

Dr Syed Ali's Seung Hwa

South London, UK, 6. May 2014



Dr Syed Ali passed away quietly in the early morning of 6th May 2014. He had been in ill health for some time. Many people know his wife Margaret Ali. Syed was a quiet giant in mission behind her. Margaret has lost her greatest supporter.

We held a beautiful Seung Hwa ceremony in our South London Peace Embassy. About 160 people attended to celebrate the life of this remarkable man. Syed was deeply appreciated by his wife, children, grandchildren, nephew and nieces, and anyone who had the honour to get to know him, both young and old. His best friend for over 50 years shared what an inspiration he had been to him throughout his life.

Pastor Franklin officiated and guided the ceremony, which started with a call for prayer from the Islamic tradition, honouring Syed's early years and ancestral religion. Letters of condolence were received from both the former and present European President of the FFWPU and read out. Many testimonies were shared by those present; they were funny, emotional and celebratory.

After the Seung Hwa, we left for the burial at the Won Jeon at Holy Oak Memorial, Swindon. Many made their way there to say their last farewells. It was a beautiful day and everything was wonderfully prepared by Keiko de Giles and her team. We concluded the ceremony with three cheers of ok mansei, lifting our hearts, hands and heads to wish professor Ali a wonderful ascension into his new life.

Many friends and family testified that they had never attended such a beautiful and special send-off. He will be greatly missed by his family, friends and the community. Margaret offers her deepest thanks and appreciation to all, especially all the sisters who prepared the flowers so beautifully and catered for everyone.

