

## Blessing and Family Ministry: In Memory of Brian Granstrom

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December 7, 2021



### In Memory of Brian Granstrom

Brian Granstrom

Spouse: Chieko Granstrom

Children: Leon, Julia, Aileen

Birthdate: September 11, 1956

Blessing: July 1, 1982

Ascension Date: November 27, 2021

Seonghwa Ceremony: December 11, 2021

Brian Tracy Granstrom was a loving husband, devoted father, and (his favorite) a goofy grandpa. He was born on September 11th, 1956 in Seattle, WA to Catherine and William Granstrom. He was the fifth son in a family of seven children. While growing up in Seattle, WA, Brian was an inquisitive child; he loved exploring the outdoors and marshes, learning to ride his bike on the newly paved and unopened I-5. He discovered the guitar

and then proceeded to bring the instrument and his voice with him everywhere he went.

After he finished high school, Brian took his adventurous spirit on the road as he shrimp-fished in Sequim, WA, lived with his sister in Hawaii, and, deterred from going abroad by the Iran Hostage Situation, he landed in San Francisco where Brian joined the Unification Church in January 1980. He was asked to join the German CARP band, Blue Tuna, working with Tiger Park in 1981. He would then live in Germany for the next 11 years where he performed at hundreds of concerts on college campuses, parks, Irish pubs, and the Berlin Wall. He also attended international CARP conventions in Korea, Japan, Thailand, England, France, and the US. Brian ensured Hyo Jin Nim had the equipment needed for his convention performances and often joined him on stage.

Brian was Blessed and married to Chieko on July 1st, 1982 in Madison Square Garden with his parents in attendance. While living in Germany, he and Chieko had three children: Leon, Julia, and Aileen. His parents and brothers visited them several times and also attended Divine Principle workshops.

Once the Berlin Wall fell in 1989, Blue Tuna toured in Poland and Eastern European countries. Brian and his family were also sent on missionary trips for a month at a time to the previously closed country of Czechoslovakia. Brian returned to his hometown of Seattle in December 1992. To provide for his growing family, Brian began working at Shining Ocean. Brian and Chieko then had Irvin, Miyuki, and Issac.

Brian would say his long-standing gig was at the Seattle Family Church, where he served as Music Director for 30 years. He performed, ran the sound system, wrote, and put together the church bulletin, cheerfully convincing both his children and friends to contribute. He was always the first one to arrive on Sunday and the last one to leave.

Brian lived a life of public service. Nearly every event: speech, summer camp, choir performance, Christmas party, holy ground prayer, he was there offering his time and service through song and sound system. He loved music, but he served because he loved God and the people in the community more.

When Brian became a grandfather, he found two new loves in life, Aika and Juna. In the fabric of such a rich life, he most enjoyed playing with his granddaughters, whether that meant making silly faces, going for a walk around the block, or taking a ferry ride.

Doing the right thing was the guiding principle of Brian's life. Brian was a man of conviction and faith: he always worked hard to do what he thought was right and did it in the best way he knew how. He lived a prayerful life and when faced with any decision consulted scripture for direction. His thoughts were constantly occupied with asking how he can best serve God and True Parents.

### **Seonghwa Ceremony**

The Seonghwa Ceremony will be on December 11, 2021 at the Seattle Family Church. In-person participation is by invitation only due to COVID-19 safety protocol.

Online participation will be available via Zoom and Facebook live. Links will be posted in our Seattle Family Church Facebook page and the [Seattle Family Church website](#).

Donations can be made by GoFundMe at: [gofund.me/a2ba72ca](https://gofund.me/a2ba72ca)

### **Viewing will be on December 9 and 10 from 3:00 PM to 7:00 PM at Ballard Church**

Flowers can be sent to the following address from December 9

For Morning Delivery, deliver to 7012 26th Avenue NW, Seattle WA 98117

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Email: [customerservice@ballardblossom.com](mailto:customerservice@ballardblossom.com)

Phone: 206-782-4213

Please make flower orders by Tuesday, December 7, 2021 if possible and mention that it is for Brian Granstrom's funeral service.

### **Wonjeon (Burial) Ceremony will be on December 11 at 2:00 PM**

The address will be Bonney Watson Funeral Homes: 16445 International Blvd, SeaTac, WA 98188

# Brian Granstrom Funeral Support



Leon Granstrom is organizing this fundraiser on behalf of Chieko Granstrom.

