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## Passing of Our Beloved Sister, Era Thompson

Ki Hoon Kim and Michael Balcomb  
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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Our beloved sister, Era Thompson, of the Los Angeles Family Church, ascended to the spirit world on the early morning of Wednesday, August 24, after battling with cancer. She is a dear sister, devoted mother and activist in the LA community, and was very involved in interfaith work for the sake of peace. She truly showed the spirit of Heavenly Parent's and True Parents' daughter. She is survived by her three children, Joshua, Claire and Holly.

Let us join together and support Era's family during this special and important time, and offer our prayers for her victorious transition to a glorious new life in the spiritual world.

Following is a short biography from her family, and Seonghwa information from Pastor George Kazakos.

Sincerely,

Dr. Ki Hoon Kim  
Continental Director

Dr. Michael Balcomb  
President



### **The Victorious Life of Era Thompson** **May 1, 1946 - August 24, 2016**

Era was born on May 1, 1946 to Moshe and Hilda Matalon. A year after her birth her brother Yossi was born. She grew up in Haifa, Israel, on Mount Carmel, overlooking the lovely bay area and main seaport. As a child, Era was steeped in a rich and deep tradition of Judaism passed down by her Grandmother, who would celebrate the holidays with large family gatherings and sincere observance of faith. Era was interested in literature, art and education. She did well in school and eventually, after earning a degree in teaching at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, traveled to Europe and the United States.

She spent her life searching for God and spiritual truth, eventually finding her way to New York, where she felt called to join the Unification Church. Era lived a life of sincere faith and spiritual conviction. She spent her time fundraising and witnessing with the Unification Church as well as engaging in political rallies to fight communism and social problems.

During this time she married Clark

Thompson and had three children: Joshua, Claire and Holly in Gloucester, Massachusetts, an old fishing town, where Clark worked for the church's seafood company and Era did missionary work.

After moving to California, Era taught Hebrew at a Synagogue and eventually became a teacher for kids with special needs. During this time she devoted herself to helping the church as well as joining interface groups to better understand God's heart. Era was a devoted mother, who worked two jobs to ensure her children lived in a safe city with a good school. She cared for her children and for her community deeply.

Era was also a poet and published several short works including poetry derived from the interactions she had with her special needs students.

Era was fearless and warm, often making new friends even as she went shopping or while taking her car to the mechanic.

Era spent her life serving others, helping to grow and develop the Unification Church and being a loving, wonderful mother. Era ascended on August 24, 2016 at 5:40 AM during the sunrise, her favorite time of day. She will be deeply missed.

### **Seonghwa Ceremony**

The Seonghwa Ceremony will take place on Tuesday, August 30, at 2:00 p.m. at:  
Forest Lawn Covina Hills  
At the Church of Our Heritage Chapel  
21300 Via Verde Drive, Covina, CA 91724  
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