

Although many may have heard already, it is with great sadness that the Kubose family must share the news that Rev. Sunnan Koyo Kubose passed away on Monday, March 7, 2022. Rev. Koyo's passing was sudden and unexpected. He experienced some abdominal discomfort and went to the emergency room on Saturday, March 5th. After an initial assessment, he was admitted that same day. His bloodwork and tests were concerning and ongoing, and the medical staff continued to assess and diagnose the issue during his stay at the hospital. Due to COVID restrictions, visitors were not allowed. However, Koyo's son Tate was able to visit in-person on the evening of Sunday, March 6th. During that visit, Koyo was also able to have virtual visits with his son Kanon, his sister Joyce, and his brother-in-law Robert. On the morning of Monday, March 7th, Koyo's heart stopped, and resuscitation efforts were unsuccessful.

The Kubose family appreciates all the kind words, memories, and stories that have been shared with us via phone calls, texts, emails, and social media. We would also like to inform you that there will be a memorial service for Rev. Sunnan Koyo Kubose on Saturday, May 21, 2022 at 11:00 in the morning (California time).

If you would like to attend the service virtually, the service will be broadcast via livestream on Zoom. To join, please use this link: <https://bit.ly/3MEPAIa>

If that does not work, you can join manually via Zoom:

Webinar ID: 896 8991 7389

Passcode: 138331

There is a limit to the number of Zoom attendees. If you have difficulties joining the Zoom, there will also be a livestream via Bright Dawn's Facebook page (www.facebook.com/BrightDawnSangha/).

We would love to hear any stories or words of remembrance that you would like to share, and we encourage you to email them to brightdawn@kubose.com. For stories that we do receive, we hope to include them in the memorial service program booklet and/or a "Remembering Sensei" compilation.

The Kubose family apologizes for delays in the newsletter, fulfillment of website and book orders, and in the processing/acknowledgment of donations. In the wake of Rev. Koyo's passing this year and Adrienne's passing in 2021, the family is still in the process of learning how to accomplish what Rev. Koyo and Adrienne had been doing for many years. Thank you to all who have helped them along the way, and those who continue to help us.

The family would also like to formally express our gratitude to the lay ministers. We are thankful that the teachings continue through you all, whether via your personal practices or larger sangha groups. We are especially grateful for the contributions of those involved in organizing, coordinating, and maintaining the various Bright Dawn programs and activities, particularly the Lay Minister Program.