

## Clifton, NJ Family Church: Passing of Mr. Talmadge Lambert

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**Dear Brothers and Sisters,**

It is with a heavy heart and deep sadness that we share the sudden and untimely passing of our beloved brother Mr. Talmadge Lambert.

Talmadge Lonnie Lambert Jr. is a man of God. People called him a "gentle

giant” because he is six feet tall and a gentleman who cares about people everywhere.

Talmadge Lonnie Lambert Jr. was born in Philadelphia, PA on January 29, 1950 to Rev. Talmadge Lonnie Lambert and Vivian Lambert. He was the youngest of two children, with a sister 20 years his senior. Sundays were spent in the Lambert Chapel in Brooklyn, NY where his dad was pastor. Talmadge was raised in the church. He was a quiet boy who enjoyed reading.

He attended college in his hometown at Drexell University with the hope of becoming a civil engineer. Talmadge had a quiet yet strong desire to simply do good. After attending Divine Principle workshops, he joined the Philadelphia church in 1973 and dedicated himself to various missions. Being rather shy, Talmadge never really prospered in general church activities. However, being a sincere and responsible man when he was called to the mission, Talmadge became a master printer (for 35 years) for Going Up Press the source of many publications for the Unification movement.

Talmadge was blessed in marriage to Elise Olshansky in the 2075 couple Blessing at Madison Square Garden in July 1982. As a couple, they were delighted to experience the unity and love of God in their interracial blessing, and perhaps that was the beginning of what most defined Talmadge’s life – UNITY. Talmadge made every effort to try to understand the uniqueness of people, religions and cultures. He loves God and has been known to have a prophetic anointing in some Christian circles. He also embraced the traditions of Judaism by learning the Hebrew prayers for Shabbat and Chanukah because of Elise's upbringing in the Jewish faith. He has a deep heart with compassion for others.

Talmadge was a good listener and a good singer. This Philadelphia native seemed quiet and reserved but had a creative side underneath. Have you ever heard him sing the “Banana Boat Song” by Harry Belafonte? He would light up the room! Although he and Elise never had children, he loved children and they responded to him in kind. This made him feel a fatherly heart towards all children in general.

Talmadge was an adventurous man with an open mind to learn new ideas. He always trusted that God would lead him and guide him throughout his life. Talmadge was diagnosed with kidney disease, and cancer in the recent year. Nonetheless he kept a kind and caring demeanor during visits until he peacefully departed this mortal realm.

He leaves behind his beloved wife and the Unification family.

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More details about Mr. Lambert's Viewing, Seonghwa, and Won Jeon Ceremonies will be sent out as soon. There will also be a link provided organizing a 40 Hour Prayer Chain before his Seonghwa Ceremony, which will start **today (12/18) at 6:30PM.**

Sincerely,  
Pastors Naokimi Ushiroda, Atsushi Takino, and the Seonghwa Ministry