

Portland, Oregon Family Church: Shizuko Comey's Seunghwa

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On Sunday, August 3rd, we gathered to hold a Seunghwa Ceremony for our beloved sister, Mrs. Shizuko Comey at the Portland Family Church. Many of her friends and relatives shared testimonies about their experiences. One of her grandchildren composed and read a biography and poem, praising her.



Biography

Shizuko Sugai Comey, born on July 19, 1956, ascended to the spiritual world on July 31, 2025. She leaves behind a powerful legacy as a loving and dedicated mother, a compassionate and humorous woman to those who knew her, and a true filial daughter to God, whom she attended devoutly throughout her life.

Born in a small rural community near Yamagata, Japan, Shizuko was known from a young age for her strong will and lively spirit. She was a natural athlete and had a sharp mind for mathematics. While working in Tokyo, her path was forever changed when she was introduced to the Unification Church. Inspired by its vision for world peace, she committed her life to the Movement, contributing her many talents and often offering bookkeeping services for the church and non-profit organizations she worked with.

In 1982, Shizuko was matched and Blessed in marriage to a fellow church member in America, Timothy James Comey. They were part of a historic mass wedding ceremony at Madison Square Garden, where 2,075 couples committed their lives to each other and to building God-centered families that could

transcend barriers of race, culture, and nationality.



Shizuko and Tim settled in Boise, Idaho, in 1987, where they had their four boys: Daniel, Hidetaka, Michael, and Kunio. Shizuko was devoted to raising her children and supporting her husband's mission as the state leader and pastor for the Unification Church in Idaho. She was the unwavering pillar of her family, especially after her husband suffered a debilitating stroke in 2000. With remarkable strength, she became his primary caregiver and the family's financial provider, working tirelessly as a waitress to ensure her sons were provided for while also maintaining support for numerous church and community activities. She had an infectious, outgoing personality and a great sense of humor that could lighten any room, connecting easily with everyone she met.



Throughout her life, Shizuko was a portrait of strength and resilience. For over a decade, she fought a courageous battle with chronic lymphatic leukemia and, more recently, Hodgkin's lymphoma. Even while carrying heavy burdens and enduring immense physical discomfort, she consistently insisted that she was okay. She never complained, always focusing on her family and her faith. She enjoyed two trips back to Japan in 2016 and 2019 to visit her family, moments that were precious to her. She also enjoyed her late years making new friends and building a successful business with NPUSA.

Shizuko's battle with cancer came to an end on July 31, 2025, at 10:25am, where she passed peacefully with her four children and three grandchildren by her side. Her passing is not a moment of sorrow but a celebration of her rebirth into the next realm, a joyous ascension into a new chapter of life.

If you would like to express your support, we ask for your love, thoughts, and prayers. For those who wish to contribute a financial gift, you can send it to her Venmo account @Shizuko-Comey. Thank you for your support and taking the time to remember and honor her beautiful legacy.