

The Passing of Rev. Tom Cutts' Wife, Angelika

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Dear brothers and sisters,

I would like to inform the community about the news of the passing of sister, Angelika Cutts, the devoted wife of Rev. Tom Cutts. Please read Rev. Bruce Grodner's letter below followed by Angelika's bio.

Dear Friends of Faith

We are saddened to inform you that Angelika Cutts, the wife of Rev. Tom Cutts, has made her transition to her eternal home. Many of you came to know Rev. Cutts as the National Executive Director of the American Clergy Leadership Conference (ACLC).

Those who had a chance to know Angelika will surely miss her; her warm and welcoming smile and gentle demeanor. She was truly a filial daughter to Our Heavenly Parent, True Parents and Jesus, and a devoted wife, mother and grandmother.

Your prayers for Angelika and the Cutts' Family will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely

Rev. Bruce Grodner

The memorial service or SeongHwa for Angelika will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 3 at Southern Cremations and Funerals located at 1861 Dallas Highway, S. W., Marietta, Georgia 30064.

Instead of flowers, friends and family are invited to support the medical and final expenses by visiting www.gofundme.com/vt78g-angelicas-medical-fund or they can reach the family directly at:

269 Merrydale Drive, S.W., Marietta, Georgia 30064

Below is Angelika's Bio.

After a long battle with abdominal cancer, Angelika made a peaceful transition to the Eternal World. She passed away at home with her husband, Tom Cutts, and three of their four children by her bedside. Their oldest son and his wife, who live with their one-year old son in England, were unable to be at the bedside, but called by telephone. Immediately after they spoke words of love and gratitude to Angelika, she took her last breath. The final week of her life was especially difficult, but our Heavenly Parent guided her passing at every turn.

Angelika was born in Emsdetten, Germany, to Alois and Rita Grabisch. They were devout Roman Catholics. They were originally from Silesia, which is now in Poland, and were relocated after World

War II. Angelika's father was a tailor. Before she was born, her parents lost two infant sons. The doctors warned the mother not to get pregnant again, but the couple wanted a child so badly that they risked Rita's life in order to give birth to Angelika.

She was a sensitive child, and when she was seven, she made an altar for Mother Mary in her bedroom. She continued to have an active prayer life. She was also very physically active. As a young girl she enjoyed bicycling and playing outside with her friends. Her mother found it hard to get her to sit down to eat at meal times.

Angelika studied languages at the Heidelberg University. In 1974, she met Philip Hill while on campus. He introduced her to the Divine Principle and the Unification Church. After learning about the mission of the Rev. Sun Myung Moon, she dropped out of school and joined the church. She wanted to help the True Parents usher in God's Kingdom on earth.

Just before New Year's Day, 1981, she and hundreds of other European church members boarded planes for New York to participate in a matching being conducted by Rev. and Mrs. Moon. There she was matched with Tom and they were Blessed in marriage on July 1, 1982 with 2075 other couples in Madison Square Garden.

After the matching she went to Alaska to fundraise for the church, while Tom continued his studies at the Unification Theological Seminary in New York. When Rev. Moon assigned him to Atlanta in 1984, Angelika was sent to Los Angeles to help the local church there. In 1986, she was sent to Georgia as the City Leader of the local church in Albany, then the City Leader in Macon, Georgia. In 1987, she finally came to Atlanta to join with her husband.

Angelika and Tom were blessed by having four children. Angelika was a full-time mom and homemaker. Tom was frequently out of town and out of the country on church missions, so Angelika largely raised the children on her own. For over a dozen years, she volunteered at the local elementary school as their four children made their way through the grades. She packed thousands of school lunches, attended hundreds of soccer games, basketball games, track meets, martial arts programs, music lessons, swim meets, Boy Scout Eagle projects, and football games. Angelika helped each of her children go door to door selling boxes of Girl Scout cookies, Boy Scout popcorn, school greeting cards, and band candy. Angelika knew all of the neighbors.

One neighbor said Angelika's smile radiated across her whole face "and even made her eyes twinkle." Another couple recalled the day they first met Angelika. She was in the front yard with her youngest son, Atombo, launching water rockets when the couple drove by. One swooshed up several hundred feet, and they just had to turn the car around to meet the "Rocket Mom." Angelika had a ready smile, enjoyed activities with her children, enjoyed meeting her neighbors, and delighted in discovery and adventure. Angelika always loved being outdoors. She enjoyed gardening, hiking and swimming. Her mother was a prize-winning gardener, and Angelika inherited her mother's green thumb.

Angelika not only supported Tom with his mission, but she was also involved in church activities herself. She contributed to the local church, helped with Women's Federation for World Peace programs, and participated in the women's registration blessing in Korea. She encouraged all four of her children to spend a year doing missions work in the South Pacific. They traveled to Australia, New Zealand, the Solomon Islands, Fiji, and Vanuatu. Angelika was happy that they could meet and help people from different cultures.

During the last five months of her life, Angelika was in constant pain, yet she never complained and remained cheerful. Her family and friends will miss her, but all are relieved that she is no longer in pain, and no longer suffering from being confined to an ailing physical body. We are grateful to our Heavenly Parent, and to Angelika, for her love, her life, and the many wonderful things we enjoyed together. She was, and will always be, a much loved daughter, friend, wife, mother and grandmother.