

In Memory of Songja Ono (1993 - 2015)

Crescentia DeGoede
December 8, 2015



Name: Songja Ono

Birth Date: December 20, 1993

Ascension Date: December 5, 2015

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

As you may have heard, beloved daughter of God, Songja Ono ascended to the spiritual world on Saturday at 7:45 PM. Songja is the 21-year-old daughter of Hiromi and Catherine Greene Ono and younger sister to Suja Ono. The entire family was with Songja at the time of her passing.

Songja is a graduate of Mount Saint Joseph's Academy in Brighton, Massachusetts and was the Salutatorian of her graduating class. She completed a very meaningful year at Generation Peace Academy and was preparing to attend Wesleyan University when her brain cancer was first detected in the summer of 2013.

The story of Songja's life over the past two and a half years has been touching to all of us. Despite the detection of her illness, Songja became more active than ever within the Boston Family Church community, organizing fundraisers, leading Children's Day activities, and working with Youth Ministry. Most notable was the slide show tribute she prepared for Boston's Third Anniversary Commemoration of True Father's Seonghwa. While doing all of this she was undergoing aggressive treatments for her illness that continued to advance, increasingly impairing her mobility.

During the final month of her life, friends from church, school and GPA traveled to visit the Ono family from across the US. Friends traveled from as far as Scotland and Korea to make brief visits to the Ono home in Somerville. Two weeks ago, I happened to meet one of Songja's who friends who had traveled all the way from San Diego just to spend two hours with her. A van full of GPA buddies came for a brief visit from Chicago.

Her father, Hiromi Ono traveled to Cheong Pyeong to make a final condition of support for his daughter. Her mom, Catherine repeatedly told us about the remarkable love and care that Songja received from her elder sister Suja, who quit her job so she could provide care.

In my prayer, I discovered that Songja received an entire lifetime's worth of God's true love during the final month of her precious life on earth.

We hope that our Unification community will make an extra effort to support the ascension of Songja and join the Ono Family at the upcoming Ghi Hwan (viewing) and/or Seonghwa events (see information

below).

Sincerely,

James B. Edgerly, Pastor
Boston Family Church

To follow updates about Songja and her family, please visit the **Prayer Support Facebook Page**.

Seonghwa Ceremony

Time: 11:00am EST
Date: Friday, December 11
Location: Winchester Unitarian Society
478 Main Street
Winchester, Massachusetts
(Near Winchester Center stop on MBTA Lowell Commuter Rail Line)
Seonghwa message by Pastor Heather Thalheimer

To be followed by Won Jeon Ceremony (burial) and a Reception (details forthcoming)

Viewing: Thursday, December 10, 3:00-7:00pm EST

George L. Doherty Funeral Service
855 Broadway (Powder House Square)
(Near Davis Square stop on MBTA Red Line)
Somerville, Massachusetts

Mailing Address for Donations and Flowers

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