

## In Memory of Roger Gossement (1953 - 2017)

Crescentia DeGoede  
November 30, 2017



Name: Roger Gossement  
Spouse: Darlene Gossement  
Children: Alex, Vincent, Naomi  
Birth Date: April 8, 1953  
Blessing Date: July 1, 1982  
Ascension Date: October 26, 2017  
Local Church: Northern Virginia Family Church

Our dear brother Roger Gossement ascended to the spirit world on October 26, 2017, after suffering a stroke.

Roger Albert Gossement was born on April 8, 1953 in Nantes, France, to Rene and Augustine Gossement. In the early 1970's, he met the Unification Movement in his home country. He had only been a member for a few weeks when in response to True Father's call he volunteered to come to America to help with a national religious revival, The Day of Hope campaign.

He and his wife Darlene were Blessed in marriage in July of 1982 along with over 2,000 other couples at Madison Square Garden in New York City. They

are the proud parents of two sons, Alex and Vincent, and a daughter, Naomi.

He is remembered as warm-hearted and always willing to help when he saw a need. Roger is a gentle person with a friendly sense of humor. For a number of years, Roger worked as a handyman and as an electrician at the New Yorker Hotel, in New York City. After he and his family settled in the Washington DC area, he began to work in the maintenance department at the Washington Times.

Switching professions, he obtained a degree in massage therapy and worked in this field until the effects of an earlier stroke made it impossible to continue. Roger loved people and was always interested in speaking to them, often at great length. He would bring out his massage table and offer a professional back massage to friends, acquaintances, and even strangers, many times for free, all the while entertaining his patients with his stories, delivered in his unmistakable French-accented English. He will be dearly missed by his wife Darlene, children Alex, Vincent and Naomi, as well his many friends both here and afar.

In recent years, Roger has been living in a group home in Reston, Virginia, where he was much loved and a good friend to many.

Any messages for the family may be sent to [novafamilychurch@gmail.com](mailto:novafamilychurch@gmail.com).

### Seonghwa Ceremony

Time: 11:00 AM

Date: November 11, 2017

Location: 9461 Silver King Court, Fairfax, VA