

Gerhard Peemoeller unexpectedly passed to the spirit world

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Gerhard Peemoeller unexpectedly passed to the spirit world early this morning [April 24, 2015] after a heart attack at his home in Virginia Beach, VA.

He was born April 6, 1945 in Germany. After joining the church, he served many years working directly with True Parents in the U.S., providing security and fishing together. He participated in the 74 Couple Blessing on February 21, 1977 and, with his faithful wife Nobuko, has created a family of 7 children.

Please pray and offer support to the family. Details of his Seonghwa and Won Jon Ceremonies will be finalized and published in the coming days.

Below is the cover of Gerhard's book "Bodyguard for Christ: One Disciple's Experience Protecting the Messiah."

Here's an excerpt from a review of the book:



From the preface of the book, Peemoeller describes his purpose as presenting "the human side" of True Father, a side that most people do not experience firsthand. In *Bodyguard for Christ*, he provides personal stories of time closely spent with True Parents, whether shopping or fishing, praying or sight-seeing.

From the first moment he encountered the Unification church in his home country of Germany in 1972, Peemoeller was infused with the desire to be a "bodyguard for Christ," ignited by a vision he experienced while praying. After joining the movement and coming to America in 1973, he was given the opportunity to join True Parents' security team for a speaking tour, and later at East Garden. Eventually he became one of three traveling bodyguards for True Father.

Despite Peemoeller's already impressive 6 ft. 6 in. stature, he, along with the entire security team, underwent extensive training in judo and karate. However, Peemoeller emphasizes that the most important aspect of his job was his internal unity with True Father. He outlines the conditions he set for the safety and protection of the True Family, including a daily breakfast fast, washing and

waxing a car everyday True Parents weren't at East Garden, and praying constantly while on duty.