



# In Memoriam Franziska Stephan

## 1952 - 2016

August 1974 in Cologne. In September 1978, she was matched to Martin Stephan and blessed with the 2075 couples in New York on 1st July 1982.

Franziska is the mother of four children, three sons and one daughter, and grandmother of three grandchildren. And one is on the way.

After the Blessing the couple worked in different missions in the USA and from 1997 to 2013 they successfully spent seventeen years as National-Messiah in Equatorial Guinea, West-Africa. There they were running the oldest and later only English language school.

Franziska became also famous for her rich and decorative cakes, with what she supported the mission and her family in an extraordinary way. In that time, she produced about thirty thousand cakes for all kind of opportunities. With the earned profit family Stephan could send from one of the poorest countries in Africa the probably biggest donations of the continent to Korea.

In June 2013, they came back to Germany for a medical checkup, to the city of Nördlingen where her brother

works as a medical doctor. There a diagnosis of severe cancer was made with Franziska. Nevertheless, family Stephan regularly visited and supported the Munich FFWV community travelling every Sunday for two hours to the Sunday service. The last weeks of the earthly live she spent in a hospice house in the little city of Ellwangen.

We are very grateful that we could get to know Franziska and for her great dedication for our True Parents, our Unification Movement and for the building of Cheon Il Guk. With her great conscientiousness to follow our True Parents she inspired all of us in a lasting way.

From the bottom of our heart we wish her the guidance and the abundant blessing of our Heavenly Parents on her further journey.

The Seunghwa-Ceremony will take place on Thursday, 5th January, at 11 a.m. in Nördlingen (Am Friedhof 9, 86720 Nördlingen).

Everybody is cordially invited.

By Siegfried Jensen and Robert Bentele

**D**ear brothers and sisters,  
We would like to inform you that our beloved sister Franziska Stephan (neé Scherrers) peacefully passed into the spirit world in the arms of her husband, Martin, on 24th December 2016 at 4:23 o'clock after a long illness.

Franziska was born 30th April 1952 in Karken, north of Aachen, Germany, near the border of The Netherlands. She grew up in a Rom. Cath. family and joined the Unification Church in



True Parents' calligraphy

## Letter of Condolence from Rev. Cho Sung Il

Director-General of FFWPU International Headquarters

I would like to convey my deepest condolences to the Stephan family on the sudden seonghwa of a beloved daughter, sister, wife, mother, pioneer, and leader – Franziska Maria Stephan – and would like to take this opportunity to express gratitude for her life-long dedication to God's Will as a representative elder member in Europe and national messiah, and for her absolute faith, absolute love, and absolute obedience centered on Heavenly Parent and True Parents.

Franziska followed in True Parents' footsteps throughout her life and for the past 16 years, she pioneered in Equatorial Guinea as national messiah, devoting herself completely and overcoming all kinds of obstacles in the process.

The challenging environment within the poorest nation in Africa did not stop her from spreading the Word with a resilient, positive heart. Her unquenchable efforts and that of the family's enabled the establishment of a mission foundation in the country. She is also well-known for having baked 40,000

cakes throughout these sixteen years to establish an economic foundation. She also made a great contribution to society by establishing the first English school in Equatorial Guinea.

Furthermore, she left behind an exemplary life, raising her three sons and one daughter within God's Will and uniting three-generations within the tradition of faith.

Hence, the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind has bestowed Franziska Maria Stephan with the title, "Chuk-cheon-seong-ip-guk-wan-seong-ja" in recognition of her providential contributions, which she conducted unknowingly to others.

I would like to once more convey my deepest gratitude to **Franziska Maria Stephan** for her unfaltering dedication and complete investment at the frontline of the providence for Heavenly Parent and True Parents' Will.

I sincerely pray that her dedication sees no boundaries within the eternal world filled with the love and grace of the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind, and that her presence always be with her family on earth.

유럽의 선배가정이자 국가메시아로서 초창기부터 오로지 하늘부모님과 참부모님을 중심삼고 절대신앙, 절대사랑, 절대복종으로 수고해 오신 존경하는 Franziska Maria Stephan님의 갑작스러운 성화 소식을 접하게 되어 충심으로 애도의 뜻을 표합니다.

평생을 참부모님을 위한 노정을 걸어오셨고, 특히 지난 16년 간 국가메시아로서 아프리카 'Equatorial Guinea, 적도기니'에서 만남을 극복하며 그 누구보다 헌신적으로 개척의 길을 가셨습니다.

'아프리카에서도 가장 가난한 나라'라는 어려운 환경이었지만 언제나 긍정적인 자세로 포기하지 않고 말씀을 전파하여 선교 기반을 세워 나가셨으며, 경제적 기반을 개척하기 위하여 16년 동안 4만개의 케익을 만들어 판매했다는 전설과도 같은 승리의 신화를 만들어 내기도 하셨습니다. 아울러 그 나라에 최초로 영어학교를 개설하여 사회교육에도 크게 공헌하셨습니다.

또한 축복가정으로서 3남 1녀를 뜻 맞게 키워 3대권이 하나되어 신앙의 전통을 지키는 등 선배가정으로서 모범적인 삶을 보여주셨습니다.

천지인참부모님께서는 누구도 알지 못하는 가운데 섭리사에 있어 공헌을 하신 Franziska Maria Stephan님을 귀히 여기시고 그 공적을 높이 치하하시며 특별히 "축천성입국완성자"라는 휘호를 하사해 주셨습니다.

하늘부모님과 천지인참부모님의 뜻을 위해서 항상 섭리의 최일선에서 사생결단, 전력투구, 실천공행하신 Franziska Maria Stephan 님께 다시 한 번 깊은 감사의 마음을 표합니다.

앞으로 천지인참부모님의 사랑과 은혜가 충만한 영원한 세계에서 활약하심과 동시에, 항상 지상의 가족들과 함께 하시기를 진심으로부터 기원합니다.

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