

FFWPU USA Blessing and Family Ministry: In Memory of Paul Yasutake

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Paul Yasutake

Spouse: Gertrud Yasutake

Children: Christoph, Tim, Toby, Peter

Birthdate: April 19, 1947

Blessing: February 8, 1975

Ascension: January 19, 2024

Seonghwa Ceremony: January 27, 2024

Paul Yasutake was born in Honolulu as the youngest of 6 siblings. His grandfather came from Japan to Hawaii as a carpenter, and his parents were born in Hawaii, making Paul a "sansei," or

3rd generation Japanese in Hawaii. When he was 9, the whole family moved to Los Angeles where he finished high school.

Paul joined the army from 1966 to 1969, but was not drafted for the Vietnam War. Instead, God sent him into the heavenly battle of waking up America - in 1970, he joined the Unification Movement while going to college. He was soon immersed into all the activities of those days: One World Crusade, training seminars, leading a center in NYC, workshop staff at Barrytown, and graduating as part of the Unification Theological Seminary's first class. In 1975, Paul and his wife, Gertrud, participated in the 1800 couples' Blessing in Korea.

His busy life continued, first as State Leader of Connecticut then New Hampshire. As leader of an International One World Crusade team (IOWC) he then travelled from New England down to the south, becoming State Leader of Florida. As the Top Gun providence was put together under the American Constitution Committee (ACC), Dr. Park sent him to his beloved Hawaii to do political work and bring public leaders to conferences. In Hawaii, Paul started his career as a realtor.

By the time he volunteered for work as National Messiah to Bosnia, the Yasutake family had grown to include their four boys, Christoph, Tim, Toby, and Peter. In December 1996, they packed up everything and moved to Europe - Paul to Bosnia and Gertrud and the children to Germany. The Bosnian war had just ended, with ruins visible and the country still having more landmines than people in its borders.

The chance to return to America came in the fall of 1998, as New Eden High School needed staff and dorm parents. So, the Yasutake family moved to Bridgeport, Connecticut. Since then, Paul has been a member of the Bridgeport church community, doing American Family Coalition (AFC) work, organizing the Brothers of Bridgeport, and establishing himself as an experienced realtor.

In his later years, Paul had to pay close attention to his inherited diabetes. Ailments of the heart crept in,

which the doctors tried to address with a triple bypass in 2015. His heart finally gave out in the evening of January 19, after a few bites of sushi and some sips of his favorite hot tea.

His lineage continues with his son Christoph, his spouse, Lena, children Telani, Kohan, and Zizi; with his son Tim, his spouse, Rosi, children Ben and Alanna; his son Toby, his spouse, Anna, children Taavi, Zaavi, and Thea; and his son Peter, his spouse, Mo, and baby Niko.

From the Bridgeport Community: "We are trying to set up a live Facebook streaming from Paul's Facebook or a zoom link for those who want to attend from afar. But I also envision all you wonderful people sending him off from different points of the globe, from Hawaii to Bosnia, from Germany to Brazil. Send a paper boat down a stream, pop some balloons or let them fly, spark some firecrackers, light a candle or climb a hill and give Paul a yodel and shout-out. Let's make Saturday a good day for lift-off!"

Seonghwa Ceremony

Date: Saturday, January 27, 2024 at 11:00 AM EDT

Location: Spurgin Hall (285 Lafayette St. Bridgeport, CT 06604)

To Join the livestream of the service [click here](#).

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Condolences may be sent to the family at: gy1800@hotmail.com