

## FFWPU USA Blessing and Family Ministry: In Memory of Betsy Orman

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### **Betsy Orman**

Spouse: Larry Orman

Children: Sam and Virginia

DOB: February 11, 1954

Blessing: July 1, 1982

Passing: August 1, 2024

Seonghwa Ceremony: Wednesday, August 7, 2024  
at 10:00 am PST, 101 Colusa Ave, El Cerrito, CA  
94530

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Betsy Orman was born on February 11, 1954, and raised in Los Angeles, California. She was the daughter of Richard and Ruth Halpert, sister of Lewis Halpert, and the identical twin sister of Edy Iversen. Because of the difficult life she experienced growing up, at 16 years old she began seeking a place where people of goodness could be found. This led her to a spiritual search in Hawaii, where she lived an ascetic lifestyle in the mountains for three years. At age 22, Betsy had the amazing fortune to meet the Unification Movement and learn the teachings of Rev. Drs. Sun Myung Moon and Hak Ja Han Moon. They spoke of building a world of true love, so joining them was the beginning of a life filled with personal transformation and adventures.

In 1976, Betsy began her first foray into fundraising to help develop a financial foundation for building "God's Peaceful Ideal Kingdom on the Earth," the goal of the Unification Church. For nine years, she pioneered the ginseng business and natural health movement. Traveling across America, she realized the unique beauty of each state. God provided her with extraordinary leaders and mentorship along the way.

In 1979, Betsy was called to New York for the matching ceremony, where True Father paired with her future husband, Larry. In 1982, they were blessed in the 2075 blessing ceremony at Madison Square Garden. Despite both being Americans, Betsy was a lively Jewish woman from Los Angeles, while Larry was a quiet Midwesterner from North Dakota. They committed their lives to blessing and building an ideal family together.

Moving to Northern Virginia, she worked in the Mid-Atlantic Regional HQ as the Special Projects Director. During this time, AFC was responsible for providing education about freedom, faith, and family on Capitol Hill to over 30,000 leaders nationwide. Also, as a CAUSA director, she helped educate over 200 clergy as well as several high-ranking military officers who were former CAUSA graduates. She

accompanied them to Korea, where they learned first-hand the dangers of the atheistic ideology of Communism. She also began working to bring character education into the schools of Northern Virginia.



After nine years, she moved to her husband's hometown of Fargo, North Dakota, where she raised her beautiful twins, Sammy and Virginia. With the unconditional support of her husband, Larry, she worked as the American Family Coalition state director. She continued her work as state coordinator educating political, religious, and community leaders, and lobbied to help create National Parent's Day. Her outreach extended from the highest halls of Congress, reaching even presidents, senators, and congressmen, to the humblest disenfranchised populations from throughout the world, including Native Americans, the Hmong community, and Kurdish, Sudanese, and Iraqi refugees. Her work in education extended overseas for 40 days in China and Hong Kong and included three trips to Japan with the Women's Federation for World Peace, Korea as a missionary, and England with the Professors World Peace Academy. Through her outreach, she was able to conduct several Holy Wine Blessing ceremonies including to Larry's extended family in his hometown.

The Ormans were called in 2002 to help strengthen the University of Bridgeport in Connecticut.

Realizing the need to raise the next generation of leadership, Betsy returned to college to finish her degree and graduated summa cum laude in her 50s. She then earned a master's degree in counseling in her 60s. As a professor, she created a curriculum to help students succeed in life and become leaders of goodness. She also wrote a weekly newspaper column, "For Your Inspiration", which provided parenting education throughout the region. Together with her husband and children for sixteen years, they created a refuge in their home for students from all over the world and watched the University of Bridgeport thrive.

After a brief transition in West Virginia, they moved in 2020 to their home in Lorman, Mississippi on the beautiful campus of Alcorn State University, the first historically black public land-grant college in America. There, Larry became Vice President for Marketing and Communication. During the past four and a half years, Betsy had been unable to work as a professor due to her health. Instead, she felt her mission was as a prayer warrior for the success of the school. During this time, she was also able to complete her inspirational life story, "The Pathway to Peace, Hope and True Love, A Spiritual Journey," which was published on Amazon. In her book, she testifies to the incredible teachings and accomplishments of Rev. and Mrs. Sun Myung Moon, whom she considers her Messiah and True Parents, as they provided her the impetus, inspiration, prayer, and guidance necessary to help transform humanity.

Before her passing, she wanted to acknowledge all those who supported her throughout her life, especially the mentors who guided her along the way. She also wished to recognize the incredible leaders and members of the Unification Church who dedicated themselves to saving America and the world. She planned to continue her mission of serving God and True Parents in the spiritual world.