

FFWPU USA Blessing and Family Ministry: In Memory of Barbara Jean Harrington

Carina Mendez
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In Memory of Barbara Jean Harrington

Spouse: Martin Harrington

Children: Stephen, Mary Therese, Jonathan

DOB: August 23, 1938

Blessing: August 10, 2015

Ascension: April 21, 2026

Seonghwa Ceremony:

April 27, 2026 10:00 AM CDT at 9255 Natural Bridge Road, Saint Louis, Missouri United States 63134

GoFundMe: gofund.me/a477358e0

Barbara was born on August 23, 1938 to Paul and Dorothy Harting. She was the 3rd child in a family of 6 children. Being raised a devout Catholic with

two of her brothers who were Catholic priests, religion was an important part of her early life. When Barb graduated from high school, she immediately began a two year course of training to become a nurse at the Jewish Hospital Nurses School. Upon graduating, Barb worked in the delivery section of the hospital, working in the delivery room to assist mothers during delivery of their babies.



During this time period at the age of 21, Barb was married to Martin Harrington at Corpus Christi Church in St. Louis. She gave birth to 3 children, Steve, Mary and Jonathan. In 1969, at the age of 31 Barbara joined the Unified Family in St. Louis together with her sister Kathy Rigney. From 1969 until 1981, Barbara worked with the St. Louis Church witnessing and fundraising and supporting the Church mission. Her husband however, was quite negative towards the Unification Church especially as he gained position in society eventually becoming the President of the Royal Banks of Missouri in St. Louis. Finally, Barbara and her husband Martin were divorced in 1981 and

at the end of that year, Barbara went to join the mission in Africa where her sister was working.

Upon being divorced, she was given a settlement of \$20,000 by her husband as a result of divorce

proceedings. Barbara sold all her possessions, took the \$20,000 and proceeded to join the mission in Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire. Her sister Kathy, who was the National leader of Cote d'Ivoire Church at that time, asked Barbara to use that \$20,000 to start a restaurant American style called Hamburger House. Barbara had never done that before but realising the importance of finding a financial foundation for the mission she did her best and eventually that Hamburger House restaurant multiplied into 3 restaurants in Cote d'Ivoire, another in Togo, another in Ghana, another in Senegal and finally another one in DR Congo.

These restaurants were very popular and supported the missions very well. When her sister Kathy was moved by WMD from Cote d'Ivoire to Nigeria, Barbara went with her and eventually opened three restaurants in Lagos, Nigeria to support the Nigerian mission. Barbara never kept these restaurants for herself, even though the original capital came from her. She donated everything to the mission in these African nations. When Barbara had to leave Africa in 2001 due to health concerns with her heart, she left with nothing - not one cent to her name after giving everything she had to the African providence. Barbara sacrificed tremendously during these 20 years, leaving behind her three children with her husband, and thereby received tremendous persecution from her physical family.

When she came home to the USA in 2001, two of her three children passed away due to difficult life situations and this truly broke her heart. She continued to travel back and forth to Africa when there was a need to help until 2023, when she was diagnosed with breast cancer. In 2024, this cancer had finally spread to her liver, lungs, heart, bones and brain. Barbara was always a steadfast supporter not only of our beloved True Parents but also of her younger sister Kathy's mission, offering her support behind the scenes, never seeking the spotlight, and faithfully giving everything to our beloved True Father and God's precious Only Begotten Daughter, our treasured Holy Mother Han.

Until her last breath, Barbara tried to overcome her illness, with her only desire being to live to see the liberation of our True Mother from the cruel detention. Barbara participated every morning at the Cheon Shim Won vigil online from Korea, and shed endless tears longing to be useful to our Heavenly Parent. Finally, she had an amazing dream where she saw herself pass away and go to the CSW in the spiritual world. When she entered the CSW, our True Father was standing there and he cried, "BARBARA I'm so very happy to see you," and gave a loving fatherly embrace to welcome her home.

