

Peter Young-Kwon Seewald

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The Seung-Hwa ceremony will be held on Wednesday the 27th of May 2015 at 12.30 in the 'Neu Friedhof', 43 Friedhofsalle, Giessen.

Afterwards all are warmly invited to share a meal in the Giessen Community centre - 5 Robert-Bosch Street, Giessen.

There will be an opportunity to contribute to the programme with either musical performances or personal testimonies. Please use the following link: Peter-27.05.2015@gmx.de

We would also like to display a photo slideshow about Peter in the community centre. If you would like to contribute photos, please send them to peterfotos90@gmail.com

For the Seung-Hwa ceremony, it is requested that women wear white or light-coloured clothing and men dark suits with white/light-coloured ties.

IN MEMORIAM

A beloved son, brother and friend has left us suddenly and tragically. The void that he leaves is a deep wound - one that will close slowly and remain with us as a life-long scar.

Peter Seewald was born in Lich on the 16th of July 1990, the fourth child of Rita and Johannes Seewald. His older siblings are Hanta, born 1978, Sung-Hee born 1979, and Boris, born 1983.

On the 15th of May 2015, the earthly life that Peter could no longer cope with came to an end.

Peter had such a good heart; honesty, sincerity and authenticity were so important to him. He was often there to offer a helping hand, and was someone who listened and empathised as he sought to understand others. However, he did not want to burden others with his problems and often kept his suffering and pain to himself.

We wish that we could have been with him in his darkest hours, to have shown him our love and encouraged him. We are heartbroken that we were unable to do this enough.

But even in our pain we wish to recognise that Peter was someone who enriched our lives. He brought us so much joy with his unique character and personality, and we are grateful for the time that we could spend together.

It lay close to Peter's heart to make a positive contribution to the world. He was exceptionally intelligent. He always had a great thirst for knowledge, not only in school and his studies, but also in his life of faith. He asked many questions and wanted to understand everything precisely. And he was thus able to explain many things clearly and understandably to others, especially when it came to theories, theology, science or history.

At the age of about 12-13, he made his own, conscious decision to follow a path of faith in the Unification Movement and he kept his deep conviction and enthusiasm for the Principle and the ideals of the movement right up until the end of his life.

Peter was always ready to help out. He willingly helped his school friends, especially in physics and mathematics. When it came to activities in the community, one could always rely on his support throughout his adolescence and young adulthood. He loved his family and had a very particular appreciation for each family member.

His life of faith was even more important to him as his studies. In 2009 Peter made a grade of 1.1 in his 'Abitur' (leaving certificate) at the Liebig High School in Giessen. Afterwards he participated from September 2009 until August 2011 in the faith-based programme STF. In these two years Peter had a wonderful time, when he could feel most 'himself'. In the second year he took on the responsibility of being a team leader, leading a witnessing team in Oslo. One of the activities that he most enjoyed was to give Divine Principle lectures and communicating his understanding with his full enthusiasm. The memories of these good times always revived him, and he felt very connected with all those with whom he had spent the two years.

He started studying physics at the Justus-Liebig University in Giessen in 2011. He chose to study in Giessen because the community was something he cared about greatly. Throughout his life he was always involved in many local, national and European activities, making connections and friendships with many who were very different to him, but who grew to love him. He had also a great interest in religion in general and visited other religious communities. As part of his studies he chose a module not on the theme of Protestant theology, he positively flourished in this course and was especially fascinated by monasticism.

His passion for his own faith community demanded a lot of self-reliance because he did not want to be dependent on the recognition of others. He always tried to be driven by his pure motivation to help others because it was the right thing to do.

Peter had a special passion for music. He was a notably good percussionist and played in several bands. He had 'rhythm in his blood'. He had constant rhythm in his head and enjoyed drumming with his fingers. He always had music playing at home and he loved going to concerts. He loved getting into music, and showed his light side by dancing to it in a carefree way.

Peter loved to laugh, and his loud laughter often filled the whole room. He also enjoyed playing games enthusiastically together with his friends. He was often out and about with his 'trusty bicycle' and even in snow, ice or darkness covered the long way from Lich back to Giessen.

Peter carried around an invisible, agonising burden from which he only wished to free himself. Sometimes he had hope, as when he made plans to go to Heidelberg to start his Masters study in autumn of this year; on the other hand, depression robbed him of the hope to ever reach his life's goals. Unfathomable, heavy suffering brought his life to an all too early end.

We miss him dearly, and we shed tears for him freely. We are happy that we knew and loved him, and grateful that we could also be recipients of his love and friendship.