

Memorial Service celebrating the lives of our Family who went to the Spirit World

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Stanton Fitzwarron
Photos taken by Christophe Murphy

Brothers and sisters from up-and-down the country gathered together in the scenic countryside of Swindon to partake in a memorial service to commemorate lost loved ones.



Franklin Fortune offered the sermon, in which he conveyed a message the audience could deeply resonate with. The message centred around the importance of appreciating friends and family while they're still with us while also keeping in touch with our true emotions.

"How many times, when we're living with someone, especially our parents, do we ever stop to think, 'did I ever say to them that I love them.'"

"If I was to give you some advice, the first thing I would say: make the most of what you have, with your loved one, today."

"They (passed love ones) still want to have that relationship. They still want you to think about them. They still want you to consider them ... they're never far away."



Francoise Murphy introduced and reported on the Seonghwa Ministry, a network which aims to support brothers and sisters who have lost loved ones through emotional and spiritual support as well as legal, practical and eventually, financial.

Two testimonies were given, first by Patrick Clark, followed by Alec Herzer on their experiences remembering their loved ones.

"I realized that the most important thing that we should be focusing on, on a day-to-day basis, is how much do I make a difference today, in our relationships with each other," said Patrick Clark.



Alec Herzer shared how we was able to keep moving forward because of the memory of his loved one.

Despite the sad nature of losing people you care about, the hopeful tone of the sermon, warm weather and beautiful countryside made the whole service a precious experience for attendees. It allowed attendees to both reflect upon their lost loved ones and catch-up with friends over a barbecue.



The Stanton Fitzwarren Won Jeon is the only dedicated Unificationist burial ground in Europe, being centred around the Holy Ground True Father created when he planted an oak tree on the estate in 1974. It remains an example of a property that is well-maintained, serves both spiritual and financial purposes (regarding the whole estate) and yet still has a great deal of potential for the future.



Keiko de Giles, part of the Memorial Woodland committee, said: "I have a vision, that this place can become very beautiful and that people from all around the world can visit."

Thank you to the Memorial Woodland committee for following through on your vision and for continuously working hard to maintain and better the Memorial Woodland.

Thank you to Keiko de Giles and Kayoko Johnson for preparing the delicious barbeque.

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