

FFWPU USA Blessing and Family Ministry: In Memory of Diane Tangreti

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Diane Tangreti

Spouse: Antonio Tangreti

Children: Sherrond Anthony Person, Cristina Esther Pearl

DOB: October 14, 1953

Blessing Date: October 14, 1982

Ascension: November 25, 2024

Seonghwa Ceremony: December 5 at 8:00 PM at 2301 Findlay Ave. Monterey Park, CA 91754

GoFundme: www.gofundme.com/f/support-diane-tangretis-celebration-of-life

Diane was born in Toledo, Ohio on October 14, 1953 to Doris (née Radcliff) Person and Jesse Person. The second-born of nine children, she grew up surrounded by the love of her family. She was particularly close to her grandmother, Pearl, who often looked after not only her and her siblings, but

many of the children in the neighborhood as well. Pearl's unconditional love instilled in Diane a deep desire to care for the less fortunate, especially children.

In 1974, after attending Bowling Green State University, Diane was blessed by the birth of her son, Sherrond "Anthony" Person. Not long after that, she made the life-changing decision to move to California.

It was there, in 1976, not far from Hollywood Boulevard, that she found the Unification Church. Her encounter with a church member (who had committed to witnessing only to women) felt more like destiny than mere chance. Knowing that her beloved Grandma Pearl had been praying for her to find her own path to God, Diane felt deeply that the church was that divine path. After attending a local lecture, she decided to join.

Before too long, she became a key player in the church's Southern California community. Her resourcefulness, hard work, and irresistible charm and optimism left a lasting impression on everyone who met her. She became known far and wide for her countless contributions to the church: cooking and serving food at Camp Mozumdar, witnessing and fundraising in Santa Barbara, selling flowers in Redondo Beach, coordinating deliveries and donations for Project Volunteer, and just about anything else she could do to be of service. She always had love and energy to give to the people and causes she cared about.

In October 1982, Diane attended the Blessing Ceremony in Korea, where she was matched to Antonio Tangreti, from Buenos Aires, Argentina. The following year, Diane and her son Anthony relocated to Buenos Aires to live with Antonio in a church center. After living there for about a year, the young family of three moved to Los Angeles in February 1984.



Diane and Antonio settled into their new life together and before long, Diane felt another calling that she needed to answer: the calling to help disadvantaged children. She made the decision to become a licensed foster parent and, in 1989, she took in her first foster child, Eddie. It didn't take long for the Tangreti household to become full of children in need. Though they loved their foster children and Anthony, Diane and Antonio still desired to have a child of their own. After being challenged by fertility issues for several years, their wish was granted in the form of their adopted daughter, Cristina, in 1993.

As a full-time foster parent, Diane specialized in helping children with behavioral and medical issues. For many years she served as a counselor and parent advocate for the East Los Angeles Regional Center. She also served on the Board of Directors for Pacific Clinics in Pasadena, California. She was a passionate advocate for foster care, dedicated to offering support and resources to families who needed help caring for their children.

Her work left a lasting impact on the children she raised and on the local foster care community as a whole.

Diane was diagnosed with cancer in December 2023. Despite the diagnosis, she carried on with her trademark joy and optimism, choosing to make the most of whatever time she had left. She dealt with her illness privately and continued to prioritize making beautiful memories with her loved ones. She danced, she traveled, and she danced some more, until she couldn't anymore. On November 25, 2024, Diane passed away peacefully with her friends and family by her side.

Diane will always be remembered as a giver. Whether she was giving literal gifts (which she loved to do) or giving her love or her time, she never asked for anything in return. Her heart was one of true selflessness and kindness. Anyone who knew her well could share a story about how she surprised them with her thoughtfulness. While she will be deeply missed, the joy she spread and the love she gave to so many will leave a lasting legacy that transcends her time on Earth.

A private Seonghwa event was held for Diane on December 5th. Diane's wish for the end of her life is for her loved ones to come together to celebrate with Motown music and dancing the incredible life she has lived. A celebration of Diane's life will be held in January, details to be announced. Those wishing to offer a gift in her memory and assist in deferring expenses can contribute to her GoFundMe at:

www.gofundme.com/f/support-diane-tangretis-celebration-of-life

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Dawna Tully is organizing this fundraiser on behalf of Cristina Tangreti.

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Our beloved mother, grandmother, sister, friend, and daughter, Diane (Person) Tangreti, peacefully passed away on Monday, November 25th at 8:55 pm. Diane lived her 71 years with a heart full of love, adventure and dedication to helping others in any way she could. Her joyfulness, generosity, sincerity, and loyalty made her an unforgettable human being and friend. She will be missed dearly. In addition to being a fun-filled friend and sister to many, she has changed and saved lives as a mother, a foster parent and furthermore, adopting children with special needs. She was remarkable. Diane's wish for the end of her life is for her loved ones to come together to celebrate with Motown music and dancing the incredible life she has lived.

We need your help. We're reaching out to her community of friends and family and beyond for assistance in covering the cost of her cremation, celebration of life service, and travel expenses for her children. Please join us in contributing the funds to give Diane the send-off that she so greatly deserves.

Thank you, Anthony and Cristina.

Show your support for this GoFundMe

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December 5th, 2024 by Dawna Tully, Organizer

Your donations thus far have helped Anthony and Cristina to secure the following for Diane Tangreti's Celebration of Life Event:

Location: Rosemead, California.
 Date: January 19th, 2025
 Time: 1-4:30pm PST
 Live Band: Stone Soul

An Invitation with specifics will be forthcoming.

Continue to spread the GoFundMe campaign with others who knew Diane Tangreti and may wish to donate.

Other expenses, among others include her request to provide a buffet lunch from her favorite Chinese restaurant for everyone to enjoy.

Thank you for helping and for continuing to spread the word to make Diane's final wishes a reality.



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