

Joe Wakaria passes on

Cabot W. Peterson
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It is with great sorrow that we announce the death of Joe Wakaria, which occurred on Tuesday, October 25, 2016, in Waldorf, MD, USA. He rested after a long battle with brain cancer.

A fundraiser to assist the family is scheduled for this coming Saturday, October 29th, 2016 at Unification Church, 1610 Columbia Road NW Washington, DC 20009 beginning at 3:00 PM to 8:00 PM.

For contributions, use Cash App \$Joe Wakaria 240-585-3114.

Square Cash” App. On your phone visit plays store and download “Square Cash App” after that save 240-585-3114 enter amount of donation you want and click PAY.

or

Bank Account: Navy Federal Credit Union, Juliette Wakaria
Ac #: 7045617656
Routing #: 25607497 4
Navy Federal Credit Union
P.O. Box 3000 Merrifield, VA, 22119-3000

Visiting and praying with the family (anytime): 1262 Allen Ct Waldorf, MD 20602

Funeral Service:

Date: Saturday, November 5, 2016

Venue: Unification Church, 1610 Columbia Road NW Washington, DC 20009

Burial: Fort Lincoln Cemetery, 3401, Bladensburg Rd, Brentwood, MD 20722

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Thank you for your prayers and continuous support.

Dear friends and family,

In 2012 our father started getting these headaches. He went to work and by the time he got home his head was pounding. He was stressed. He had several deadlines he was trying to meet and there was a lot of pressure. It was normal. The headaches were happening more often and we just thought he was under a lot of pressure at work. Then he started getting dizzy spells and we all thought it was weird. We thought he had to see a doctor and he agreed. The doctor did some tests and diagnosed him with vertigo and put him on medication, but the headaches kept on and so did the dizzy spells.

The day we got worried he wanted us to have a day of fun. He had a headache but at this point they'd become so normal it was easy to ignore it. We went to the movies and while he was buying our tickets, he fainted...twice. He finally agreed to go back to the doctor because clearly the medication wasn't working. From then on it's a bit of a blur but we found out he had brain cancer... and it was terminal. He fought it as hard as possible and in 2014, we were informed that the cancer had gone into remission. He was only going to get better.

That was our hope. In May of 2016 on one of his regular check ups, his doctor saw something on one of his scans. That little something the doctor saw was a new tumor. They put him back on previous medication, Temozolomide, due to its ability to reduce the cancer in the past. Unfortunately it did not work like it previously had. The tumor had advanced. His doctor gave him the option of trying a new form of medication, Avastin. He was informed that the medication was extremely dangerous, as it was a blood thinner working on a cancer patient. He was told it could either kill him or reduce the size of the tumor. He thought the risk was worth it and they began with a low dose. After several treatments and no results the doctor then increased his dosage, again we saw little results, but we still had hope.

On July 28, 2016, he had a terrible seizure during the early morning. We woke up to banging on the wall. He'd collapsed and the seizures were so disabling he was unable to get up and had to call for help. This seizure was a result of the intensive chemotherapy he had been going through for the last month. Following the seizures, the left side of his body was severely weakened and he was unable to move the left side of his body. He was transferred to a rehab center in hopes that he would begin to heal and function on his own. Through significant struggle we saw him push and will himself everyday to lift or move the limbs on his left side. He made great improvements being able to sit up stand and walk, whereas before he wasn't able to in the aftermath of the seizure. He refused to let this seizure, as well as his cancer, paralyze his body as well as fog up and try to destroy his motivation and purpose in life.

The Daughters of Joe: Ji-Yung Wakaria, Ji-Mi Wakaria, Samouhan Wakaria, and Sharon Wakaria