

## Ralph Oppenheimer passed away this morning

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*Ralph Oppenheimer*

Our son's Godfather Ralph Oppenheimer passed away this morning. Mary and I have been in tears throughout the day. No one in our lives affected us among members as he had. He is our eternal friend. He helped us laugh and do good things for Heavenly Parent and True Parents. What a man he was. I've met many great people in our movement, but Ralph was one of us.

He is the best friend I ever had. NOBODY had me laughing more than he. It was like the laughter that Isaac himself must have been named for. It was contagious and actually it was healing. One day in 1995 I told him that "one day Ralph God is going to send you to the very center of Africa". He asked me why. I said because God wants to make people there happy.

God wants to share your laugh with them. The following year Ralph and Eava Lisa were lottery winners for the NM providence and they received the Central African Republic. A nation he devoted himself to since then, in activity and prayer. Lots of prayer, lots of activity. I was there myself and many people loved him very much. He will not be forgotten. Well Done Ralph! You have graduated a little earlier than expected, to be with Heavenly Parent and True Parents.