

Seong Hwa Ceremony for Tor-Ing Dahl Johansen

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Our beloved, long time member, Tor-Inge Dahl Johansen, 68 years old, passed away on the 4th April with his wife Roswitha by his side.

After discovering a tumor in his leg last summer, Tor-Inge was diagnosed with skin cancer. Despite the use of new treatments, the cancer spread rapidly to his whole body and his energy gradually faded.

By the end of March, he contracted a lung infection and was moved to a hospital. There the doctors soon decided that they had nothing more to

offer. All medication was stopped; only pain relief was given.

On the 31st March, he was moved home to be together with his family. In the following days there was little communication, only a tear or a smile. Early in the morning on the 4th April he took his last breath surrounded by his children, grandchildren and his wife Roswitha.

His Seong Hwa Ceremony took place on the 12th April in Auli Church not far from his home. The Church was full of family, colleagues, friends and members.

Tor-Inge was born on 22nd January 1949 in Trondheim. He joined our church in 1973 while working as a customs officer. His job was connected to the Royal Ministry of Finance, and he later rose to become Head of IT and Senior Advisor in the Ministry of Finance.

Tor-Inge had the right qualities to succeed in his career. He was responsible, thorough, dutiful, reflective and loyal, in addition to his professional skills.

With such qualities, he was given many responsibilities within our movement, such as business, administration of our



properties and the auditing of our accounts. He was a resourceful board member due to his reflected and constructive comments and suggestions, which he could present with integrity.

He always lived a «normal» life by attending his job at the Ministry of Finance, while helping the movement in his free time. In a humorous comment, he once said «he was our leader's alibi that we were «normal» people».

He was married in London in 1978 and blessed in New York in 1982. Tor-Inge and his wife were later blessed with 7

children and at the present time they have 7 grandchildren.

The media many times showed a positive interest in Tor-Inge and his family. On several occasions, there were good articles in newspapers and magazines, portraying the couple in a positive light.

His loyalty can best be illustrated through his relationship with his spiritual father, who after some years in the church left our movement. However, Tor-Inge kept in contact with him for 25 years. He called regularly, they met and gradually the hope and inspiration came back to his spiritual

father. Without Tor-Inge's persevering loyalty it would not have happened.

In his new life after retiring from his job, he had plans for the future. Together with his wife they had done IRFF work for many, many years. Now they wanted to move on, to support a school project in Guatemala. He even started to learn Spanish. He looked forward.

Those who had the opportunity to know Tor-Inge, found a good man with a warm heart, a faithful spirit and a clear mind. And not to forget good humor and a very winning smile.

He was a good representative for EVERYTHING he represented.

