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Passing of Our Beloved Brother, Shinnosuke Takahashi

Ki Hoon Kim and Michael Balcomb
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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Our beloved brother, Shinnosuke Takahashi, ascended to the spirit world on Thursday, March 19, after suffering a severe stroke. With his sincere desire to serve Heavenly Parent, True Parents and other people, he and his family are a very involved Blessed Central Family and received the 2015 "*Unsung Hero Award*" by the Boston Family Church. Shinnosuke is survived by his wife, Miyano, his daughter Shino and son Kousuke.

Let us support Shinnosuke's family during this important and special time and offer our prayers for his victorious transition to a glorious new life in the spiritual world.

Following is a biography and information of the Seonghwa ceremony from Pastor James Edgerly of the Boston Family Church.

Sincerely,

Dr. Ki Hoon Kim
Continental Director

Dr. Michael Balcomb
President



The Victorious Life of Shinnosuke Takahashi

June 22, 1953 - March 19, 2015

Shinnosuke Takahashi was born on July 22, 1953 in Aizu, Fukushima prefecture in Japan. He was raised by his grandparents and parents, who worked in farming and carpentry. Shinnosuke had an older brother Shinsuke and a younger brother Takahiro.

Shinnosuke loved nature and spent much time in the hills and the forests near his home, rich with green vegetation and bright blue skies. His gentle and kind nature was formed from his experiences in the outdoors. He once explained that when he was young he wanted to show nature to the small stones that were not able to move around, so he carried those stones around in his pockets.

After graduating from high school, Shinnosuke attended college and studied craft and art design. He was hoping to become a potter or open a large local restaurant to provide delicious meals.

In 1972 he joined the Unification Church to contribute to world peace. He received the marriage blessing from True Parents in 1982 as a part of the 6000 Couples Blessing in Korea. The following year he came to United States to work for Ocean Challenge and develop seafood businesses. While in the process of applying for his permanent residency in the US, he attended the Hattori Cooking School in Japan and earned a Chef's Certificate. Shinnosuke became a US citizen in 1997.

With his wife Miyano, Shinnosuke opened a Japanese restaurant in Sacramento, California in 1996. In 2006 the family moved to Salisbury, Massachusetts and in 2007 opened the Japanese restaurant, Hana Japan in Newburyport, MA.

The restaurant was operated as a family business involving both children of Shinnosuke and Miyano. Last year, their son Kosuke graduated from the Sushi Chef Institute in California, and became a chef at their restaurant. Their daughter Shino has been helping to create the restaurant's web site and menu. Shinnosuke was very happy with his children's involvement and growth.

The restaurant business in America was not easy, but finally, last year the family was able to go on vacation together and visited Niagara Falls. The family also planned to travel to Japan this April to visit Shinnosuke's father and brother in Fukushima.

Shinnosuke had a deep heart to serve others. He felt sorry that he wasn't able to communicate freely with American people due to his language barrier, so he carried with him many English books to study and improve his language skills. In a note written during the final days of his earthly life, he wrote of his sincere desire to serve other people and God's will until the last moment of his earthly life.

The Takahashi family was active with the Boston Family Church community. At the most recent church holiday, the family received "The Unsung Hero Award" as recognition for the exceptional effort they have continuously made to serve their church community.

Shinnosuke is survived by his wife Miyano, daughter Shino and son Kousuke.

Seonghwa Services

The Takahashi Family of Salisbury Massachusetts and the Seung Hwa Committee for Shinnosuke Takahashi warmly invite you to attend the Seonghwa & Won Jeon Ceremonies for our beloved brother Shinnosuke Takahashi.

The ceremony schedule is as follows:

Ghi Hwan Ceremony (viewing)

Sunday, March 22 from 5:00 to 7:00 PM at Rogers Funeral Home in Newburyport
35 Green Street, Newburyport

Seong Hwa Ceremony (ascension ceremony)

Monday, March 23 from 10:30 AM to 12:00PM at Rogers Funeral Home
35 Green Street, Newburyport

Won Jeon Ceremony (burial)

Immediately following the Seong Hwa Ceremony at nearby Belleville Cemetery.
26 Storey Ave, Newburyport

Reception

A reception will follow at approximately 2:00 at the Takahashi's restaurant, Hana Japan
Port Plaza
45 Storey Ave, Newburyport

Offerings to support the Takahashi Family can be sent to:

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27 First Street
Salisbury, MA 01951

Boston Family Church
Attn: Ms Yoko Miranda
46 Beacon Street
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