

Seong Hwa for Gladys Starr

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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The Seong Hwa ceremony for our sister Gladys Starr will take place at the R G Ortiz Funeral Home, (located at 201 Havemeyer St. Brooklyn NY 11211 (718-782-6633)) Viewing will be from 4 - 6 pm, the Seong Hwa ceremony will begin at 7 pm.

Because she will be flown to her home country to be buried, there will not be a Won Jon ceremony.

GLADYS AMELIVIA STARR BIOGRAPHY

(May 17, 1952 – December 23, 2012)

Gladys Amelivia Starr is the wife of Gilbert Starr. Gladys was born on May 17, 1952 to her parents, Jose Felix Arzu and Zoila Rodriguez. Gladys lived her life for God and humanity. She is a woman with a deep heart of love, and a woman of great virtue. She took pride in the fact that she received the Blessing of God and True Parents as a virgin. Gladys was always obedient to God, True Parents and her parents. She truly lived her life in service to others. She served and loved others joyfully. Gladys came to the United States, from LaCeiba, Honduras, C.A. in 1975. She came with the desire to study English and to pursue a career as an executive secretary.

She met the Unification Church in 1978, and joined immediately. She received a 2-Day and 7-Day workshop. Upon completion, she was truly inspired to join, and went right away to a mobile fundraising team in New York. After a few months, she was sent to a national mobile fundraising team in Michigan. She remained on the National MFT for 5 years. In June of 1982 Gladys participated in the matching ceremony conducted by True Parents in the New Yorker Hotel in NYC. Gladys was introduced to her husband Gilbert Starr by True Father. Gilbert, at the time, was the Executive Director, of Minority Alliance International, Inc. This was an organization founded by the True Parents at an event in Foley Square, in NYC, in December 1981. Gilbert reported directly to Dr. Bo Hi Pak. Dr. Pak, upon confirming that Gilbert would like to be matched in the America, and not wait to go to Korea for the October matching, asked True Father if he could match Gilbert. Father, asked Gilbert to stand up, and then asked him what kind of a woman he would like. He replied, "Your will be done!"

Upon hearing this, True Father turned around and asked all the remaining women to stand up. Gladys was standing directly in front of True Father. True Father, looked up and down the line and then looked at Gladys in front of Him, and He raised her head up by touching her cheek. True Father gazed in her eyes and smiled. He then turned to Gilbert, who was directly behind Him and pulled them together. True Father, then said with a loud voice "Perfect Match! Matching finished! Then, True Father left the Grand Ballroom of the New Yorker Hotel. At the Holy Wine Ceremony which followed, True Parents saw Gladys weeping on the front row and asked her, "Why are you weeping?" Gladys could not answer. Then, True Parents spoke among themselves and asked Dr. Pak to translate. True Mother was pregnant at the time and came to the edge of the stage. True Father then said, "I took a lot of care in matching you to your spouse. You will have very beautiful children, and they will be very special."

Gilbert and Gladys Starr have four beautiful children Tamara, Tanya, Kevin and Jung Sun Joy Starr, named by Hyo Jin Moon. Three girls and one boy. And, just as True Father said, they are all beautiful and very special. Gladys, joined her husband in late 1982, and supported his mission at Minority Alliance International, Inc. True Father, then called all American sisters to join a mobilization or IOWC. In obedience to True Parents call, Gladys joined the IOWC. She went on to support her husband in numerous jobs and public missions, including Vice President at the Manhattan Center under Hyo Jin Moon's leadership. Also, Gladys supported her husband's work as an Accountant, for ICF and PWPA, Home Church, UPF and HSA State Leadership in Delaware.

Gladys supported her husband in witnessing to numerous celebrities throughout the USA. Gilbert and Gladys Starr were blessed in marriage on July 1, 1982 by Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon and Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, at Madison Square Garden in the 2075 couples blessing in NYC. Gilbert and Gladys Starr became grandparents on February 11, 2011 with the birth of their grandson Jacob Felix Perry. Gilbert and Gladys Starr's eldest daughter Tamara desired to quickly have a child as a gift to her mother when she first heard of her illness. Jacob has brought tremendous joy to Gilbert and Gladys, and to all the Starr and Perry Family. The Starr family is very grateful to Tamara's husband Dan, and the entire Perry family. Gladys is survived by her husband Gilbert Starr and her children Tamara, Tanya, Kevin, and Jung Sun Joy Starr. As well as, her father Jose Felix Arzu, her sisters Martha, Isabel and many other family members and relatives on both sides. Gladys was a truly wonderful mother, wife and daughter of God and True Parents.