

## Teddy Verheyen has passed...

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### In Memory of Teddy Verheyen

Theodorus "Teddy" Verheyen was introduced to our movement, then called the Unified Family in Los Angeles, CA by Doris Walder (Orme) in 1963. Doris and Orah Schoon (Pope) were pioneering a center in Los Angeles, sent there by Miss Young Oon Kim. It seems Teddy was one of the earliest, if not the first to join in Los Angeles.

Though born in Holland, at the age of 21, Teddy got a job as a marine engineer, sailing on a freight boat which took him to several countries, including Scotland and the United States. He emigrated to Canada at age 24, and by 1962 was in San Francisco where he almost met the movement there. He went to Los Angeles and got an apartment in the same apartment house as Doris and Orah. It wasn't long before they were using his apartment as a teaching room.

When True Father came to America in 1965 and visited the Los Angeles Center, Teddy was able to meet him and was present when Father blessed the Holy Ground in the Hollywood mountains. Later a

phone call came from Father in Washington D.C. saying Teddy was to be a missionary to Holland. Teddy didn't feel prepared but then Abraham came to mind, who left his land without a second thought. Three days later on March 21, 1965, he arrived in Holland at the age of 30 with a suitcase and very little money.

Teddy's pioneer days were difficult, but he persevered for several years. At one point he was living in a boat he compared to Noah's ark. During that time, he was able to have the Divine Principle translated into Dutch, which made True Father happy.

On March 28, 1969, Teddy was Blessed in marriage with Pauline Phillips, in Essen, Germany, along with eight couples who are part of the 43 Couples Blessing. Teddy, along with Pauline continued to serve as the National Leader in Holland, expanding their membership until they were asked to come to the United States. Their two daughters, Naeran and Tweeran, were born during their time in Holland.

Another heavenly pioneer leaves his mark on this earth -- he will be missed.

More information on Teddy's life can be found at  
<http://www.tparents.org/Library/Unification/Talks2/Verheyen/0-Toc.htm>.