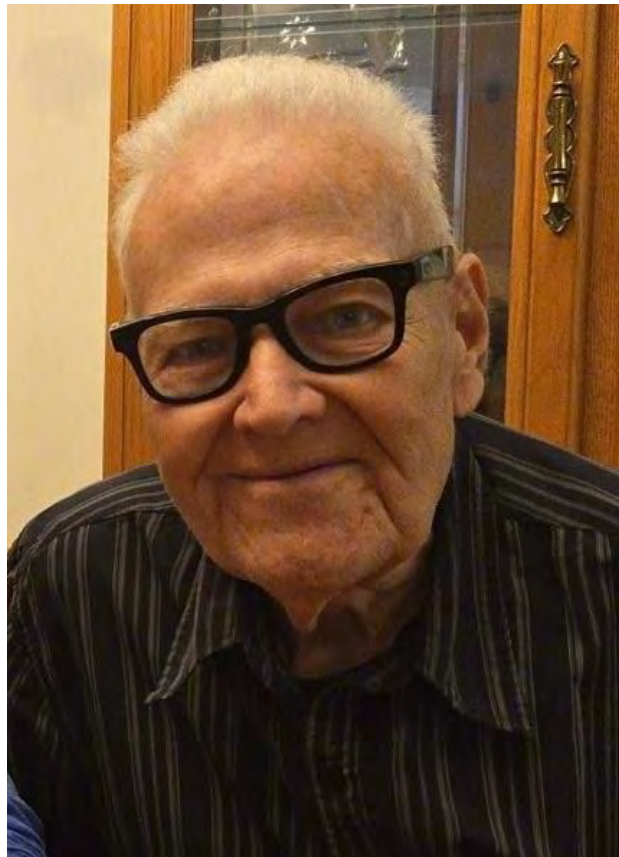


FFWPU USA Blessing and Family Ministry: In Memory of Lewis Gudmundsen

Carina Mendez
January 23, 2025



Lewis Gudmundsen

Spouse: Hildegard Eisenhut

Children: Sigfried

DOB: December 16, 1948

Blessing Date: January 6, 1982

Ascension: January 9, 2025

Seonghwa Ceremony: New Jersey Family Church
(78 DeMott Ave. Clifton, NJ 07011) on Monday,
January 13

GoFundMe: gofund.me/d1a4670a

Lewis Gudmundsen was born on December 16, 1948, in Mobile, Alabama as the last child - born 16 years after his elder siblings.

When Lewis was 13 years old, his father suddenly passed away in front of his eyes on December 24, 1961. Lewis was unable to understand why God would take his beloved dad on the day before

Christmas. This experience strongly affected his faith in God's love for him.

After his father was gone, Lewis and his mother moved to Los Angeles, California. At the age of 18, he moved to San Francisco to study at the University of San Francisco, graduating in 1971 with a Bachelor of Science in Accounting degree.

In 1974, Lewis met and joined the Unification Church in Oakland, California. Soon thereafter he was recruited for the MFT (Mobil Fundraising Team), where he brought amazing results. He attended the Unification Theological Seminary as part of the second graduating class 1976 -1978.

In 1978 Lewis accepted a Home Church mission in England where he became Center Leader in Bristol. In that same year, he was invited to participate in the European Matching in London and was matched with Hildegard Eisenhut, an Austrian Church member.

When he returned to the US to attend the funerals of his older sister and brother, he worked in Accounting at ILHWA Korean Ginseng Tea Company and International Relief Friendship Foundation (IRFF). Then, after helping at the News World for a brief period, he joined Ocean Church and became Center Leader in Montauk, Long Island, NY.

In 1982, while working at Sunlight Graphics, Lewis and his fiancée Hildegard Eisenhut received the marriage blessing, as part of the 2075 couple Blessing at Madison Square Garden. Then, together they worked with a Home Church team in Woodside, Queens, and later moved to West New York, NJ. He was also employed at New World Marine from 2003 to 2004.