GoFundMe Link

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Put it to the attention of Ceremony for Barbara Harrington at the address: 9255 Natural Bridge Road, St. Louis, Missouri 63134.

If you'd like to donate in honor of Barbara's legacy and to support the African Missions, consider a donation to the Kevin Winter Foundation at www.kevinwinterfoundation.org/

In Loving Memory of Barbara Harrington



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Dear friends, family, and community,

Our hearts are heavy as we reach out during one of the hardest times our family has ever faced. Our beloved Barbara Harrington is now in the final stage of her long battle with cancer, and we are doing everything to support her.

Barb was first diagnosed with breast cancer in 2017. Treatment brought her into remission, and the years that followed were such a gift. We got to see her live with renewed joy and strength, and we cherished every moment.

But in July 2024, the cancer returned—aggressively this time. She was diagnosed with stage 4 metastatic breast cancer that had spread to her lungs, liver, bones, lymph nodes, and brain. Throughout 2025, she fought valiantly with determination, facing multiple rounds of chemotherapy and full-brain radiation, facing every step with incredible courage.

Her oncologist recently shared that continuing treatment would do more harm than good. Barb is now in hospice care, where the focus is on keeping her comfortable. As a family, we are doing everything we can to support her.

The financial strain, however, has become overwhelming, even with insurance. New costs include:

- In-home care and hospice support
- Pain management medications
- Medical equipment and mobility assistance
- Daily caregiving needs
- Final arrangements expenses

It is not easy for Barb to be this sick. She has always been the one caring for others. Called by God, she offered two decades as a missionary in Africa, pouring her heart into serving, educating, uplifting so many with compassion and selflessness. Earlier in life, while working as a delivery room nurse, she gave birth to three wonderful children and has five amazing grandchildren. She has truly lived her life in the service of God and humanity.

With this appeal we are praying to raise \$40,000 to assist in covering the current mounting expenses. As a family we seek to focus on giving our beloved mother, sister, Aunt Barb the comfort, dignity, and peace she so graciously has given to others over many years.

Please consider to give any amount, it would mean more than we can express. If you are not in a position to donate, we ask that you please share this page and keep our beloved sister, mother, aunt and heaven's daughter Barbara Harrington, in your thoughts and prayers.

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for joining us and Barb. With deep gratitude, Kathy Rigney and Family, Fortune Winter and Family, and Barbara's Family.


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It is with heavy hearts and deep peace that we share the news: our beloved Barbara went home to Heaven last night. She passed peacefully, surrounded by family, love, and prayer.

Barb lived her whole life in service to God and to others, and we believe with all our hearts that she is now at rest in the Kingdom she loved so dearly.

To everyone who has given, shared, or held Barb in prayer — thank you. Your love has been a light in the darkest of days. We cannot fully express what your kindness has meant to our family.

The GoFundMe will remain open as we turn to final arrangements expenses. Details about services will be shared here as well.

Please continue to keep Barb and our family in your prayers.


With love and gratitude,
Kathy Rigney and Family, Fortune Winter and Family



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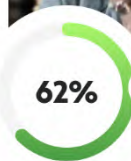
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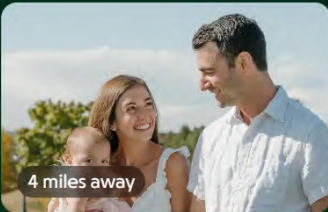
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We'd like to share an update on Barbara's development at this crucial time. Her oncologist said yesterday, April 17th, that they are putting Barbara on hospice and stopping all cancer medication because Barbara is now too weak and more treatment would do more harm than good. We are now coming closer to Barb's final time with us.

As usual, her faith is so strong and she loves God and Heaven's way with her whole heart and soul. She prays constantly and focuses her prayers on True Mother's current painful situation. Barb gave so much to so many and she especially loved and cherished her time in Africa in recent years.

Please keep her in your prayers and if possible please help us to have the means to keep her heart and soul peaceful during this sacred and holy time at the end of her life on earth.





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