



## Soon (Cho) Park

March 14, 1921 - December 20, 2012

Soon Kyu (Cho) Park was born on March 14, 1921 to father Tae Yup Cho and mother Ssi Rim. She was one of the founding members of the Korean United Methodist Church, which is located on 1924 East 3rd Street in Bloomington. She was an elder at the church, and was one of the most influential and respected figures in the Korean community. She was a humble, caring and dedicated servant of God. She was an amazingly supportive, loving mother and grandmother, who put everything into raising her family. She was a true caregiver to them all. She lost her son Weesaeng Park when he was a child, her daughter Jungshin Park and her husband Chojin Park during the Korean War. She then raised her remaining four children as a single mother, supporting them through every stage of their lives from infancy to college, and then went onto helping them raise their children. Additionally, she took care of her mother in law In Ok Kim, until she passed away at the age of 103. With empty hands and only her prayers, her accomplishments during and after the Korean War were truly remarkable. She was recognized by Korean society and was awarded the distinguished JANGHAN OMONI SANG, which means the GREATEST MOTHER OF THE YEAR AWARD, three times from the Daily Newspaper, MBC TV Station, and the Government of South Korea. Because of her faith, will,

strength, dedication and complete commitment to her family, people often called her "Mother of Us All," "Mother of Prayer" and "Mother of Faith." She was a true example of how the Lord takes care of His children when we trust in Him completely. She is survived by three daughters: Yeoshim Yoon, Jungae Oh and Hyoshin Moon and one son: Sae Jung Park; three sons in laws: Yongsang Yoon, Yanghwan Oh, and Kooknam Moon and a daughter in law: Sung Sook Park. She is survived by ten grandchildren: Sungsoo Lee, Soojin Yoon, Hyungjoon Yoon, Julia Oh, Laura Okulski, David Moon, Eugene Moon, Peter Park, Esther Park and Julie Brendel; and six grandchildren in laws: Hyosook Joo, John Okulski, Hannah Moon, Nelly Park, Harlan Brendel and Jason Miller. She is survived by five great-grandchildren: Amanda Okulski, Caleb Okulski, Keith Okulski, Saet Byul Yoon and Han Byul Yoon. She passed away in the evening of December 20th, 2012 in peace, at home, with her loved ones and family by her side. Her family is and will be forever grateful for her pure heart, devotion to God, and love. Visitation will be from 1pm-2pm at Korean United Methodist Church on Saturday, December 22, 2012. The funeral service will be held at 2pm at Korean United Methodist Church and burial service to follow at Clear Creek Cemetery.

# Tribute Wall

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“ We were very sorry to hear about Halmunee's passing. She was a very special person and loved so much by her family. I am so glad we met her but wish we knew her better. May she Rest in Peace.

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**Tina & John Okulski** - March 22, 2013 at 08:17 AM