



Dr. Oh Ke-Hi

June 1, 1937 ~ July 27, 2023

Dr. Oh Ke-Hi, devoted father and esteemed educator, peacefully passed away at the age of 86 on the evening of July 27, 2023, in Draper, UT, surrounded by the love of his family.

Dr. Oh lived a life prioritizing his family and Church, and a devotion to service in the Korean community and all those around him. His sincerity, selflessness, and kind soul earned him respect from all who knew him. With his gentle humor and genuine interest in young minds, he was easy to love and admire. His humility, intelligence, and warmth endeared him to everyone he met. Above all, he found unparalleled joy in his children and grandchildren, devoting his time to cherished moments with each of them and leaving his stalwart example ingrained in them. A constant pillar of support and the greatest fan of his wife, he remained by her side and in her heart forever.

Born in Manchuria, China on June 1, 1937, Dr. Oh was the eldest of six siblings. His journey began in Busan, Korea, where he excelled as a diligent student and later served in the military. Driven by his passion for education, he moved to Seoul and attended Yonsei University, earning both a bachelor's and a master's degree.

During his time at Yonsei University, he met fellow Yonsei student, Kim, Kyoung-Ah as members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Seoul, Korea. They were first civilly married in Seoul and on November 19, 1969, they were sealed for all time and eternity in the Salt Lake City Utah Temple. Their new American life started in Provo, UT, where Dr. Oh pursued a second master's degree at Brigham Young University. Subsequently, they settled in Seattle, WA, where he earned his doctorate degree in education from the University of Washington. Together, they raised and watched their three children excel in the Seattle area and dedicated their efforts and talents to strengthening the Korean community. After 45 years, they moved to Draper, UT in 2016.

Dr. Oh devoted 31 years of his career to the Seattle School District, working in the bilingual education department as a teacher. He embraced the opportunity to teach immigrant children from diverse backgrounds, striving to improve their lives through mindful education.

As one of the first Korean-Americans in the Seattle area since 1970, Dr. Oh played an instrumental role in the growth and betterment of the Seattle Korean community. He actively participated in the Seattle Washington State Korean Association, holding various positions including President and board member. In 1982, fueled by his passion for education and desire to promote Korean literacy and cultural awareness among second-generation Korean-Americans in Seattle, Dr. Oh founded the Seattle Washington Korean School and served as its principal for over 15 years. Additionally, he served on the Advisory Council on Peaceful Unification Policy, Washington State, always nurturing his deep love for his homeland of Korea.

A man of unwavering faith, Dr. Oh was a devoted member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Having been baptized in Busan, Korea in 1955, he played a significant role in the Church's early days in Korea,

actively contributing to its growth in the country. He instilled the same faith in his family while in the United States, and in 2011, he and his wife returned to Seoul, to serve a church mission.

Dr. Oh is survived by his loving wife, Oh Kyoung-Ah, their three children and their spouses – Rachel (Mee-Kyoung) Oh; Erik (Seong-Man) and Denise (Winter) Oh; Miriam (Hae-Kyoung) and Matt Painter; and five beautiful grandchildren – Kimball, Mia, and Bode Oh, and Truman and Rachel Painter. He is also survived by his three younger siblings - sister, Oh Hui-Sook; brother Oh Ik-Hui, and brother Oh Jong-Hui. He was preceded in death by his parents, Oh Sang-Hyun, Kwon Choon-Young, and two siblings.

Dr. Oh Ke-Hi's life touched countless souls, and his legacy of love, compassion, and service will forever be cherished in the hearts of those who were fortunate to know him. May his memory continue to inspire us all to be kind, humble, and devoted to those we hold dear.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, August 12, 2023, at 11:30 AM, at the Korean Ward chapel for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 8171 South Jackson Street, Midvale, UT. Prior to the memorial, a viewing will take place from 10:00 – 11:00 AM. The service will also be broadcast via Zoom. Following the memorial, a graveside service will be held at Larkin Sunset Gardens Cemetery, 1950 East 10600 South, Sandy, UT, at 1:30 PM.

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