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Brian Tracy Granstrom passed away peacefully with his loving wife at his side on 11/27/2021 at 6:16pm. Our Papa lived a life that exuded his natural talents of love, humility, and service. He displayed this everyday with his dedication to humbly serving God and his community. His favorite places to be were at a dinner table full of family and friends and behind his guitar sharing God's love through his music. Our family thanks you for the overwhelming support.

**\$32,906** raised of \$15,000 goal

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**December 6, 2021** by Leon Granstrom, Organizer

We are grateful beyond words by this community. Thank you for your generosity. Our mom has been moved to tears by each name she sees who donates and the kind words you have shared about our dad.

Due to the pandemic we will be holding a limited capacity service this Saturday starting at 10AM PST. If you would like to attend virtually here is the zoom link to do so:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/251525455>

Password: 2020  
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## Organizer and beneficiary

Leon Granstrom  
Organizer  
Seattle, WA



Chieko Granstrom  
Beneficiary

Contact

## Comments (19)



Mika Sasaki donated **\$75**

I've only had the honor of knowing Uncle Brian for a few months when he welcomed us to the Windermere House, but in that short amount of time, he displayed so much love through his time with us and through his service and dedication to the... [Read more](#)

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Kotomi Davies donated **\$100**

From Wade and Kotomi.

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Chung Hwa Brewer donated **\$50**

We love the Granstroms, and we'll miss Uncle Brian.

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Jeremiah Ryan donated **\$50**

We love you Uncle Brian

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Robert Kitchens donated **\$70**

To the Granstrom family. I joined the movement in 1980 and I remember Brian from that time. We played guitars together at Belvedere maybe two years ago....Anyhow it's a small world and I was glad to be a small part of Brian's life

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Kieran Calavan donated **\$40**

Uncle Brian was always there to share his talent and energy. Praying for your swift ascension and blessings on all your family during this time. Much love to you all.

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Jacob Criner donated **\$500**

Brian was a wonderful bandmate during my time playing for Seattle Family Church. His love of music and commitment to offering his best each week set the standard. He could lead from the front, guitar in hand, or support in the background, working... [Read more](#)

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John Lowen donated **\$500**

We love the Granstrom tribe

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Yejeong Selover donated **\$500**

Uncle Brian, we'll always remember your energy and beautiful voice on stage. Thank you for being patient while Aileen, Julia and I would be playing with dolls or running around outside when we were kids. I'm sure we were really loud. Love, Yejeong... [Read more](#)

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Elijah Whitmore donated **\$100**

Sending all our love to the Granstrom family. I've gotten to know some of you. Never had the opportunity to know Brian well, but I know he raised an exceptional family with his wife. You are all in our prayers.

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Richard Bodzewski donated **\$400**

What a wonderful Brother. What a wonderful family he helped to create. Happy Trails . We will miss you

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Ross Ward donated **\$100**

Sorry for your loss Granstrom family. As I didn't know Mr. Granstrom too well, all of my interactions showed me he was a gentle sweet hearted man... and your children have made a profound impact on my life. Sending love to all you.

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Yasu and Mikako Kawamura donated **\$100**

From Yasu and Mikako Kawamura Message from Mikako: I had a hard time going to church in Japan, I did not have a very good connection with God's love. Music was the one thing that connected me to God and after I moved to USA and attended Seattle... [Read more](#)

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Oleg Sergeev donated **\$100**

We love you Brian.

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Tomeo & Kai Wise donated **\$1,000**

Uncle Brian was an inspiration. His legacy lives on through Chieko and amazing 6 children. Love you all.

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Emiko Cunningham donated **\$100**

Thank you for always welcoming me to your family dinners.

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John King donated **\$100**

I have such fond memories of Brian and the Granstrom family. May the road ahead be smooth for all of you.

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Steve & Mary Anglin donated **\$100**

We've always been deeply moved by Brian's deep commitment to his family, his community, and mankind. His & Chieko's wonderful children are a testament to the standards of love and high ideals they exemplified.

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Scott Avery commented

Brian was/IS a wonderful person. I will NEVER forget the time we spent together in the Blue Tuna Band in Germany. My

favorite song that he sang with us was.....Depending on You, by the Doobie Brothers....Ah good times. Keep singing it Brian :)



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