Marcelle Stephen's Seunghwa

Drissa Kone May 31, 2018



Dear brothers and sisters.

Our dear sister Marcelle Stephen passed away Thursday, May 24 2018 at her home. Although her family currently resides in the Worcester community, Marcelle was a long-time member of the Belvedere Family Church. She is very close to our BFC members including Raoul Joseph's family as both are early members from Guyana. I would like to share with everyone a message regarding our dear sister Marcelle.

Sincerely,

Dr. Kone

Dearest Marcelle, Family and Friends,

It's with a sad heart 'cause you've left us too early, and at the same time with a happy heart knowing that you will be with our True Father now, that we begin this greeting. We (Peter and Phyllis Kim) were Marcelle's CF while she served at East Garden and Belvedere.

We will always be grateful to you for going out everyday fundraising (not just on the weekends like everyone else) to our flower stand in Ossining. And...we could always count on a delicious meal when you cooked for us. Because we were working directly for True Parents' events, you were so many times asked to work beyond your physical limits. You never complained, and we joyfully worked together. Yasukosan mentioned that she was always impressed at how you could miraculously change from a simple worker to a glamorous "fashionista" with the perfect outfit, hairstyle and make-up, whenever you were asked to serve at East Garden.

We've collected thoughts from two of our sisters.

This following recollection came from Lee Ann: "I was so blessed to work together with Marcelle at Belvedere for many years, serving and supporting the work of True Parents. Marcelle was especially gifted at making beautiful flower arrangements. Many times she worked through the night because at that time True Parents were having so many historical events at East Garden and flowers were always called for. Marcelle was a very prayerful person and I have special memories of her praying tearfully at the holy rock. She was such a joyful part of the lives of our community. Her laugh could be heard throughout Belvedere and when she cooked in the kitchen everyone came running to eat especially those pumpkin pies!"

The following thoughts are from Cynthia: "Marcelle was part of the East Garden staff during the early years of True Parents' time in America. She devoted herself wholeheartedly to her mission to fundraise to support Belvedere and East Garden. She was selflessly hard working and caring. She was seriously devoted in her life of faith and was unwavering in her love for True Parents. Although she has been gone many years now from the staff, we are deeply saddened by her sudden passing."

We have included especially thoughts from Lee Ann and Cynthia because after speaking with other brothers and sisters, they seem to reflect simply and sincerely the same things that we want your family and friends to remember of our time together with you, Marcelle, working for God's Providence.



Marcelle was a vibrant, loving, powerful, unique soul who loved God and loved people. She impressed us all with her bravery and courage as she dealt with the difficulties of her illnesses over the years. Because of her long history of illness she suffered great financial hardship. With this in mind we have set up a Go Fund Me page in order to help with her funeral expenses.

Please consider donating <u>HERE</u> to honor her and support her family at this time. Any donation is greatly appreciated.

Because of her illness, many of you may not know Marcelle well, but we ask that you come and support her transition.



Calling Hours

Saturday, June 2, 2018 1 - 3 PM

Rice Funeral Home, 300 Park Ave, Worcester, MA 01609

Seunghwa Memorial Service

Saturday, June 2, 2018 4 PM MLK Center, 237 Chandler St, Worcester, MA 01609 Entrance is on Dewey St.