

## Update: Celebrating the Life of Shizuko Sugai Comey

The Comey family  
August 25, 2025



### Update:

The Comey family has compiled a Memorial Anthology for Shizuko as a way to commemorate her life, passing, and remembrance of the memorial ceremonies held to honor her legacy. For those who were unable to attend services in person or simply wish to reflect on some of the writings, photos, and testimonies shared, links to the anthology are shared below. Thank you so much to the many friends and family who have showed us their support at this time. We sincerely appreciate the love you all have given us.

Memorial Anthology (English)

[tinyurl.com/shizukocomey](https://tinyurl.com/shizukocomey)

追悼集 (Japanese) [tinyurl.com/shizukocomey\\_j](https://tinyurl.com/shizukocomey_j)

Love,

The Comeys

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### ORIGINAL POST:

From the Comey family, we are sharing the news that our beloved mother, Shizuko Comey, has passed away. We invite you to join us in celebrating her life and her peaceful transition to the spiritual world at her upcoming Seung Hwa ceremony on Aug 3rd. Please help us to honor Shizuko's memory by reading and sharing this post with others. Seung Hwa details are included at the end of the post. The family will later be holding a small, intimate burial ceremony in Boise, Idaho, on August 7.

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with.

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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 to 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.

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### **Celebrating the Life of Shizuko Comey**

Sunday, August 3rd, 2025

11am Seung Hwa

Doors Open 10:30 for Viewing / Ghi Hwan

Portland Family Church  
2620 Hughes Dr  
West Linn, OR 97068  
[maps.app.goo.gl/PMAG5jXqojKbadCk8](https://maps.app.goo.gl/PMAG5jXqojKbadCk8)

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The Comey sons will be holding a small, intimate burial ceremony in Boise, Idaho, where Shizuko will be re-joined with her husband, Tim. To any friends in the Boise area who would like the opportunity to participate, please reach out to Hide Comey directly. The burial will be held at 11am, Thursday, August 7 at Cloverdale Cemetery.

# Celebrating the Life of *Shizuko Sugai Comey*



July 19, 1956 - July 31, 2025



## ***Memorial Anthology***

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# Life Memories and Photos

Shizuko Comey Life Memories and Photos | FULL SLIDESHOW





# Poem

## The Healing Ascent

Written by Karissa Comey  
Granddaughter



Some say death is the end,  
A final loss, no way to mend.  
But life, it shifts, and hearts must bend  
When we lose a loved one or a friend.  
I don't believe we're truly gone,  
We carry on, we still belong.  
We find the strength to journey free,  
And live with love and harmony.  
The memories,  
And the good times we shared.  
The stories,  
That say there's no need to be scared.  
So why hide,  
From something that can't reach you?  
So why try,  
To deny the things that teach you?  
I think you're watching from above,  
Guarding us with endless love.  
Your quiet strength still lights our way,  
Preparing us for each new day.  
Grief may come and try to stay,  
But family helps it fade away.  
We stand together, calm and strong,  
And know we've carried you along.  
Time will pass, and wounds will fade,  
Side by side, we'll walk unafraid.  
Though you're gone, not all is lost  
We'll brave the pain, whatever the cost.  
You showed us how to stand so tall,  
And we will rise if ever we fall.  
You're in a better place, we know  
So we will learn, and we will grow.  
The road ahead is wide and new,  
With dreams to chase and skies of blue.  
We'll rest our heads when night is near,  
And rise again with morning clear.

Though she has left this world we know,  
Her spirit has a place to go.  
Not gone, just on a different flight,  
Toward gentle skies and endless light.  
She's moving on to life anew,  
Where love is strong and hearts are true.  
A peaceful path, a soul set free,  
Becoming all she's meant to be.  
And just as she helped all of us here,  
She'll guide someone new, stay just as near.  
A quiet strength, a steady hand,  
To help another soul now stand.  
Her journey's not an end, but start  
She takes our love within her heart.  
And though we stay, and she moves on,  
Her light remains though she is gone.  
She walks ahead, not far, just near  
Still watching us with love sincere.  
This poem I wrote with her in mind,  
A heart so strong, a soul so kind.  
My grandma's love still guides our way,  
Though she has passed, we honor and pray.  
She always stood through every storm,  
With open arms and spirit warm.  
She helped us rise, she helped us see,  
The strength in love and family.  
And even now, she's by our side,  
In every tear we've gently cried.  
She's whispering still, in skies above,  
A distant voice of endless love.  
She might've left, but we shall not fear.  
For she is forever, in our memory here.

