

FFWPU USA Blessing and Family Ministry: In Memory of Mary Battilocchi

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Mary Battilocchi

Spouse: Antonio Battilocchi

Children: Francesca, Natasha, Vitale

Birthdate: March 18, 1953

Blessing: July 1, 1982

Ascension: April 13, 2024

Seonghwa Ceremony: April 20, 2024

Mary Battilocchi was born Mary Gambal on March 18, 1953 in Passaic New Jersey, the daughter of Aleksandra Planka and Michael Gambal who both emigrated from Poland. She passed away on April 13, 2024 at Yale New Haven hospital surrounded by family and her congregation.

In her youth Mary was an avid book reader and she spent many hours reading any book she took an interest in. She also loved to bake with her mother and she once made a 10 pound fruit cake at the age

of 9 just for fun. Also, she was a clarinet player in her youth and part of her school's marching band.

Mary spent many years working for her family and her church which she valued dearly. She was a devoted member of the Unification church for 50 years having joined in 1974 and witnessed to many. She served on the Mobile Fundraising Team (MFT) in Chicago for 5 years while also spending some of that time in New York.

With a lifelong willingness to help others who were ailing, she went on to pursue alternative medicine. She had always known she wanted to be a professional from a young age. She would become the first in her family to receive a college education and thought that becoming a doctor would be the field where she could most benefit the lives of people in the world around her.

Upon receiving her masters in Biology from Hunter College of New York, she went on to further her studies in homeopathy (holistic medicine) and received her Naturopathic Doctorate from Bastyr University (1989-1993) in Kenmore, Washington. During this time, she was blessed to her loving husband Antonio of 35 years and soon settles down on the East coast where she decided was a good place for her to raise her family and start her naturopathic practice; first at her residence in Stratford CT, the place where she called home for 25 years. Then later she moved her practice to Milford CT in 2002 where she spent the remainder of her career happily helping the many people seeking guidance on their personal health journey.

Many times, she would hear patients say they didn't know what to do and were all out of options. Mary would step in and spend a great deal of time finely tuning the exact remedy for the individual she was treating. Her motto was "Treat the cause, not just the disease."

In her free time, she loved to be outside sitting in the sun, reading a book or spending time near the water. However, she would still also make time to volunteer for the American Clergy Leadership Conference (ACLC) with her husband Antonio; organizing and helping prepare prayer breakfasts for clergy. On days when she wasn't outside, she would watch movies and revisit Star Trek, her favorite childhood TV show; she knew all the episodes by heart. Given the dedication to her field and her passion for the lives around her, she lived by the words of Leonard Nimoy to "Live long and prosper."

She is survived by her husband Antonio Battilocchi and her children Francesca, Vitale and Natasha.

Seonghwa Ceremony

Date: Saturday, April 20, 2024 at 10:00 AM EST

Location: Lester Gee Funeral Home, 1390 Fairfield Ave, Bridgeport, CT 06605