Lewis loved to research True Parents' words and record his findings in articles that he wrote and gave to people he thought would benefit from the information. He would witness to people he met in places like shopping centers and restaurants, or when driving for Lift or Uber.

At the age of 65, though he had very little income, he and Hildegard gratefully accepted an offering child. They were determined to establish God's Four Position Foundation, and they were both longing to receive a child. He was a dedicated father and took good care of Sigfried, who became his pride and joy.

Lewis suddenly passed away on January 9, 2025, at 2:30 am. He was a faithful Son of God and True Parents, a good husband and loving father.

In Honor of Lewis Gudmundsen



Irmgard Baynes is organizing this fundraiser on behalf of Hildegard Gudmundsen.

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Our brother in faith and our dear friend Lewis Gudmundsen passed unexpectedly to the spirit world on January 9, at 2:30 am. We want to support his beloved wife, Hildegard, and son, Siegfried, as they are faced with the sudden reality of saying goodbye to their husband and father. Let's offer our support easing the financial burden of funeral and medical expenses.

We treasure Lewis for his dedication to God and being a loving husband and proud father. We fondly remember his contribution to our daily morning devotion and passion for the AhnShi Il prayer tradition and studying scripture.

Lewis Gudmundsen was born on December 16, 1948, in Mobile, Alabama, as the youngest of his family—16 years younger than his oldest siblings. His early years were marked by a significant and painful event. At just 13 years old, Lewis witnessed the sudden passing of his father on Christmas Eve in 1961, a moment that profoundly affected his faith and understanding of God's love.

In the wake of his father's death, Lewis and his mother moved to Los Angeles, California. As he grew older, he pursued his education at the University of San Francisco, where he earned a Bachelor of Science in Accounting in 1971. But his path took a transformative turn when, in 1974, he encountered the Unification Church in Oakland, California. Shortly thereafter, he joined the MFT (Mobile Fundraising Team), where he brought tremendous dedication and results to the mission.

Lewis's journey took him to the Unification Theological Seminary, where he was part of the second graduating class from 1976 to 1978. In 1978, he accepted a Home Church mission in England, where he became Center Leader in Bristol. It was in England that he met Hildegard Eisenhut, an Austrian church member, at the European Matching in London. This encounter led to their union, and they were matched to be married.

After returning to the U.S. to attend the funerals of his older sister and brother, Lewis worked in several roles, including in accounting at ILHWA Korean Ginseng Tea Company and the International Relief Friendship Foundation (IRFF). Later, he contributed to the News World organization before he became involved with Ocean Church, eventually serving as the Center Leader in Montauk, Long Island, New York.

In 1982, the year he worked at Sunlight Graphics, Lewis and Hildegard received the Marriage Blessing at Madison Square Garden as part of the 2075 couples Blessing Ceremony. From that moment on, they worked together with a Home Church team in Woodside, Queens for community outreach. Lewis also worked for a time at New World Marine, from 2003 to 2004.

A lover of deep study and reflection, Lewis dedicated much of his life to researching and sharing the words of True Parents. He frequently wrote articles and shared them to encourage others in their spiritual journey. Lewis had a special gift for witnessing—he engaged with people in everyday settings, like shopping centers and restaurants, or when driving for Lyft and Uber.

At the age of 65, Lewis and Hildegard received the blessing of an offering child, fulfilling their long-held desire to become parents and to establish a family with God at the center. Their son Siegfried became the pride and joy of Lewis's life, and he dedicated everything to creating a loving, safe environment for his family.

In his final years, Lewis remained a faithful son of God and True Parents, a loving husband to Hildegard, and a devoted father to Siegfried. His passion for his faith, his love for his family, and his commitment to a life centered around God's will are what we will cherish and carry with us.

Rest in peace, dear Lewis. You will forever be in our hearts.



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Updates (2)

January 14th, 2025 by Irmgard Baynes, Organizer

We said good bye to our dear brother Luis Gudmundsen today and wish him well on his new journey, it was a beautiful gathering and many beautiful memories were shared....there is still room to show support to his family....



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