

## In Memory of Cecilia Souza

Crescentia DeGoede  
June 14, 2019



Name: Cecilia Souza

Spouse: Roni

Children: Tomomi

Birth Date: November 7, 1961

Ascension Date: June 9, 2019

Cecilia Sawaguchi Souza was born on November 7, 1961 in Sao Paulo, Brazil. The second of three sisters, she joined the Unification Movement in 1977 at 16 years old. Cecilia came to the United States as a volunteer in 1986 and fundraised around the country. In 1990, She moved to New York and was Blessed in marriage with her husband, Roni. In the five years she lived in New York, Cecilia earned her Associate Degree in Accounting and made many friends. Roni and Cecilia moved to Florida in 1995. They moved a couple of times but finally settled in Pompano Beach. In 2002, they had a beautiful daughter, Tomomi.

In 2009, she was diagnosed with stage 2 cancer; she received herbal treatments and was able to be cured. Ten years later, she fractured 14 bones in her back and found out that she had severe osteoporosis. A couple of months later, she found out that her cancer returned and was now at stage 4. After eight months of fearlessly battling, she ascended on June 9, 2019 at 12:37 AM.



Everyone who knew Cecilia knew that she had the biggest heart; she loved to help those in need. Cecilia and her daughter would always volunteer at horse stables, parks, and cultural museums. She loved to cook and would always cook for her family and friends. Cecilia was well-known for being so kind and cheerful; she still smiled in her last days. Cecilia truly touched so many hearts. Some even described her as an "angel on Earth". Her legacy of kindness lives on with her family and friends.

Donations to the family are accepted through a [GoFundMe fundraiser](http://www.gofundme.com/in-memory-of-cecilia-souza): [www.gofundme.com/in-memory-of-cecilia-souza](http://www.gofundme.com/in-memory-of-cecilia-souza)

### Seonghwa Ceremony

Date: Saturday, June 15 at 11:00 AM

Location: Kraer Funeral Home – 200 W Copans Rd, Pompano Beach, FL 33062