# Written Testimonies



## Daniel Comey Eldest Son



Hello everyone, thank you all for joining my family today, we are all so grateful for your love and support.

I know my mother would be so happy to have everyone together like this, she really did love bringing people together, and fostering community.

She built so many friendships here by simply accepting you all as you are and never judging on a surface level. She could really listen and truly empathize with your feelings. Always seeing the other side of things and putting herself in others shoes. That was one of her strengths.

As I grew up, I noticed I would do that a lot with interactions in my life and I would tell myself I am overthinking things or that I have anxiety or that I don't need to give someone the benefit of the doubt. But now I realize I was just taking after her and trying to understand people on a personal level, just having basic empathy. And you know, there is nothing wrong with that! And it even gets easier the more you do it. If we all could empathize a little more, this world would be better for it. So thank you mom for teaching me to be caring, without me even knowing it.

Now we all know my mom was a strong woman. She went through so much, but I believe her answer to that would be very simple. She believed that everything happens for a reason and that we must have faith that every experience is meant to challenge us to be who we are meant to be. She really did. It's hard to believe with everything she went through, but she lived by this. The hardships in our lives and how we deal with them are challenges to overcome, not burdens to weigh you down. For some unknown reason, a hardship is a way to make you into the person you are supposed to be and if you can overcome hardship, you will be blessed for it. How you navigate that challenge is what makes you, you. If you hold on to resentments with self pity and anger you only poison yourself with more suffering and pain. She actually used to always say it was like the movie, Mononoke no Hime. The black stone that takes over the body like a disease until you are completely overcome. You must have faith that you will overcome it and that you will even be a better person for it in the end.

And in that lens my mom would say that she was grateful for every single moment and experience of her life because it made her who she was, and gave her the family and blessings that she had. And I don't know if she is right because I really wish she was here right now, but maybe this experience is meant to make me who I am meant to be in a way that I don't understand yet. I love you mom, I will miss you everyday, but I know you're always with me in this way. Thank you.



# John Dickson

## Community Leader, AFC, ACC, ACLC

Dear Family,

We have been richly blessed in our short walk in this world to know the Comey family. Tim worked singlehandedly to establish the American Freedom Coalition in Idaho at a critical time, connecting Idaho's leadership, including members of Congress and the Senate to a national effort that brought an end to the Cold War. With Shizuko's continued support, he began work to strengthen America's foundation of freedom, faith and the family. Tim and Shizuko were instrumental in establishing National Parents' Day, signed into law by President Clinton in 1994.

Even through all the challenges including Tim's debilitating stroke and moving the family to Oregon, we can confidently bet that no one in this room or on-line has ever heard a single complaint from Shizuko. She was always giving, loving.

We are so proud of you, Shizuko! How you loved and supported Tim, raised four remarkable boys: Danny, Hide, Mikey, and Kunio, and gave so much to the community.



It has been said that humans don't have a spirit. We ARE spirit... we HAVE a body. Shizuko, your love and spirit shine brilliantly!

Until we meet again,  
John and Louise Dickson



# Midori Kikuchi

## Naturally Plus USA Business Leader, CFC Achiever



It is with heartfelt sorrow that I share my deep sympathy upon learning of the sudden passing of our dear friend, Shizuko-san. Her presence touched so many lives with warmth, dedication, and quiet strength.

Though I was unable to attend her memorial service due to hosting a longtime friend from out of state, I send my sincerest respects and gratitude in spirit. I wish to thank Satomi Watson for graciously representing all of us from Washington during this time of remembrance.

