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Seonghwa Notice: Dale Irwin Smith

Ki Hoon Kim and Michael Balcomb
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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Our beloved brother Dale Irwin Smith passed away on Thursday, January 23, 2014, near his home in Maryland. He is an early member of our American movement and faithfully served True Parents and Gods Providence as a loving son.

Let us support Dale's family during this important time and pray for his victorious transition to a glorious new life in the spirit world.

Following is information from his district pastor, Ernest Patton.

Sincerely,

Dr. Ki Hoon Kim
Continental Director

Dr. Michael Balcomb
President

Victorious Life of Dale Irwin Smith
January 17, 1935 - January 23, 2014



Our elder brother Dale Irwin Smith was born in Topeka, Kansas, to Beulah and Irwin E. Smith. His brother, Norman, was seven years older and went away to college when Dale was eleven years old. Dale had an aptitude for math and ultimately earned his engineering degree from Kansas State University in June 1953.

Dale's father was a very well-known watercolor landscape painter in Kansas, and his mother was a teacher prior to the birth of her sons and a homemaker thereafter. The family attended a small Presbyterian church locally.

From 1959 to 1961, Dale served his country in the U.S. Army. He was posted at Fort Belvoir in Fairfax, Virginia, and was discharged at the grade of Specialist E-4 with a Good Conduct Medal.

Dale joined the Unification Church in 1969 in Washington, D.C. His first contact was with Neil A. Salonen, a past American president of HSA-UWC and the current president of the University of Bridgeport in Connecticut. They lived together with our earliest American and international members at Upshur House, which is just off 16th Street NW, also known as the Street of Churches. True Parents invested so much of their blood, sweat and tears there.

President Salonen said in an e-mail, "I wasn't the one to teach [Dale] or to be with him very much, but it might be true that I was technically the first one he met," and further, "I think we both felt that we had the bond of those early Upshur days together, and felt a certain closeness whenever we would see each other over the years."

Through the years, Dale faithfully attended Sunday service at the Washington, D.C., Church on 16th Street NW. One of his most significant contributions to the Providence was handing out over 14,000 Holy Blessing Candies. He took delight in the prospect of meeting those people again in the spirit world as friends.

Dale was blessed in the 30,000 Couple Blessing in August 1992.

In October 2013, Dale was admitted to the Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Washington, D.C., suffering from chest pains. Eventually, he was transferred to a nursing and rehabilitation facility in Silver Spring, Maryland, where on Friday, January 17, Dale celebrated his seventy-ninth birthday. A few days later, he was taken by ambulance to Medstar Montgomery Medical Center, where he passed from this world peacefully at 5:30 a.m. on Thursday, January 23, 2014

We thank our dear brother for his exemplary service to God and humanity, and we join in lifting his spirit into the arms of our Heavenly Parent's loving embrace.