

Clifton, NJ Family Church: Honoring the Victorious Life of Dr. Edwin Ang

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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Our beloved elder brother, Dr. Edwin Ang ascended peacefully to the spirit world today, January 21, 2021 at 1:21pm, due to Covid-19 and heart-related complications. His son, Dohi and grandson, Chan Woo, were present with his wife Marie and the rest of the Ang family attending through video. Though we are of course sad to lose one of the great saints of our American movement and church family, this is also a time to celebrate the life of an incredible man of God.

As is captured by the beautiful biography below prepared by members of the Ang family, Dr. Ang led a truly victorious and inspirational life that touched many, many lives. It has been a great blessing to have him in our Clifton Family Church community over the last two decades.

In his final days on this earth Dr. Ang and the Ang family were so grateful for all the prayers and support they received from our church community. Dr. Ang said, "I thank them from the bottom of my heart." Now it is time for us to continue those prayers and direct them towards the victorious Seonghwa of our dear elder brother. Let's join together with joy and gratitude as we celebrate Dr. Ang's life and ascension to his eternal home, as well as, show our love and support to all the precious members of the Ang family.

Details for the Viewing, Seonghwa and Wonjeon ceremonies will be coming shortly. The plan is to provide the option to attend in-person or virtually. In the meantime should you wish to send condolences to the Ang family, please send them to:

6 Sturgis Road
Kendall Park, NJ 08824

Flowers may be sent to:

Clifton Family Church

78 DeMott Ave.
Clifton, NJ 07011

**Sincerely,
Pastor Crescentia**



Biography of Dr. Edwin Ang July 29, 1926 - January 21, 2021

On January 21, 2021 at 1:21pm, Dr. Edwin Ang peacefully passed on due to Covid-19 and heart-related complications. His son and grandson were present with the rest of his family attending through video.

Dr. Edwin Ang was born in the small village of Bowerno, East Java, Indonesia on July 29, 1926 and was raised in the Confucian tradition. Being of Chinese ancestry, he was named Kian An Ang, which means “to establish peace after the flood” (which he felt was significant). Edwin firmly believed he was guided by God through every step of his life.

He graduated from St. Stephen’s College, a high school in Hong Kong in 1949, at which time he was baptized in the Anglican church. Following graduation, Edwin received an Associate degree in Accounting from the International Institute of Accountants. He received a full scholarship to attend the International Christian University in Tokyo, Japan, where he earned his undergraduate degree in Economics in 1958.

Based on Edwin’s desire to help developing countries, he applied for a scholarship at several American universities and was accepted at University of California, Berkeley where he earned his Ph.D degree in Economics in 1972.

While a student at Berkeley, Edwin joined the Unification Church, then known as the Unified Family, in 1962 as one of the first 20 members in America. He was Blessed in

1969 in Washington, D.C. to Marie Leckrone as one of thirteen couples that are part of the 43 Couples Blessing. During his ten years in Berkeley as a pioneer church member and leader, Edwin saw the church center grow to about 70 members. He was known for sitting one-on-one with new members and holding long conversations while educating about the Divine Principle.

In 1972, True Father appointed Edwin to be Regional Commander of New England, and then State Commander of Massachusetts in 1973. After much growth and activity in Boston, True Father reassigned him as Regional Director of the Mid-western States, where he worked for a brief time in Colorado, Oklahoma, and pioneered in Houston, Texas. He was assigned to Chicago, Illinois in 1975 where he led witnessing and fundraising as the center director.

In January 1977, Edwin was appointed to the newly formed Unification Theological Seminary (UTS) to assist as Dean of Students, eventually serving as Executive Vice President under President David S.C. Kim. During that time, he was instrumental in securing the provisional and absolute charters for the seminary.

Over the years, he served on the UTS Board of Trustees, the HSA-UWC Board of Directors, and the Korean Cultural and Freedom Foundation (KCFF) Board of Directors. He proudly served as President of International Chinese Association from 1984-1997, where he cultivated the Chinese member fellowship and community in America. In 1996, Edwin received the mission of the Abel National Messiah to Egypt.

During the last 17 years, he was an active member of the Clifton Family Church community, helping and praying for Blessed families and members that came to his attention. Edwin spent much of his time researching the relationship between science and the Divine Principle. In 2020, Edwin and his wife Marie were inducted as a Cheon Bo couple. He also enjoyed living with his son's family in New Jersey and spending time with his other children and grandchildren.

Edwin joins his son David on the spirit side of life, and is survived by his wife Marie, and children Joni (Jin Man Choi), Dohi (Jin Hee Kang), Jennifer (Namhi Hwang), and his nine grandchildren, Chan Woo, Yejin, Yesun, Lia, Eric, Eva, Taewon, Taesung, and Taehoon. Edwin is also survived by three of his nine siblings: Kian Hoo, Ertha, and Jeanne.