

Passing of Our Beloved Brother, Bob Mason

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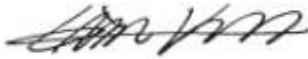
Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Our beloved brother, Bob Mason, passed away on Wednesday, February 12, 2014 in Des Moines, Iowa. He faithfully served God and True Parents as an early pioneer in the American movement and lived a life of great passion and devotion.

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

Following is a brief biography from his wife, Donna.

Sincerely,



Dr. Ki Hoon Kim
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The Victorious Life of Bob Mason

Robert “Bob” Mason was born January 16, 1950 in Waterloo, Iowa, the son of Robert and June (Mansfield) Mason. At the age of four, his mother passed away and his father remarried, and Bob was raised by a very supportive step-mother.

As a child, Bob and his siblings spent summers in the country with their relatives which resulted in many fond memories. During junior high and high school, he attended the Missouri Military Academy. Later in life, he came to appreciate the discipline that he gained while attending military school.

After two years at the University of Iowa, Bob joined the Army. He served in Korea and had a startling dream where he saw the face of a Korean man in a prison camp. It was very vivid and made a huge impression on him. Upon returning to the United States, Bob answered an ad from the Unified Family and started to study the Biblical understandings of the Unification Church. He later learned the story of Rev. Moon’s incarceration in prison. It was then that he realized that the dream he had in Korea was of this man and he put his whole heart and soul into studying his teachings and later joined the church.

Bob served in many missions as a member of the Unification Church. He pioneered Victory Over Communism and gave lectures at a time when Communism was still strong in East Germany and the

former Soviet Union. He later pioneered CARP at the University of Maryland while finishing his degree there. He then attended the Unification Theological Seminary where he graduated with a three-year divinity degree. His thesis was highly acclaimed by his professors as the best that they had seen!

Bob later became Georgia State Leader and Savannah City Leader. He was then called to work with the American Constitution Committee to promote patriotic values and create the American Freedom Coalition. He worked as an aid to a Georgia State Senator. He eventually settled into a career in the computer field, first with the Lotus Corporation in Atlanta and then for many years as Systems Administrator with Wellmark Blue Cross in Iowa.

Bob had a great passion for music and was active in the Drum and Bugle Corp when he was young, where he was drum major and trumpet soloist. While in the Army, he learned to play a Korean instrument called the Kayagum and even appeared on Korean television! At UTS, he sang and danced in musicals and joined musical groups while living in Georgia and Iowa. He made sure to include music in every part of his life, even his sermons.

The greatest joy in Bob's life came through his family. He was Blessed in marriage with his wife, Donna at Madison Square Garden in 1982 and they became parents to six children; Matthew, Nina, Lia, Jonathan, Lori and Kyle, and two grandsons; Lorenzo and Armando.

In 2010, Bob was diagnosed with early on-set dementia and later body dementia. The disease took a great toll on Bob and his family, but he seldom showed anger and was faithful till the end.

Bob had once written the following quote: "I have often thought and even spoken publicly that if I ever have the good fortune to go to Heaven, I hope there is a big Drum Corp in the sky to join. Harps are fine, but give me a brass line anytime!" Bob is surely blowing his trumpet there right now!

Seonghwa Service

Bob's Seonghwa Service was held on Wednesday, February 19, 2014 in West Des Moines, Iowa. Memorial contributions may be made to the family who will direct them to the Family Church of Iowa, 5840 University Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa 50311, in loving memory of Bob.