

Belvedere Family Community: In Memory of Cynthia Shibuya – Seonghwa Service

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March 12, 2026



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

We share with you the news of the passing of Cynthia Shibuya, a beloved member of our community.

Cynthia will be remembered for the many lives she touched, the communities she helped build, and the table she shared so freely. Her warmth, generosity, and heart for bringing people together left a lasting impact on all who knew her.

Seonghwa Ceremony

Friday, March 20

7:30 PM - 9:30 PM

Edwards Dowdle Funeral Home

64 Ashford Avenue

Dobbs Ferry, NY 10522

To learn more about Cynthia's life, the ceremony, and ways to support the family, please visit:

bfm.familyfed.org/seonghwa-2/in-memory-of-cynthia-shibuya?inf_contact_key=6ea6dd4184cc06288d4d710d9c4f6c11

You may also support the family through the GoFundMe page:

tinyurl.com/4mv6xkcw

Please keep Cynthia and her loved ones in your prayers during this time. May we remember her by continuing to build loving communities and sharing our hearts with others as she did so beautifully.

With love and prayer,

Belvedere Family Community

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Seonghwa

In Memory of Cynthia Shibuya



Spouse: Nobuo Shibuya
Children: Hithia, Nocynthia, Athia, Naomi, Nythia
DOB: May 30, 1954
Blessing: July 1, 1982
Ascension: March 7, 2026
Seonghwa Ceremony: Friday, March 20th, 7:30PM-9:30PM at Edwards Dowdle Funeral Home at 64 Ashford Avenue, Dobbs Ferry, 10522
GoFundMe link: <https://tinyurl.com/4mv6xkcw>

Cynthia June Shibuya was born on May 30, 1954 to Richard and Josephine Wade. She was the first daughter in an Irish-Italian family of nine children. She grew up on Long Island, New York, where she developed a deep Catholic faith and love of Jesus and God.

In her early 20s, while living in San Francisco, her dear friend Gay Grow invited her to a Divine Principle workshop and her journey with the Unification Church began. She spent seven years on MFT and was blessed in 1982 at Madison Square Garden to Nobuo Shibuya.

Together, they built a family and life rooted in close, personal dedication to True Parents and True Family while living in the Belvedere Estate in Tarrytown. She was the mother to five daughters: Hithia, Nocynthia, Athia, Naomi, and Nythia - as well as a grandmother to four grandchildren.



Cynthia worked for the Manhattan Center, Universal Peace Federation, and Women's Fed International for several years, caring for and working alongside ambassadors and dignitaries. She also served as the Sunday School director for the Belvedere Family Church for almost 20 years, guiding many children of the community.

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She dedicated her life to supporting and caring for True Parents, True Family, and other members. She was a Belvedere Green Room attendant for True Parents and Hyo Jin Nim, and, on her own time, tutored True Family and members in English and essay writing in her kitchen, serving with quiet dedication and care.

Cynthia also found joy in life's simple pleasures. She had a well-known love for coffee and Italian food, and many cherished conversations were shared over cappuccinos and chocolates. Those who knew Cynthia remember her for her exceptional hospitality and her ability to make others feel welcome and at home. She had a special talent for forming friendships and building a community wherever she went. She will be remembered for the many lives she touched, the communities she helped build, and the table she shared so freely.

The Seong Hwa will be held on Friday, March 20th from 7:30PM-9:30PM at Edwards Dowdle Funeral Home at 64 Ashford Avenue, Dobbs Ferry, 10522. The zoom link will be provided soon.

If people wish to send flowers, they can contact Kanae Holt at +1 (914) 844-5163 or email kanaeholt@yahoo.com.

For those who would like to contribute to the cost of her Seong Hwa, here is her GoFundMe link: <https://tinyurl.com/4mv6xkcw>



In Memory of Cynthia Shibuya



In Memory of Luther Clayton Mitchell



In Memory of Hoshin Maeda



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Honoring Cynthia Shibuya's Life and Legacy



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Help Us Honor Cynthia Shibuya

Our family would like to share that our beloved mother, Cynthia Shibuya, has passed on to her eternal rest.

She was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, sister, and friend who touched many lives with her faith, gratitude, hope, and joy.

Throughout her life, she served her community with deep faith and gratitude, including many years working with UPF and at Manhattan Center, and helping guide young people through Sunday School.

As we honor and remember her life, we are asking for support to help cover funeral and memorial expenses. Any contribution, no matter the amount, would mean so much to our family and will help us celebrate Cynthia's life with dignity.

Thank you for your prayers, support, and kindness during this time.

With gratitude,
The Shibuya Family

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