

**MRS. TODA DIES AT 89**  
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Mrs. Iku Toda, wife of second Soka Gakkai president Josei Toda, died in Tokyo on March 6 from pneumonia. She was 89.

Upon hearing the news of her death, SGI President Ikeda and senior Soka Gakkai leaders performed a memorial gongyo service for her at the Soka Gakkai Headquarters. The evening of March 7, President Ikeda and his wife, Kaneko, visited the Toda home and prayed together with the family for the peace and happiness of Mrs. Toda. While expressing his deepest condolences, President Ikeda shared for an hour and a half many memories of his mentor, Mr. Toda, and his wife.

Taking into consideration the long friendship between President Toda and the family of 66th Nichiren Shoshu high priest Nittatsu, the Todas' eldest son, Takahisa, decided to have Mrs. Toda's funeral conducted by Nittatsu's eldest son, Keido Hosoi. Mr. Hosoi is the chief priest of Jozai-ji Nichiren Shoshu temple in Tokyo, where President Toda's funeral was held in 1958.

The March 13 funeral was not held at Jozai-ji but at a funeral home in Shinagawa, Tokyo, where 20 senior Soka Gakkai leaders, including SGI Deputy President Einosuke Akiya and SGI Vice President Hiromasa Ikeda, five Soka University representatives and several Nichiren Shoshu priests closely associated with High Priest Nittatsu attended.

The Soka Gakkai leaders expressed their deep respect and loyalty to the Toda family. They also clarified that their attendance did not signify any change in relations between the Soka Gakkai and Nichiren Shoshu. Mrs. Toda was a Soka Gakkai member until her death; Takahisa Toda is also a member, as are his three children, including a son who teaches ocean biology at Soka University.

In his speech at the funeral, Takahisa Toda told the mourners that "my mother owes many people a great deal. Among those to whom we owe the most gratitude is Daisaku Ikeda-Sensei. During her lifetime, he looked after my mother well. I appreciate very much his long condolence call and express my gratitude to Ikeda Sensei."

Iku Toda was President Toda's second wife. His first wife died in 1926. He married Iku in 1935 and spent the last 23 years of his life, in which he rebuilt the Soka Gakkai and became the second president, with her.