

In Memory of Susan Starr (1946 - 2018)

Crescentia DeGoede

June 21, 2018



Name: Susan Starr

Spouse: William Starr

Children: Jennie, Marlo, Pattie, Will, Joshua

Birth Date: August 21, 1946

Blessing Date: October 14, 1982

Ascension Date: June 19, 2018

Local Church: Las Vegas Family Church

Susan Starr, Las Vegas Family Church Pastor's wife for many years, ascended to the spirit world at her home in Las Vegas on June 19, 2018 following a long bout with cancer.

Susan was active in the Las Vegas community since she moved to the city in 1996. She assisted her husband, William Starr, who was Pastor of Las Vegas Family Church for 14 years from 1996 to 2009. Susan loved preparing the meals for church

events and keeping a tight relationship with her children, friends, and business associates. Susan was a good friend of the American Clergy Leadership Conference and Ambassadors for Peace.

Susan was born in 1946 in Southern California as the eldest daughter of Ray and Trudy Burbank. She spent her early years in Honduras with her parents as Quaker missionaries. The family settled in Whittier, CA where Susan attended middle school and high school. She then attended George Fox College in Oregon and Azusa Pacific College in Southern California.

In 1968, following a three-day experience embraced by God's love, Susan left Azusa Pacific in the spring of her Senior year and traveled to Berkeley, CA. There she heard the teachings of the Divine Principle for the first time and immediately joined the Unified Family in Berkeley and then San Francisco.

In 1973, Susan attended the International Leadership 100-Day Seminar in Barrytown, New York in preparation for a pioneer mission to Mexico. She returned from her mission to the USA to support True Father's address at Yankee Stadium and the Washington Monument in 1976. Susan then joined the church center in Wyoming before becoming church secretary in Washington, D.C. and then in Los Angeles, CA.

Susan and William were matched by True Parents in 1979 and attended the 6,000 couples Marriage Blessing in Korea in 1982. Susan joined the International One World Crusade Team in California in 1983. In 1984, Susan helped William pioneer a new Family Church in Tucson, AZ. In 1987, True Father

appointed William as Arizona State Director, and in 1988, True Father assigned him to be Missouri State Director. While in Arizona, Susan gave birth to three daughters, Jennie, Marlo, and Pattie and in St. Louis she had two sons, Will and Joshua.

In 1996, William accepted the position as Pastor of Las Vegas Family Church and Nevada State Director. Susan served as acting pastor of the church several times while William was in New York, Washington, D.C., and Korea helping with providential activity.

Susan was active in the Blessing and Rededication of Marriage Ceremonies in many local churches over the years. Her family personally officiated the rededication of 185 couples in their northwest neighborhood as part of the worldwide 3.6 million Couples Blessing and Rededication.

Starting in 2008, Susan and other local Unificationists helped host many of True Parents' visits to Las Vegas. Susan was especially proud of her flower bouquets and arrangements for True Parents.

In 1990, she spent two months in Senegal, Africa supporting the missionary work. In 1996, Susan was in Korea for two months, and she participated in Korean community outreach in Seoul in 2003. She also attended a 21-Day Registration Blessing Workshop in New York in 2006.

Susan was always busy taking care of her five children who attended local and magnet middle and high schools and college in Las Vegas. Susan traveled to workshops with her children in Illinois, California, Colorado, New York, and Korea.

Susan is survived by William in Las Vegas and their five children.

Seonghwa Ceremony

Time: 9:00 AM

Date: Saturday, June 30, 2018

Location: Las Vegas Family Church: 7966 Haven St., LV NV 89123

Viewing: 8:00 AM to 8:45 AM