

FFWPU USA Blessing and Family Ministry: In Memory of Theodore Casten

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Theodore Casten

Birthdate: July 8, 1938

Blessing: February 8, 1975

Ascension: March 12, 2022

Seonghwa Ceremony: April 2, 2022

Ted Casten passed away at the age of 83 on March 12, 2022. Ted was the beloved son of Bill and Ella Casten, and brother of Ruth Casten Kreier, who preceded him in death.

Born in Philadelphia, PA, on July 8, 1938, he enlisted in the Air Force after graduating high school, where he received training as a bookkeeper. He became a member of the Unification Church shortly after leaving the Air Force in the late 1960's. He was blessed in 1975 as part of the 1800 couples Blessing.

Ted worked for many years through the Church in financial administrative positions in the seafood industry in Kodiak, AK and Seattle, WA. At company Christmas celebrations in Kodiak, Alaska, Ted was "hands down" the best Santa Klaus for the children of the families working with him. He loved all the kids, and they sure enjoyed him.

Ted was active in church activities in Seattle, involving himself in witnessing, minister work, small group study and community service. He was a man of prayer and true concern for others. Ted was one to consistently show up for church activities, and it was evident that participating truly mattered to him. He remained a dedicated member of the Seattle congregation until his death.

He found a happy home for three decades at Northaven Senior Living Community in Seattle's Northgate neighborhood. Ted would often share about his Northaven neighbors and his concern for them. He got involved in many group activities there and often reached out to inspire his neighbors with words of encouragement. He moved to Edmonds Bowl Adult Family Home in 2021 where he was known and cared-for as Uncle Ted.

Ted was a gentle, unassuming man, a passionate baseball fan (and a keen student of statistics about minor league players on the feeder teams for the Seattle Mariners), and an avid reader and writer of poetry. Emily Dickinson was his favorite. He was an inspiration and a pleasure to be around. Ted will be truly missed!

He is survived by his niece and nephew, Rachel and Jesse Kreier.

Seonghwa Ceremony

Date: April 2, 2022 at 11:30 AM (reception at 12:30 PM, Won Jeon at 2:00 PM)

Location: Evergreen Washelli Chapel (11111 Aurora Ave N, Seattle, WA 98133)

Flowers can be ordered from Rose Corner Florist at 206-361-5051 (have the flowers delivered to Theodore Casten's funeral at Evergreen - Washelli)