

FFWPU USA Blessing and Family Ministry: In Memory James Stewart

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Rev. James Stewart

Spouse: Matilda

Children: Alan, Ahna

Birthdate: February 1, 1959

Blessing: July 1, 1982

Ascension: December 22, 2022

Seonghwa Ceremony: January 5, 2022

Rev. James Stewart was born in Peebles, Scotland in 1959. He spent his early years on the island of Malta. He completed his secondary education in Scotland, and at the age of eighteen joined the Unification Movement in Edinburgh. He received

the Marriage Blessing with Matilda Ayers from Baltimore, Maryland at the 2075 Couples' Marriage Blessing at Madison Square Garden in New York in 1982. They have two adult children, Alan and Ahna.

James came from a strong Scottish Presbyterian background - two of his relatives were Moderators of the Church of Scotland. Soon after he arrived in the United States, James became a mentee of the Reverend Won Pil Kim, who was Rev. Sun Myung Moon's first follower from his early days in Pyongyang in North Korea. From Rev. Kim, James received one on one training for two years - training of the heart that would last his entire life. After this formative period, James was given a very special mission to take care of several of Father and Mother Moon's teenage children, with a special focus on Heung Jin. In those days, the Unification Movement experienced widespread persecution and hostility, and James became the companion and friend of Father and Mother's children. James had extensive experience in the outdoor life as practiced in Scotland and went on to teach them horseback riding.

In 1984, James and Tilly were given a new mission as a commander of the International One World Crusade (IOWC). When this was completed, he became the Church leader in Billings, Montana, where he had many great successes with ministers and VIPs.

James later returned to Scotland, and in 1991, Tilly joined him. They were then given a major fundraising responsibility, which covered most of Western Europe. James took great care of his teams, and members responded by breaking fundraising records for his entire tenure as fundraising director.

At this point, James was given the opportunity to study for his bachelor's degree at the University of Glasgow and to do his graduate work at the University of St. Andrews.

The family returned to the US in 2001, and it was at this point that FFWPU USA National Headquarters discovered James' phenomenal organizational ability. From 2001 to 2005, he was the American Clergy Leadership Conference (ACLC) National Executive Director. James was able to keep a clear head and a faithful heart under severe pressure. He then went on to be the General Affairs Coordinator at the HSA-UWC/FFWPU National HQ under then President, Dr. Michael Jenkins.

From 2008 to 2013, James was the Small Group coordinator in District 1 in the Washington DC, Maryland and Virginia (DMV) area. Around 2009, James and Tilly moved to Baltimore, Tilly's hometown, and in 2013, he became the Pastor of the Baltimore Family Fellowship.

In 2017, Rev. Stewart was appointed the Southeast regional General Affairs director and in August 2018 was tasked to organize the HJ CheonBo event at the University of Maryland. Members came from all over the Southeast and beyond. James' ability to delegate responsibility and inspire confidence in others contributed to its great success.

In 2019, James was appointed as the Maryland State Leader. Rev. Stewart then led a Peace Starts with Me Rally in Baltimore, gathering clergy and civic leaders together to promote peace in the city of Baltimore and give hope to its youth. As part of the event, a strenuous clean-up project was organized and hundreds of bags of groceries were distributed to families in need. In fact, James and his family have run a very

significant food distribution program for many years, one which still distributes food every week.

Then in 2021, in the midst of his battle with esophageal cancer, he accepted an appointment as the Senior Pastors' Association representative in the Southeast region.

As great as all these accomplishments are, it is as a spiritual leader that Rev. Stewart has made his greatest impact. His incredible patience, unassuming character, and his warm, loving approach to people, as well as his love for God, Jesus and True Parents, have made an indelible impression on people of all walks of life.

James is survived by his wife, Matilda (Tilly); his son, Alan, and daughter, Ahna; his mother, Agnes Stewart; brothers, Philip and John, and sister, Rhona Kerr; and their extended families. In addition, he is also survived by Tilly's extended family, her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and spiritual children.



Seonghwa Ceremony

Date: Thursday, January 5 at 10:30 AM EST (Viewing will begin at 10:00 AM EST)

Location: Faith Christian Center Church International (3517 Harford Rd, Baltimore, MD 21218)

Wonjeon Ceremony at 1:30 PM

Location: Historic Green Mount Cemetery (1501 Greenmount Ave, Baltimore, MD 21202)

The Ceremony will also be livestreamed via Zoom: us02web.zoom.us/j/618147675

Passcode: 2027

GoFundMe to help the family with expenses: gofund.me/eb9ddbfa

Rev. James Stewart funeral arrangements



Ahna Stewart is organizing this fundraiser.

