

## FFWPU USA Blessing and Family Ministry: In Memory of Gregg Smith

Carina Mendez  
September 4, 2024



### Gregg Smith

Spouse: Claudelina Smith

Children: Cassandra and Michael

DOB: January 2, 1952

Blessing: July 1, 1982

Ascension: September 1, 2024

Seonghwa Ceremony: Saturday, Sept. 7 at 3 pm  
PST at the Los Angeles Family Church, 2301  
Findlay Ave, Monterey Park, CA 91754

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Lester Gregg Smith, born on January 2, 1952, in San Bernardino, California, had a deep love for

music from a young age. Aspiring to be a rock star, he was a rebel at heart, never satisfied with the status quo.

In 1976, Gregg attended a workshop at Camp Mozumdar and joined the church there. He served on MFT becoming a champion fundraiser. He met, married and was blessed to his soulmate, Claudelina, and together they built a life of love and service.

Gregg served as the Long Beach City Leader in the mid-1980s and later dedicated ten years as a Sunday School Teacher in Los Angeles. In 2006, he became the church State Leader for Southern California and the LA church pastor.

In 2010, Gregg and Claudelina moved to Las Vegas, where he started the first band and music ministry. He also served as Secretary General for UPF and laid the foundation for Ocean Providence activities. He became a boat captain and established connections for True Parents at Lake Mead.

In 2018, Gregg co-pastored the Las Vegas church with Claudelina and Jonathan Jesper. His passion for music greatly impacted the Las Vegas community.

Gregg's last performance was for True Mother in Las Vegas on October 7, 2023. He was hospitalized the next day and diagnosed with bladder cancer, passing away peacefully on September 1, 2024, surrounded by family.

Gregg was a loving husband, father, and grandfather, leaving behind a legacy of dedication and love. He impacted so many lives. He truly was a rock star.

He is survived by Claudelina (wife), Cassandra (daughter), and Michael (son) and their families.