

Passing of Our Beloved Sister, Pamela Jean Gaarder

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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Our beloved sister, Pamela Jean Gaarder, passed away on Saturday, May 17, 2014 in Pennsylvania on her way to visit her son in New Jersey. She attended Heavenly Parents and True Parents for many years and lived an adventurous life in dedication to her family and many friends.

Let us support Pamela's family during this important time and pray for her victorious transition to a glorious new life in the spiritual world. Following is a short biography from members of her family.

Sincerely,



Dr. Ki Hoon Kim
Continental Director



Dr. Michael Balcomb
President

Victorious Life of Pamela Jean Gaarder, 1957 - 2014



Pamela Jean Gaarder was born October 11, 1957 in Salinas, California. She was adopted as an infant and raised by Sydney and Bob Tyler in San Jose, California with her two sisters, Jill and Sandy. She never met her biological parents.

As a young teenager, Pam ran away from home and traveled the world searching for answers to life. She hitch-hiked around Europe, read a lot, spent six months in Morocco, explored various philosophies and dreamed of starting a commune. In 1978 while visiting San Francisco, two church members approached her, and she caught the vision of the Unification movement at the Booneville Training Center. She ended up joining the Unification Church at age 21, and was

blessed in marriage at age 24 to her husband of 32 years, Craig Gaarder at the Blessing in Korea in October of 1982.

Unlike most first-generation Unificationists who joined the Blessings of 1982, Pam specifically asked to marry Craig. When True Mother asked her "Why do you want this brother?" she responded, "He has a good mind and a good heart." Together, they raised three children: Trellis (25), Liana (21), and Branch (19).

During most of the 1980's, Pam was a core member of the New York City Church, serving on witnessing teams, fundraising campaigns and on workshop staffs.

Pam was always a goal-oriented dreamer who never stopped working hard to better the lives of her husband and her children. She supported her family for many years through a successful flower business. She was beloved by her customers who lovingly nicknamed her "Rose". Although she invested many hours in the business, she never missed the time to attend church with her family on Sunday morning.

Two summers ago, Pam spent three months driving her beloved White Chevy Van to Kodiak AK and back, stopping to visit countless family and friends along the way. She loved adventure and didn't hesitate to purchase a motorcycle and an off-roading jeep during the time the family sojourned in Florida.

Pam strove undaunted for financial freedom, and all the while dreamed of someday having the freedom to spend quality time with her family and to realize her dreams. One of her long-held dreams was to create a home for assisting troubled teens. She continued fighting for her dreams right up to her sudden and untimely passing at the age of 56. She was loved by many and will be greatly missed.

Seonghwa Service

Pamela will be surrounded by family and friends at her Seonghwa observance beginning Saturday, May 24, 2014 at 6:00 PM at the New Hope Academy, 7009 Varnum St., Landover Hills, Maryland. In lieu of flowers, the family welcomes donations to be sent to Liana Rodrigues at 11800 Crestwood Ave. S, Brandywine, MD 20613.