

In Memory of Paul Tobkin

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Name: Paul Tobkin

Spouse: Jutta Tobkin

Children: Yusun, Jason

Birth Date: January 24, 1950

Blessing Date: July 1, 1982

Ascension Date: October 12, 2019

Paul is the second child of his parents Magliore and Dorothy (Grismer) Tobkin and was born on January 24, 1950. His family worked the farm, and as the family grew the children had to do their chores: milking cows, watching over the younger ones and helping mom with housework.

Paul was a sensitive child and was spiritually intuitive. He questioned his faith, especially during his years at the seminary. Later, as a student at Moorhead University he looked into other religious groups like Ba'hai and Transcendental Meditation. He questioned God and his teachers. He was

witnessed to by Thomas Ward and joined the Unification Church on March 16, 1973. He is the first member to move into the church center in Fargo, North Dakota.

He also witnessed to his younger brother Mark Tobkin who has a Blessed Family with his wife YoungJa from Korea. They were Blessed in marriage at the same time as Paul and Jutta and have three children: Jennifer (Blessed to Romin Johnson), Joshua and Jefferson (Blessed to Sun Mansur).

Father Moon matched Paul to Jutta (Rembe) Tobkin from Germany during the Mother's Day weekend on May 13, 1979. When he put the two of them together, Father said: "This is a good match." Three years later they were Blessed in marriage by True Parents in the 2075 Blessing at Madison Square Garden on July 1, 1982. During the three-year separation period, they met only a few times, mostly for Jutta to re-apply for her passport and get her green card. It took them a while to warm up to each other. He is a man of few words. In the fall of 1982 they started their family life, even though they still didn't live together. Yusun was born on November 11, 1983 and Jason on June 17, 1987.

After their Blessing, Paul's mother passed away, and he went back to Minnesota to support his dad on the farm. During that time he returned back to his studies and got his Bachelor's Degree at Moorhead State University.

At the beginning of 1984, Paul went to New York and joined CAUSA International and International

Security Council. As a conference manager, Paul traveled around the world organizing many, many conferences. During that time he had the Blessing to meet True Parents on several occasions.



In 1989, the mission (CAUSA, AULA, ISC and the Summit Council for World Peace) moved to Washington, DC. A few years later, Paul was called by Dr. Bo Hi Pak to be his personal assistant. Dr. Pak was still Father's translator at times, but then he became responsible for the PANDA project in China. Those travels took Paul to the orient including North Korea. Paul met with world leaders including Pope John Paul II, President Mikhail Gorbachev, Gen. Alexander Haig and many former presidents, and heads of state and government.

In 1995 when his travels with Dr. Pak came to an end, Paul and his family moved to Hamilton, Ohio to be close to Tri-State Distribution center in Fairfield where he was the Director of Administration. During that time Paul decided to go back to school to get his Master's in Business Administration at the University of Cincinnati.

The first signs of Parkinson disease appeared in about 1999. By 2003 he was diagnosed with the disease and in 2004, he stopped working at Tri-State, just in time for it to be sold.

For the longest time Paul was able to manage well with the disability but progressively it became clear he was losing the battle. Despite his many attempts to overcome the disease with alternative methods like ChiGong and exercise therapy like "Delay the Disease", he often became discouraged. Nonetheless, Paul and Jutta had many good years together because of their commitment to each other for better or for worse, in sickness and health, for richer or for poorer, not just till death do us part but for eternity.

Paul is survived by his brothers Ron, Mark and Neil, his sisters Linda, Connie, Mary and Sharon as well as their 32 children and 39 nieces and nephews. His life was preceded by his parents Mac and Dorothy, sisters Joan McCaslin and Virginia as well as brother Ricky.

Paul had many accomplishments in life, but his greatest legacy was that he raised his children to be proud of their status as Blessed Children, reminding them every day to "Remember who you are." Yusun was Blessed with Garrun Abrahams from Memphis, TN and together they have Tiffanie (7), Garrison (5) and Isabelle (2). Jason was Blessed with Jenni Presley from Louisville, KY and together they have Jaya (7) and Kian (2). In this way, the Tobkin lineage has an eternal status before heaven.