

In Memory of Clint Woods

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Name: Clint Woods

Spouse: Astrid Woods

Children: Curran, Brandi, Akalia, Aunnika

Birth Date: January 14, 1955

Blessing Date: August 1992

Ascension Date: May 26, 2020

Clinton John Woods was born January 14, 1955 to Rex and Jean Woods in Great Falls, Montana. He grew up with his two sisters, Becky and Sandra, and his two brothers, Rex and Kyle. His parents were homesteaders in the nearby town of Simms, Montana, where Clint spent most of his years as a child and young adult helping run the family ranch. He was a noted athlete and played in nearly every sport the Simms High School had a team for, including Football, Basketball, Wrestling, and Track and Field.

He graduated high school in 1972 and began his adult life working on a king crab boat with his best friend Doug. He attended college at different times in his life, always searching for truth, and spent time studying philosophy and religion. In 1976, God guided him to meet and join the Unification Movement, and he had many experiences working as both a missionary and later a businessman in our church. He spent many years working with Shining Ocean, a seafood company located in Seattle.

Clint was Blessed in marriage with his wife Astrid in August of 1992 in Seoul, Korea. He had four children, a son Curran, and three daughters, Brandi, Akalia, and Aunnika. Brandi's son Zander made Clint a grandpa in 2012. Unfortunately, in 2015 Brandi passed away unexpectedly. We know that she is reunited with him now. After living in many places, from West to East, the family eventually moved back to Clint's home state of Montana, where they could be close to his parents and the beautiful ranch he grew up on. After moving to Billings, Montana, he spent six years as the local pastor and worked to support the local church family. In February of 2020, he and Astrid had the opportunity to Bless their daughter Akalia and her husband Martin in a Holy Marriage Blessing Ceremony.

Besides God, True Parents, and his family, Clint had a life-long love and appreciation for fishing and the ocean. He often spoke about how his love for fishing began with his Grandma Woods, who would take him and his siblings to catch fish in the slough behind the house. He owned boats wherever he lived and always researched how to best catch fish. His wife remembers him watching video after video, trying to find the very best fishing techniques. The salmon held a special place in his heart, and even after moving to Montana, Clint and Astrid would make a yearly trek to the West Coast to go salmon fishing. Clint would often take a young member of his local church community as well, to share his love and knowledge with. This was another passion of his: mentoring and raising up young people, especially in the area of leadership. For many years he invested his heart and time into the Ocean Challenge program in Kodiak, Alaska, and helped make it a success. He spent countless hours fundraising for the program and reaching out to youth from all over the world to come to Kodiak and have a one of a kind experience.

His other great love was music. He was gifted with a beautiful voice, but never wanted to be in the limelight. Throughout his life he wrote and recorded several country music albums, even making a trip to Missoula just two weeks before he passed to record a couple of songs, which he wrote for his wife, as he knew his end was near.

The quote talks about a legacy of love, and that is what Clint is leaving behind. We hope that he is feeling God's Love and our love right now to facilitate his journey to a new life.