

In Memory of Junko Dean (1955 - 2018)

Crescentia DeGoede
November 14, 2018



Name: Junko Dean

Spouse: Barry Dean

Birth Date: March 19, 1955

Blessing Date: December 9, 2015

Ascension Date: November 11, 2018

Junko Kimura Dean was born on March 19, 1955 in the city of Kumamoto, the capital city of Kunamoto Prefecture on the island of Kyushu, Japan. She is a first-born child with one brother Tetsuya and one sister, Kazuyo.

Junko was always an adventurer. She left home at 17 after graduating from high school and went to work as a flight attendant for Japan Airlines (JAL). She loved to travel. She lived in Cairo, Egypt for three years and continued to work for JAL as a tour guide for Japanese tourists coming to Egypt. Later, she moved to Ottawa, Canada, where Junko met and joined the Unification Movement.

Junko continued to live in Ottawa and worked as a waitress in a Japanese restaurant until 2005. In that year, she was matched and Blessed in marriage with Barry Dean in Korea. Throughout their marriage, they were grateful to Mrs. Erikawa from Japan for her assistance in bringing them together.

Junko moved with Barry to Minnesota where her first job was at a sushi shop and then as a waitress at Sakura, a Japanese restaurant. But the job that really grabbed her heart was flower selling. Jim Bard introduced her to the world of flowers and Junko found her calling. She threw herself into flower arrangement and flower selling. She loved what she did and she was good at what she did.

Junko was much-loved and everywhere she went her bright and energetic spirit brought joy to those around her. Her faithful husband, Barry, cared for her lovingly in their marriage and especially in the last three years. Three years ago Junko had a devastating stroke and, with the unfailing support of Barry, made good recovery. Barry became her consistent advocate and faithful caregiver.

Junko is survived by her loving husband, Barry, and by her mother, her younger brother, Tetsuya and younger sister, Kazuyo, and many nieces and nephews.

Seonghwa Ceremony

Time: 6:00 PM

Date: Wednesday, November 14

Location: Minnesota Family Church: 3836 Stinson Blvd, Columbia Heights, MN 55421