## **Glorious ascension, Barbara Vincenz!**

Randy Francis August 30, 2016



You touched the lives of so many in such great ways.

Early Sunday morning, August 28, 2016, Barbara Vincenz ascended into the heavenly realms. She was introduced to our Family by her brother Peter Koch and moved into our church center in San Francisco, California, in May 1964 becoming the fifth member to join in the United States. That month she wrote:

When at sunset the ship left the port of New York, I was standing on the deck and my heart was almost bursting for joy and sorrow. Full of joy I felt like shouting, "Thank you, thank you dear Heavenly Father, my True Parents, my [spiritual] Mother in San Francisco. You have led me onto the right path. Through you I know now my purpose and goal in life!"

She was blessed among the 43 Couples in Essen, Germany to Reiner Vincenz. Her family wrote that after their blessing, "they always worked together side by side. While Reiner focused on the big ideas and missions, Barbara prepared all the little details along the way. In 1973, True Father called Reiner and Barbara to bring 100 members from France as True Father began a U.S. public speaking tour. Reiner and Barbara would spend the next several years leading teams of young Unificationists to rally people to True Father's tours." Reiner and Barbara have one child, their daughter Leena Vincenz-Gavin, and two grandchildren.

All the best along your way, Barbara!

