

Clifton, NJ Family Church: Viewing and Seonghwa Programs for Akinobu Iwasaki

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We will be holding a Viewing and Seonghwa Ceremonies in honor of Akinobu Iwasaki. An online livestream will be made available around 11AM streaming both

the Viewing and the Seonghwa Ceremony, on the NJ Family Church's YouTube page. A reminder email with the livestream link will be provided tomorrow. Please check on the information below regarding the programs.

Viewing

Viewing hours will be tomorrow, October 21st, from 10:30AM - 12:00PM. It will be hosted at the Holy Redeemer Chinese Catholic Church.

The address is: 915 Vine Street Philadelphia, PA 19107

Seonghwa Ceremony

The Seonghwa Ceremony will start right after the Viewing on October 21, from 12:00PM - 2:00PM. It will be held at the same venue as the Viewing at the Holy Redeemer Chinese Catholic Church.

The address is: 915 Vine Street Philadelphia, PA 19107

A late lunch will be served after the Seonghwa Ceremony.

Parking Information

The parking lot of the church will be unavailable due to space and schedule. Please park in either of the two paid public parking places, as well as free street parking around the area. If you need more information on parking, please contact 267-338-9647.

Location 1: 307n N 11th St., Philadelphia, PA 19107

Location 2: 411-19 N 13th St., Philadelphia, PA 19123

Support to the Family

Offer a Donation

If you would like to offer a donation to support the Iwasaki family in covering the costs for various expenses, please [click on this GoFundMe page](#).

Offer a Prayer

Any prayers for the family is welcome. However, if you wish to join a 40 Hour Chain Prayer leading up to Akinobu's Seonghwa Ceremony, please [click on this link](#) and schedule some time of your day to pray for him.

Aki Iwasaki, beloved brother and son 10.11.2023



Lena Iwasaki is organizing this fundraiser on behalf of MIYUKI IWASAKI.

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Beloved son, brother and friend Akinobu Iwasaki passed away on Wednesday 10/11/23 surrounded by all of his family members.

Aki suffered from a sudden Pulmonary Embolism on 10/4/23, that led to every imaginable complication. After spending days at the UPMC Presbyterian, with the staff there trying everything they could to help Aki, he was officially pronounced brain dead. His entire family flew from all sides of the world to be by Aki's side in his final moments, before they took him off the machines that were keeping him alive. No words can describe the pain Shota, Miyuki, Sunkook, Noritaka, Soonmee, Lena, Miae, and Shohey Iwasaki are feeling for losing their son and brother.

Aki was attending a trade school this fall in hopes of discovering a practical skill set that he liked that could eventually lead to a career path for him. Before this, Aki lived with his family in Philadelphia where you could almost always find him (at any hour of the day) playing basketball with friends at a local court. Basketball is probably one of the first things to come to mind when any of us who knew Aki think of him. He loved the game. He loved challenging people, he loved getting challenged, and he loved smack talking. Basketball was Aki's way of making friends, relating to people, and expressing himself to the fullest. When not on the court, you could find Aki challenging his older brothers, Sunkook and Nori, to wrestling matches, playing games with his younger brother Shohey, and chilling at home with his sisters Soonmee, Lena and Miae.

Aki was such a kind, loving, and understanding kid. He brought so much laughter and joy to everyone's lives. For anyone who had the blessing of knowing Aki, our lives will be forever changed now that he's no longer with us.

We ask if you could support the Iwasaki family in this difficult time, and allow them the time and space to properly grieve.

Your help will support them with medical bills, his Seung Hwa ceremony, and any expenses that accumulated along the way. Thank you so much to everyone who prayed and sent good thoughts to Aki and reached out to the Iwasaki family. We feel your love.

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Organizer and beneficiary

Lena Iwasaki → Organizer Philadelphia, PA

Contact

MIYUKI IWASAKI Beneficiary

\$52,285 raised of \$40,000 goal

580 donations

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Daniel Awang \$100 - First donation

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Words of support (34)

Please donate to share words of support.



Tommy & Pauline Lee and family

\$250 · 2 d

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Hitomi Okada

\$50 · 2 d

I am so sorry for your loss. Sending your family love



Joohee Choi

\$20 · 2 d



Doyle Family

\$50 · 3 d

We are thankful to have met the Iwasaki Family. You has always shown us kindness and made us feel welcomed. We met Aki a few times at Camp Shehaqua. We weren't close, but he was always kind and positive. Our thoughts and hearts are with you at this... [Read more](#)



Yeonjin & Inil Koh

\$100 · 5 d

I am so sorry to hear your loss. We are keeping you and your family in our thoughts.



julia walton

\$50 · 6 d

sorry for your loss, prayers for your family



Choon Lee

\$100 · 7 d



Susan Bouachri

\$100 · 7 d

Much love and prayer for your family, from the Bouachris



Mitsu Fukuzaki

\$70 · 8 d

I'm so sorry to hear of Aki's passing. Grateful to have spent the time we did in Lonestar Camp 2022. I wish you all the space and support you need to process. Much love.



Matthew Stoia

\$100 · 8 d

I'm sorry for your loss.

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