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Hello, our names are Alan and Ahna Stewart. We are the children of Rev. James and Tilly Stewart. We are creating this fundraiser to support our mother financially with our fathers funeral and to continue his mission for Baltimore. As expressed in the bio below, our father was extremely passionate about the city of Baltimore and this vibrant community. Many of you have expressed a desire to support our family at this time and we have both come to realize through your generosity how much love there is for our father all over the world. We will forever be grateful to everyone for all the love and support you have shown us at this time of grief. Our father was a one of a kind man. He always wanted what was best for everyone and never hesitated to help when it was needed. He loved us and our mother unconditionally and will be sorely missed. Please read the bio below about our father.



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Rev. James Stewart has transitioned into the spiritual world on Dec 22nd at 9:45am ET. As Subregion 2 Director, I would like to testify to the great leadership of Rev. James Stewart. Rev James Stewart was the State Leader of Maryland, the Pastor of Baltimore Family Church, Subregion 2 Heavenly Tribal Messiah Coordinator and Subregion 2 Senior Pastor Association (SPA) Coordinator. Rev James Stewart lived for the sake of others, especially in the city of Baltimore where he worked to develop a thriving church community and a food pantry that weekly donates 2,000 of lbs. of bread, meals and other essential supplies to churches, food banks, organizations, and families in need.

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Rev. James and Tilly Stewart have both spent many years on the Mobile Fundraising team (MFT) in America, Europe and Britain. They have served as commanders for MFT, International One World Crusade (IOWC) and headed witnessing and education workshops. They both resumed their education fulltime in the 90s and earned degrees for mental health, education and divinity.

Rev. James and Tilly Stewart returned to the America in 2001. James served with FFWPU USA at the national headquarters for several years in Washington, D.C. They now live in their hometown of Baltimore and are Pastors for the Baltimore Family Church, working with the vision to build a safe, loving, healing and vibrant community where all can experience the substantial love of God.

Rev. Stewart was mentored by Rev. Yo Han Lee and Rev. Won Pil Kim and was eventually sent to the United States and asked to help care for some of the True Children and teach them horseback riding at Barrytown.

Rev James Stewart led a Peace Start with Me Rally in Baltimore in 2019 to bring Peace in the city of Baltimore and hope for the youth. As part of the event, a clean-up service project was organized and two hundred bags of groceries were also donated to families in need. He also hosted many events at the Holy Grounds in Baltimore and always inspired the community to pray for the city of Baltimore and for America. He also coordinated the HJ Cheonbo event in Maryland in 2018 and organized several marriage blessing ceremonies in Christian churches.

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Ahna Stewart

Organizer
Towson, MD

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James Edgerly

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There is no better representative of our True Parents than Rev. James Stewart. A precious man.



Mas & Yoshimi Fukui

\$360 • 1 d

Sending our love to James as he makes his ascension, and to Tilly, Alan, and Ahna. James will be remembered for his warmth and his unconditional acceptance of all who entered through those doors, which have impacted each and every one of those... [Read more](#)



Ernest Patton

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Rev. James Stewart is a skilled religious leader and a devoted husband and father. His life on earth reflected his compassionate heart and deep love for all. And his enthusiasm, determination and optimistic outlook always encouraged us to do more... [Read more](#)



Dan Stein

\$300 • 4 d

We remember James and Tilly as welcoming hosts when we visited Scotland in 1998 during our public mission to UK. The love and attention and heart of giving has stayed with us all these years. God bless Rev. Stewart's new life in the eternal world... [Read more](#)



David Rennie

\$120 • 4 d

We met in the UK a long time ago, but I can remember his calm, strong voice and the warmth that he always radiated.



Andrew Sices

\$400 • 4 d

God be with our beloved brother James, as well as Tilly, Allan/Alby, and Ahna.



Patricia Haydon

\$100 • 4 d

Thinking of Tilly and family. I'll never forget James' smiling face when he came to the Dunbar Center in Scotland in the 1970's for the first time. It was the beginning of a long lasting friendship. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all at... [Read more](#)



Matthew Redmond

\$50 • 6 d

Rev James Stewart blessed my life and the life of my grandparents! Thank God

for good heart and commitment to other



Christa Sofinowski

\$200 · 6 d

I was so lucky to have crossed paths with Rev. Stewart in a few different phases of my life. I will never forget all the stories he told me through the years of how he came to know and love his wife. I will always be moved by their marriage story....

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Such a loving soul is James Stewart. His work in the providence of God has an impact on many. May God bless his family and memory forever.

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