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Family Federation for World Peace and Unification

## Passing of Our Beloved Sister, Susan Herrman Felig

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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Our most beloved sister, Susan Herrman Felig, of the Mid Hudson Valley Family Church in New York, ascended peacefully to the Spirit World on Monday, November 21, with her husband and close friends by her side. Susan was a devoted daughter to God and True Parents, always happy to serve and support the many initiatives and activities furthering the Providence. Susan was an accomplished dancer who has had the privilege to perform especially for True Parents, whom she loved dearly ever since she met them in 1975. She will be always remembered by her joyful and positive, optimistic spirit, and will be missed by all. She is survived by her husband Barry Felig and brother Benedict Herrman.

Let us support Susan's family during this important and special time, and offer our prayers for her victorious transition to a glorious new life in the spiritual world, where True Father and many saints are waiting for her with open arms.

Following is a biography for Susan and information about her Seonghwa ceremony.

Sincerely,

Bishop Ki Hoon Kim  
Continental Director

Dr. Michael Balcomb  
President



### **The Victorious Life of Susan Herrman Felig November 26, 1952 - November 21, 2016**

Susan Carol Herrman began life on November 26, 1952 in Brooklyn on 21st Street near Brooklyn College, New York. She was the younger of her parents' two children; her older brother was born two years previous. Susan was born to show business people, her brother Benedict reported. Her father, Robert Henry, and mother Terry had their own summer theater company in Southern Ontario, Canada and every summer until Susan was 10 years old, the family would trek across New York by car, returning in late August. Susan and her brother would often have walk-on parts and later some speaking parts here and there in the summer stock presentations. Susan developed an early love for theater, especially dance.

Susan's mother came from Methodist missionaries to India. Her grandparents met and became familiar with Mahatma Ghandi. Susan's mother would tell her about sitting in Ghandi's lap when her parents visited the spiritual leader's home. When their missionary days concluded and her grandparents returned to the United States, Susan's mother studied classical piano at the Chicago Conservatory of Music and became a classical pianist. Developing

a sense for adventure that she passed on to Susan, her mother learned to fly and became a flight instructor in Texas. From there she went to New York City to study acting and met Susan's father, Robert Herrman. Her father was a professional actor with later studio credits including Alfred Hitchcock Presents, The Lloyd Bridges Show, and Night Gallery. In 1962, seeking a life outside the theater and summer stock for their son and daughter, her parents moved to Santa Monica and settled in Ventura, CA.

From an early age Susan excelled at dance. Her brother remembers her as being a very talented dancer who practiced and performed with devotion. One of her fondest early memories was receiving ballet shoes for her birthday. Susan studied dance through high school and after graduation, travelled east to study at Interlochen Arts Academy in Michigan. She was studying ballet at Dance Academy East in New York City when in 1975 she met Gary Anceney, her spiritual father, and was introduced to the teachings of True Parents. Following her workshop course, Susan went out with the Mobile Fundraising Team. She excelled at MFT, reportedly always a top fundraiser, full of heart and love for her team members. After three years or so, Susan started working with the Collegiate Association for the Research of Principles. She found herself in the International Folk Ballet. Her fondest memory, reported by those who were with her in her final days on Earth, was a dancing performance she gave with a Korean brother before True Parents. Joyfully she remembered the beaming happiness she saw in True Father's and True Mother's eyes during her duet. In her closing days she asked those who were with her to "tell me again, tell me again," about that experience.

After CARP, Susan served in a variety of church missions always giving love and joy and never asking anything in return. She served at Cheong Pyeong Training Center and with the Women's Federation for World Peace. She was always the first to volunteer and to help and offer attendance at WFWP events. For several years she served as Administrative Assistant to the Unification Theological Seminary President, always answering the phone, "Hello, this is the heart of UTS."

Susan holds the distinction of being one of three graduates from Barrytown College. When she learned of the college's closing, she worked very hard to complete her studies in time and graduated with honors.

Her later days were sometimes challenging but everyone who knew her well will tell you she would not say a negative word about her situation or about anyone, ever. Susan had a keen interest in holistic healing and resolving her life issues before she entered the Spirit World. She truly loved True Parents and Heavenly Parent and avidly researched the feminine divine.

Surrounded by her husband and a few close friends, Susan truly forgave everyone from her life who caused her pain or difficulty. Once she had offered all the anxiety in her heart, Susan's passing began peacefully and even beautifully. The day before she passed away she acknowledged her blessing partner Barry Felig's love for her and hers for him.

Throughout her last two days Susan had a real, true joy in her eyes.

Susan ascended victoriously. Her life on Earth concluded successfully.

Her last words were "I need to breathe fresh air," and then Susan stopped breathing in the arms of a loving sister.

### **Seonghwa Ceremony**

The Seonghwa for Susan will take place on Sunday, December 4, at 12:30 p.m. at UTS Campus in Barrytown, lecture hall one. Address: 30 Seminary Drive, Barrytown, NY 12507

The Won Jeon Ceremony will take place at the Red Church Cemetery in Tivoli, followed by a reception in the main dining room at UTS (attendees are asked to bring a dish to share).

Flowers can be ordered from Dijk Flowers by calling 845 339 0980.

As always there will also be a donation basket at the Seonghwa to help the family.

Donations can also be made out to Barry Felig and sent to The Mid Hudson Valley Church, 30 Seminary Dr., Barrytown, NY 12507.

If you would like to offer a testimony at the Seonghwa, in person or by e-mail, please write to Gavin Hamnett, pastor of the Mid Hudson Family Church, at [GHamnett@gmail.com](mailto:GHamnett@gmail.com).