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Passing of Our Beloved Brother, Charles Spacek

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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Our beloved brother, Charles Spacek, of the Jacksonville Family Community in Florida, ascended to the Spirit World in the evening of Memorial Day, May 29, after a 6-month long health challenge. Charles had fought valiantly, while enduring unbearable pain to continue to live on for the sake of his family, until he ascended. Charles has been a long time dedicated son of True Parents, and was especially inspired with the vision of connecting youth with nature and service. He combined his great love of nature with educating people in the Divine Principle and connecting with God through the creation. His loving, joyful personality will be forever cherished and remembered.

Charles is survived by his wife Mitsuko, three sons, Shin Ho, Sun Won and Song Doh, and his granddaughter Serena.

Let us join in support of Charles' family, and pray for his victorious transition to a glorious new life in the spiritual world, where our True Father and many saints are waiting with open hearts and arms.

Following is Charles' biography and information about his memorial service.

Sincerely,

Dr. Ki Hoon Kim
Continental Director

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President



The Victorious Life of Charles Spacek **April 2, 1952 - May 29, 2017**

Charles Spacek was a true son of God and True Parents. He left a successful career in the Merchant Marines when he met the Unification Church in Oakland, California in 1977. Once he knew God had called him, he gave up his wealth and savings and fully dedicated himself. He invested 7 years in National MFT and despite many struggles, became one of the top sellers in the country and then a top captain.

He was Blessed and married to Mitsuko Oki in the 2075 Couples' Blessing in 1982. Following his successful and challenging MFT career, he began his witnessing mission in Las Vegas in 1985. He was making great success there as a pioneer with Roddy Portelance when he was called to go to Seattle, Washington. In Seattle he was witnessing and fundraising until he was chosen to be the city leader in Valley, Idaho.

When True Father gave the direction for everyone to return to their Hometown, Charles immediately returned to Florida and began to work in Miami. He then went to his hometown in Winter Haven for a short while before being appointed as the city leader in Jacksonville, Florida, where he worked and had several breakthroughs in the community. He then became the city leader in Orlando, FL before joining his mother in Fort Meyers, FL where he again became the city leader.

In 2002 in Fort Meyers, Charles developed his vision for raising up responsible youth by teaching them about God through experiencing nature and service. He created a program called United Educational Interests Inc., and over the next few years organized 16 workshops for middle and high school students. He managed and sponsored 3-day, 10-Day and 21-Day workshops. The key was to experience different aspects of God's creation in Florida, visiting natural springs, rivers and the Gulf. He also co-sponsored two workshops for ministers to help them understand the Divine Principle and the Bible as they experienced God's work through His Creation.

Charles and his family then moved to Live Oak, FL to expand his work and passion for young people. He purchase 5 acres and began to farm the land, building an orchard and a garden, and raising chickens and rabbits. In following True Father's vision to connect with nature, Charles also made a miniature Jardin in Live Oak to continue educating all people, young and older, about God's amazing creation and how to live in harmony with the land.

Charles continued to work the land in Live Oak. His garden and orchard continue to grow, providing food for his wife Mitsuko and two sons, who also live in Live Oak. His oldest son Shinho lives in PA, which is also where his granddaughter lives. He experienced great joy entertaining his granddaughter in the summer of 2016.

Charles developed strong ties to the community in Live Oak, took care of his neighbors and made many lasting friendships. He was always a true and trusted friend to those he worked with. He always had a very quick wit, and a good sense of humor, which brought joy to those around him. He is greatly loved by many and his physical presence will be missed. His spirit is connected with the Spirit of the Suwanee River and the natural goodness found in his final hometown, Live Oak.

Seonghwa Ceremony

A Seonghwa Memorial Service will be held for Charles on Saturday, June 10, at 2:00 p.m. at Daniels Funeral Home, 1126 Ohio Ave North, Live Oak, FL 32064.