I will always treasure the first day I met Shizuko-san. It was at Ikenohana Restaurant, where I dined with a group of over ten friends. Shizuko-san was our server that evening, and she amazed us all—not only did she memorize everyone's food and drink orders without writing anything down, but when the bill came, she recalled every item perfectly and matched each to the correct diner with flawless accuracy.

There was even a humorous moment: one of our friends mistakenly believed her meal had been covered and began leaving the restaurant. Shizuko-san, ever attentive and precise, gently followed her out to the parking area to ensure everything was settled. In that moment, I realized she had an extraordinary gift and a wonderfully sharp mind. She was someone you could count on—clear, reliable, and completely on point.

Her leadership extended far beyond that evening. Shizuko-san was a cornerstone of our organization. She quietly checked in on members behind the scenes, making sure everyone stayed on track with their goals. And when anyone was falling short, she supported them subtly but meaningfully—always lifting others toward success while never seeking the spotlight herself.

Shizuko-san led not with loud words, but with genuine compassion and dependability. Her beautiful smile made everyone feel welcomed. Her actions spoke volumes—guiding, organizing, mentoring, and caring in ways that built community and moved us all forward.

We are better for having known her. Her legacy lives on in how she helped us grow and succeed, and in the kindness she extended so freely to everyone she met.

Shizuko-san, thank you for your wisdom, your service, your joy, and your generosity. Your spirit will remain with us, always.

志津子さん、本当にありがとうございました。あなたの優しさと笑顔を、私たちは一生忘れません。どうぞ安らかに休息ください。

With deepest respect and love,  
Midori Kikuchi

# Seung Hwa Funeral Ceremony

Sunday, Aug 3rd, 2025

Portland Family Church, West Linn, OR



[Photo Album](#)

## Order of Service

GHI HWAN CEREMONY

*Comey Family*

VIEWING AND FAREWELLS

OPENING PRAYER AND ADDRESS

*Eric Sylte*

BIOGRAPHY AND POEM

*Karissa Comey*

TESTIMONIES

*Dan Comey, Keiko Sylte, Toni Curry*

FLORAL AND MUSICAL OFFERING

*Song of the Garden*

PRAYER AND BENEDICTION

*Eric Sylte*

PROCESSION

*Aaron Comey, Dan Comey, Hide Comey, Michael Comey, Kunio Comey, Kenta Takao, Josh Brooker, Eric Sylte*

REFRESHMENTS



# Won Jeon Burial Ceremony

Thursday, Aug 7th, 2025

[Cloverdale Cemetery, Boise, ID](#)



[Photo Album](#)

## Order of Service

MUSICAL OFFERING

*Shining Fatherland*

OPENING PRAYER & ADDRESS

*Hide Comey*

BIOGRAPHY AND POEM

*Hide Comey*

TESTIMONIES

*Dan Comey, Kunio Comey, Andy Fujimoto, Yoshie Fujimoto*

CASKET LOWERING

FLOWER & SOIL OFFERINGS

CLOSING PRAYER

*Michael Comey*

THREE MANSEIS

*"A person is born from love, lives through love, and returns to love"*  
*"This is just an ephemeral world in which we are endowed with a short life span... to prepare to live through eternity"*

*Reverend Sun Myung Moon*

The background of the entire page is a soft, out-of-focus image of pink cherry blossoms with yellow centers, creating a gentle and serene atmosphere.

# Musical Offerings



## Song of the Garden

*The Lord into His garden comes  
The spices yield a rich perfume  
The lilies grow and thrive  
The lilies grow and thrive  
Refreshing showers of grace divine  
From the Father flows to every vine  
And make the dead revive  
And make the dead revive*

*Oh, that this dry and barren ground  
In springs of water may abound  
A fruitful soil become  
A fruitful soil become  
The desert blossoms as the rose  
When the Savior conquers all His foes  
And makes His people one  
And makes His people one*

*Come brethren you that love the Lord  
And taste the sweetness of His Word  
In Father's ways go on  
In Father's ways go on  
Our troubles and our trials here  
Will only make us richer there  
When we arrive at home  
When we arrive at home*



## Shining Fatherland

[Instrumental Arrangement](#)