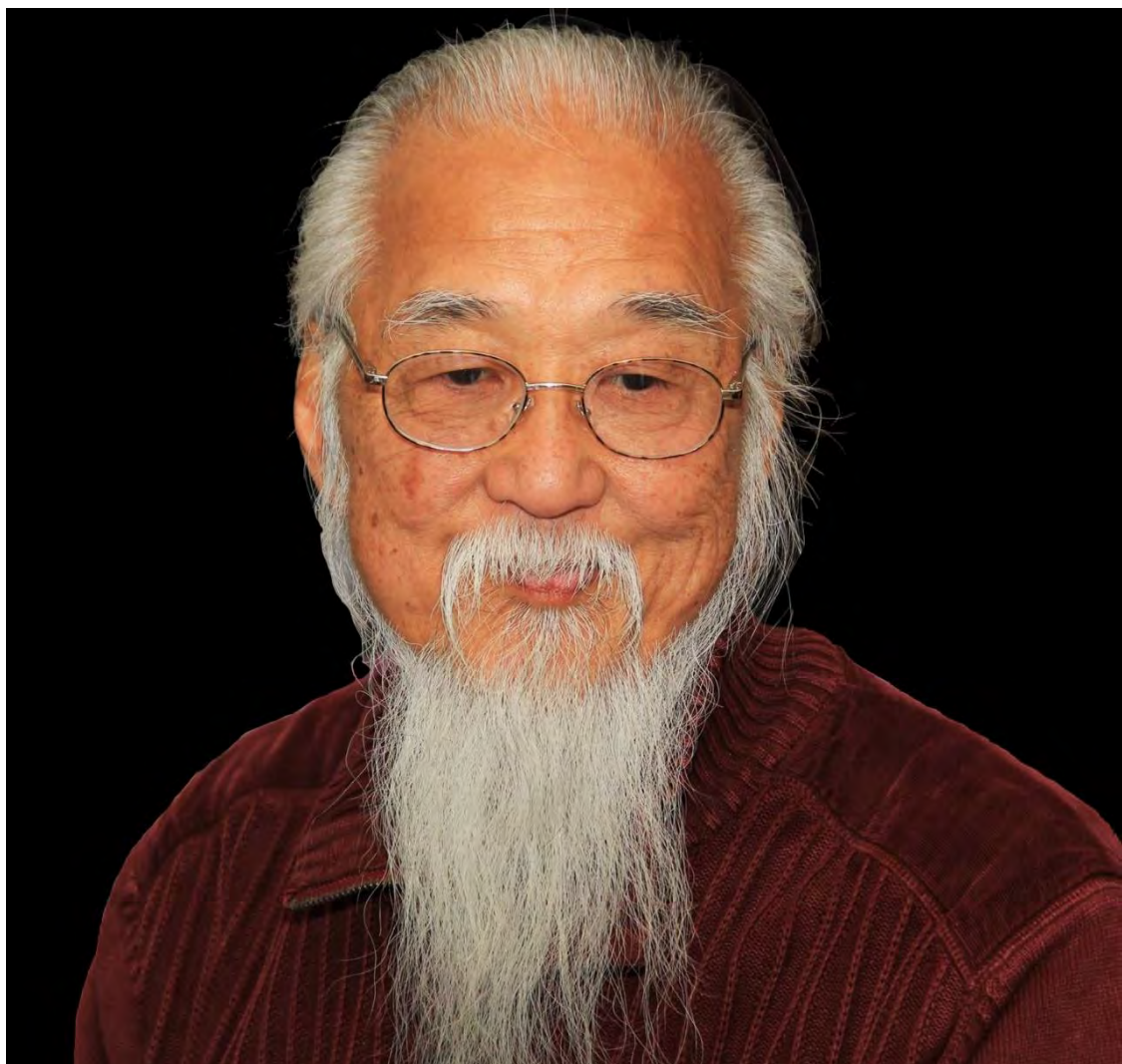


Family Church of Connecticut: Memorial Services for Paul Yasutake

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The Seong Hwa memorial service for Paul Yasutake will be Saturday from 11-1:30 at Spurgin Hall, 285 Lafayette St. Bridgeport CT 06604.

A light lunch will be served. Friends and family are warmly invited to bring a special dish to embellish the feast and a favorite story, song or poem to share at the open mic to follow the service.

Parking is available behind the John J. Cox Student Center, 244 University Ave. Bridgeport CT, 06604. There is a door in the gate around the lot that opens to the back of Spurgin Hall.

In Memoriam

Paul Yasutake

March 19, 1947 - January 19, 2024

Paul was born in Honolulu as the youngest of 6 siblings. His grandfather came from Japan to Hawaii as a carpenter, and his parents were born in Hawaii, making Paul a “sansei” or 3rd generation Japanese in Hawaii. When he was 9, the whole family moved to Los Angeles where he finished high school. He joined the army from 1966 to 1969, but was not drafted for Vietnam; instead, God sent him into the heavenly battle to wake up America: He joined the Unification Movement in 1970 while going to college. He was soon immersed into all the activities of those days: One World Crusade, training seminars, leading a center in NYC, workshop staff at Barrytown, and graduating as part of the Unification Theological Seminary’s first class. In 1975, Paul and Gertrud participated in the 1800 couples’ Blessing in Korea.

His busy life continued, first as State Leader of Connecticut, then New Hampshire. As leader of an International One World Crusade team (IOWC), he then travelled from New England down into the southern States, becoming State Leader of Florida. As the Top Gun providence was put together under the American Constitution Committee (ACC), Dr. Park sent him to his beloved Hawaii to do political work, bringing public leaders to conferences. In Hawaii, Paul started his career as a realtor.

By the time he volunteered for work as National Messiah to Bosnia, the family had grown to dad, mom, and 4 boys. In December 1996, they packed up everything and moved to Europe, Paul to Bosnia, Gertrud and the children to Germany. The Bosnian war had just ended, with ruins visible and the country still having more landmines than population.

The chance to return to America opened up in the fall of 1998, because New Eden High School needed staff and dorm parents, and the Yasutake family moved to Bridgeport, Connecticut. Since then, Paul has been a member of the Bridgeport church community, doing American Family Coalition (AFC) work, organizing the Brothers of Bridgeport, and establishing himself as an experienced realtor.

In his later years, he had to pay close attention to his inherited diabetes. Ailments of the heart crept in which the doctors tried to address with a triple bypass in 2015. His heart finally gave out in the evening of January 19, after a few bites of sushi and some sips of his favorite hot tea.

His lineage continues with son Christoph, his spouse Lena, children Telani, Kohan, and Zizi; son Tim, his spouse Rosi, children Ben and Alanna; son Toby, his spouse Anna, children Taavi, Zaavi, and Thea; and son Peter, his spouse Mo and baby Niko.

