving to the United Kingdom in the late 1960s to support missionary work already ongoing there.

While on a visit to the spiritual community located in Findhorn, Scotland, she witnessed to Dennis Orme, to whom she was later blessed in the 43 Couple Blessing in 1969 in Essen, Germany.

As national leaders of the U.K., Dennis and Doris Orme laid a strong legal, spiritual and financial foundation for the British Movement. They later would work in the northern German region before moving to the United States in 1983 to lead an IOWC team and later became pastors for the Washington, D.C., community.

In the mid-1990s they quit their public Church life and took a stand against the Church. They subsequently lived in Arizona and Florida, as well as New Zealand and the United Kingdom.

Although alienated from the Church, Doris was admired by many of the early British members and others with whom she worked. In the spirit of our Heavenly Parent and True Parents, it is important that we remember Doris for the many good things that she did in her life for **the sake of God's Will, and to pray for** her soul as she transits into the spirit world.

Prayers for Dennis and their daughter, Donna, should also be offered at this time as they go through this loss. An appropriate memorial service for Doris will be held at a date to be announced, in London in the coming weeks.