

Clifton, NJ Family Church: Victorious Life of Chiemie Tanaka

Crescentia DeGoede
June 10, 2021



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Our beloved sister, Mrs. Chiemi Tanaka ascended peacefully to the spirit world, surrounded by her loved ones on September 7, 2021 at 1:20pm, after a long battle with breast cancer. Mrs. Tanaka is a cherished daughter, wife, mother and friend that will be dearly missed. It is with love and sadness that I ask you to join me in honoring the beautiful life she lived, and pray for her peaceful transition into the next life. Please also pray for and give your heartfelt support and encouragement to the Tanaka family in this challenging time. A full biography is included below. Let's all join together in offering our prayers and support to the the Tanaka family at this challenging time.

If you would like to participate in the Viewing or Seonghwa in-person or virtually, join the chain prayer, offer a donation of support, or send flowers or condolences, please see the information below.

Sincerely,
Pastor Crescentia

Viewing & Seonghwa

The Viewing Ceremony will be held this Friday, June 10th from 8:30-9:30am at the Clifton Family Church. All are welcome to come and pay their respects at this time. This will be immediately followed by the Seonghwa Ceremony from 9:30am. A virtual option will be available for those who need it.

To join the Viewing and Seonghwa Ceremony by Zoom please:

[Click this link at the time of the ceremony](#)

Attire: Participants are asked to wear the following attire: white dress/suit for ladies, dark suit, white shirt, and white tie for men.

Safety: To protect the health of all in attendance, participants are asked to wear a mask while in the building and maintain 6 feet of social distance at all times, as well

as, kindly follow the instructions of the ushers.

To Join the Chain Prayer

Those who would like are invited to join the chain prayer which will begin 24 hours before the Seonghwa Ceremony. Those participating, please offer prayer and devotions for 1 full hour with HDH, singing Holy songs, etc.

[To join the prayer please use this sheet](#) and select one or more time slots in which you would like to pray, and enter your name in the slot. If you have questions or need helping filling in the sheet, please contact Mrs. Yoko Burns at: 917-621-6699

To Offer a Donation

The Tanaka family is very grateful for all the donations that were given by our community members towards Mrs. Tanaka's medical fund prior to her passing. If you would like to offer a donation to support the Tanaka family in covering the costs for the burial services, please [click on this gofundme page](#).

Flowers and Condolences may be sent to:

Clifton Family Church
c/o Mrs. Eiko Endo
78 De Mott Ave.,
Clifton, NJ 07011



Biography of Chiemi Tanaka

June 9, 1969 - June 7, 2021

Chiemi Tanaka was born on June 9, 1969 in Iwakuni, a town in Yamaguchi, Japan. She was the middle child of Hideo and Mieko Kimura, with an older sister and younger brother.

While growing up in Iwakuni, Chiemi enjoyed singing songs with Karaoke. She even won a prize at a Karaoke festival. She was also on the basketball team in high school. Chiemi moved to live on her own after being admitted to Yokohama National University studying Biology. She was then introduced to CARP and decided to join the FFWPU Japan.

Following the guidance of True Parents to the Japanese missionaries at the time, after graduating Yokohama National University, Chiemi moved to America and attended a 40-day workshop before going to University of Bridgeport to study English. There she

met her husband, Yasuhisa Tanaka, and was matched with him. Chiemi received the Marriage Blessing with Yasuhisa on August 25, 1995 as part of the 360,000 Couples group. After graduating University of Bridgeport, Chiemi attended Unification Theological Seminary together with her husband.

Chiemi returned to Japan and worked as a teacher and sales assistant for a few years, as well as enthusiastically participated in the evangelistic efforts of CARP. While in Japan her first daughter, Shiho Tanaka was born. Chiemi later moved back to America to join her husband in supporting the ministry of the Brooklyn Church. It was also at this time that her second daughter, Reina was born.

Chiemi was a hard working and devoted mother, who adored her children, and did everything she could for them. She loved taking photos and videos of her family and friends, cherishing the moments she had with them.

While taking care of her children, Chiemi began to work in New York as a sales assistant and later worked at a dermatology clinic. In 2018 Chiemi was diagnosed with breast cancer and underwent surgery. She kept a positive attitude and continued chemotherapy and radiation for a few weeks, and was grateful to start working again in New York after the cancer went into remission. However in 2020, it was discovered that the cancer has spread to Chiemi's bones and later to her liver. Even though she was in so much pain she tried to stay positive for her friends and loved ones.

Chiemi ascended to the spirit world on June 7, 2021 with her family and friends by her side. She is survived by her husband, Yasuhisa, daughters Shiho and Reina, father, Hideo and younger brother, Shoichi.

Chiemi will be remembered fondly as a positive and caring person with a compassionate heart who dedicated her life to her family and faith community.