

Belvedere Family Church: Passing of Robert Standard and Seonghwa Ceremony

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Dear brothers and sisters,

Our brother, Robert Michael Standard passed away on December 8, 2019 at 7:02 PM in his home, surrounded by his wife and three children. Robert and Hee Hun have lived on the Barrytown Campus for the last several years. They are known for their early morning prayer walks and for their love of HDH.

Below is a bio of Robert.

Robert was born in West Los Angeles, CA to Louis and Dorothy Standard. His two brothers Joel and Gary Standard were with him the day before he passed. Robert attended UC Berkeley, and Hasting and Georgetown Law Schools passing the Bar in both California and Washington D.C.. Later he graduated from the Unification Theological Seminary.

Robert joined the Unification Church in 1970, at the Berkeley Center under the leadership of Dr. Ang. In 1971, he was invited to Washington D.C. by Young Oon Kim. There he met True Father for the first time. In a personal interview, True Father approved for Robert to work with the US government. In 1975, Robert proposed the idea of creating the International Relief Friendship Foundation, Inc. (IRFF). True Father immediately approved and gave the seed money to establish IRFF. IRFF laid the foundation to expand our worldwide missionary work, especially in the countries where witnessing was not allowed. Today the International Relief Friendship Foundation is still dedicated to the purpose of finding practical solutions to the global problems of poverty, suffering and disease.

Robert over the years has served in many areas inside and out of our Church:

For the US government in the White House specializing in amnesty cases, and then in the Treasury Department. He ran his own Law Office in Los Angeles, CA . He worked for Friends of the United Nations and the Global Forum on Human Settlement, United Nation recognized NGOs. He served as a board member of the Unification Church International (UCI). Robert was a founding member and vice president of One Way Production - which created the movie "Incheon". He served with Dr. Chang Shik Yang to attempt to reverse Father's court case and as the Director of Legal Affairs for The Universal Peace Federation (UPF).

In 2010, Robert inspired his wife Hee Hun to work on the first manuscript of the Divine Principle, the Wolli Wonbon. He had the crucial role as the production editor for the project. Since then he has fully supported her work, until the last moment of his life. Upon learning that his cancer was terminal, Robert said, "Perhaps, this is for Wolli Wonbon. If so, it is an honor to me."

Robert is known for being loyal, honest, humble, gentle, kind-hearted, willful, visionary, creative and righteous. Once, True Father laid his hand on Robert's forehead and asked him to "become the standard of America."

Robert's motto: "God first!" He will be remembered and missed as a loyal and dedicated son of God and True Parents; as a serving and devoted husband; as a gentle, caring and unconditionally loving father, and as a kind-hearted and humble friend to our community.

"I am always thinking of True Father and True Mother." Robert Standard, December 2019

Seonghwa Ceremony

Date: Saturday, December 21, 2019 at 9:00 AM

Location: Unification Theological Seminary, Lecture Hall 1
30 Seminary Dr, Barrytown, NY 12507

Flowers can be ordered locally from: Wonderland Florist
www.wonderlandflorist.com/
[\(845\) 876-4981](tel:8458764981)

Donations can be sent to: Jeanine Standard
30 Seminary Drive, Barrytown, NY 12507

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