

## In Memory of Craig Gaarder

Marjorie Buessing  
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Name: Craig Bruce Gaarder

Spouse: Pamela Gaarder

Children: Trellis, Liana, and Branch

Birth Date: July 25, 1948

Blessing Date: October 14, 1982

Ascension Date: November 28, 2019

Craig was born on July 25, 1948, in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, to Dolores Escudero and Alfred Bruce Gaarder. He earned a degree from the University of Virginia in 1972, where he ran track and field.

He joined the Unification Church at age 26 and was blessed in marriage to his wife of 32 years, Pamela Gaarder, at a Blessing in Korea in October of 1982.

Unlike most first-generation Unificationists who joined the Blessings of 1982, Pam specifically asked to marry Craig. When True Mother asked

her, "Why do you want this brother?" she responded, "He has a good mind and a good heart." Together they raised three children: Trellis (30), Liana (27), and Branch (25).

Craig was devoted to fighting for righteousness and will be forever known as a warrior.

Craig Bruce Gaarder, 71, passed away November 28, 2019, in his family's home in Arlington, Virginia.

### Seonghwa Ceremony

Craig's memorial service will be held on Tuesday, December 3, at 2:00 PM at New Hope Family Church (4801 Tesla Drive, Suite M, Bowie Maryland, 20715).