

In Memory of Josef Schrattenecker

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July 13, 2020



Name: Josef Schrattenecker

Spouse: Tomiyo Schrattenecker

Children: J. and B.

Birth Date: March 16, 1952

Blessing Date: July 1, 1982

Ascension Date: July 8, 2020

Our brother Josef Schrattenecker has transitioned to the spiritual realm. He fought a long and courageous battle with the ravenous cancer disease finally succumbing on July 8, 2020. His last days and hours were shared only with his immediate family, Tomiyo his beloved wife, and their sons J. and B.

Josef was born March 16, 1952 in a small town in Salzburg, Austria. His father, Johann, was from the remote countryside of Upper Austria. His mother, Lingarda, is from a small village in Slovenia. Both survived the tremendous hardships of WWII to

unconditionally love Josef ensuring him of a happy childhood. They extended that same love to children of other families going through various difficulties.

In 1972, Josef was studying Physics and Astronomy at the University in Graz, Austria. He met the Unification Church movement in Vienna. He was asked to go to the United States on June 28, 1973. He was gratified to initially live in Vermont which provided a great deal of comfort because of the similarities with his beautiful Austrian countryside. By 1974, Josef was leading small fundraising teams in preparation for Rev. Moon's appearance at Madison Square Garden. He was asked to join the national fundraising team in America rather than being selected for the global IOWC as was common for European missionaries in the US. For the next ten years and ten months, Josef remained on the National MFT.

Two of the happiest experiences during those years was his engagement and Marriage Blessing to Tomiyo Kawabata from Japan. In 1984, they started family life and their first son J. was born. In the late eighties, they moved to Columbus, Ohio to lead the CARP mission at Ohio State University. Their second son B. was born in 1989. Josef took his family to the Unification Theological Seminary in upstate New York for two years graduating summa cum laude with a degree in religious education. They were happy to return to Columbus, Ohio where they lived for the past 30 years. The memory of Josef will no doubt be of his patriarchy in Ohio which included vast numbers of superbly eloquent speeches and lectures. This will remain as his public legacy.

In his last year of life, he invested and exhausted every ounce of courage and strength to lessen any burden from his family after his passing, ensure the business responsibility was handed over well, enjoyed his sons' visits and progress in their lives, and gave priceless advice and encouragement to brothers and sisters in Columbus.

A customized Seonghwa Ceremony will be held on July 14, 2020. There will be virtual access for the Ohio community. Any love offerings should go to Tomiyo Schrattenecker and mailed c/o Ohio Family Church, 4303 Indianola Ave., Columbus, Ohio 43214.

Seonghwa Ceremony

Date: July 14, 2020