

## Passing of Our Beloved Sister, Fumiko White

Ki Hoon Kim and Michael Balcomb April 2, 2015

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Our beloved sister from Canada, Fumiko White, passed into the spirit world on March 30, 2015 after battling cancer. She is survived by her husband Douglas and her daughter Mica. A faithful daughter of Heavenly Parent and True Parents, Fumiko worked for many years in Japan, USA and Canada, following God's call and will with a loving and positive personality.

Let us support Fumiko's family during this important time and pray for her victorious transition to a glorious new life in the spiritual world.

Following please find a biography and testimony from her husband and her spiritual mother.

Sincerely,

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Dr. Ki Hoon Kim Continental Director

Dr. Michael Balcomb President



# The Victorious Life of Fumiko White June 19, 1949 - March 30, 2015

After the 2075 Blessing in 1982, Fumiko went back to Japan briefly returning to Louisville, Kentucky in 1983. Douglas joined her there late in 1984. They continued working together as regional missionaries in the states of Kentucky and Michigan, until 1988, when they left the USA for Toronto and accepted the city leadership of Vancouver.

In 1990, after True Father divided Canada into 4 regions, they were assigned to the Eastern region (Halifax, Nova Scotia) so they drove bar car more than 7,000 kilometers from western Canada to the Maritimes. Mica was born in 1994 while they were in Halifax, and in 1995 they moved to Toronto where they worked with supporting the Japanese sisters and various church programs until the present day. Fumiko was diagnosed with lung cancer in late July of 2014, but despite the pain and hardship she remained grateful until the end.

(Written by Douglas White)

Fumiko White was the youngest child in her family. She was younger than me and graduated from the same college after me, so in a way she was my junior. But she was my first spiritual child and when we worked together, she acted like the eldest child and took care of my other spiritual children like an older sister. Now she is going to the spirit world before me, so in this sense she is my senior and I will be seeking her advice when I go to join her there.

Fumiko was born in Yokohama city, whereas I was born in the countryside so to me she was a city type person. I always felt she had a good sense about many things in life and yet she wasn't showy. Before joining our church, she worked at a studio where she drew and painted on material used to make very expensive and beautiful kimonos. She was a highly skilled, artistic craftswoman and we used to enjoy going to stylish museums, art galleries and restaurants together in our free time. She was a soft-spoken, petit lady with a good character and sense of humor.

After I joined the church, I decided to tell Fumiko about it. Her friends had told her that I had got into something new, so she was curious and was waiting for me to tell her. After she joined our church, we lived and worked together doing home church activities with my other spiritual children. Our fundraising and witnessing activities were fairly successful. We lived in Inogasira, a suburb of Tokyo, in an area that was thought of as an artist village. Since several of us were artists, we had a heartistic connection to the area and to each other. That's why we could do a good job. Through our activities, we grew in faith together and came to have many fond memories of our time there.

After this home church period, Fumiko went to work with Sekai Nippo, our church's newspaper. Eventually she was blessed in marriage with Douglas White, worked in America for a while, and then moved to Canada. Even though we were physically far apart, Fumiko and I communicated often by letter, phone and email. We talked about many things and got along very well, helping each other with our various challenges.

Over the years, I came to understand that Fumiko had deep faith in God and True Parents. Not only was she open to receive advice from me when she needed it, asking without hesitation and putting that advice into practice with humility and a desire to live a better life, but she also gave me many good suggestions and advice. When dealing with challenges, she always had God, True Parents, spirit world and her ancestors in mind, and with such a principled point of view she could overcome with faith and effort. To me, she was truly a faithful person.

Even though we lived far from each other, heartistically we were very close. Now that I can't receive her phone calls or emails any more, I feel sorry and very sad. She was so natural and easy to be with and I never felt any pressure from her.

While she was dealing with her illness, Fumiko was so positive-minded, grateful and appreciative and she never complained. She even seemed to reach a higher spiritual level through it, which really amazed me. Even then, she tried to live for her family and for other members.

As my senior now, I'm sure she'll be working bravely with God, True Parents and other members in the spirit world. I would like to praise her for her victorious life on earth and to send her to the spirit world with the prayer: "Go forward bravely and put up a good fight."

(Written by Keiko Van Loon, Fumiko's spiritual mother)

### Seonghwa Ceremony

The ceremony was held on Thursday April 2, 5 pm, at: Delmoro Funeral Home 61 Beverly Hills Drive North York ON M3L 1A2

#### **Donations**

The White family will appreciate any donations to help defray the costs of the final arrangements. Checks in the name of Douglas White can also be mailed to the church address. They will be collected on the White family's behalf.

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#### **Memorial Service**

A memorial service is tentatively scheduled for Sunday April 26, 2015 in the afternoon. This will give an opportunity for Doug and Fumiko's family members coming from out of town a chance to celebrate her life together with us. The memorial service will likely be held at a venue in Mississauga. The exact details will be communicated later.

Thank you very much for your support.