

In Memory of Evelyne Drake (1953 - 2018)

Crescentia DeGoede
September 10, 2018



Name: Evelyne Drake

Spouse: Michael

Children: David

Birth Date: June 16, 1953

Blessing Date: July 1, 1982

Ascension Date: September 1, 2018

Evelyne Drake was born on June 16, 1953 in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, the first child of Jacqueline (Estinvil) Chaumette and Edgar Chaumette, both now deceased. She would later have one brother and four sisters. Evelyne came to the United States in 1970 together with her family. She lived in Queens, New York and attended Lehman College, studying nursing. Evelyne also took a job at May's department store to help pay for her schooling. She couldn't speak English well but her outgoing personality got her the job anyway.

In 1976 Evelyne's mother met John Williams. John invited her to a Divine Principle workshop. Her mother couldn't attend but asked Evelyne if she would go. Evelyne said yes and that night she had a dream of Jesus. Jesus handed her a black book and told her that her life would be saved if she held on to that book. Evelyne went to the workshop and when it finished she was given a Divine Principle book, which of course was black. She said her heart went boom. Evelyne joined the Unification Church right away and began working in New York. In the spring of 1977, Evelyne became a member of Rev. Ken Sudo's IOWC witnessing team and traveled to Ohio to share True Father's teachings. There she met her future husband to be, who was part of the team. Her husband, Michael Drake, was a 5-day workshop coordinator and lecturer and Evelyne brought many guests to the lectures. Several of these guests became members. Evelyne always loved meeting people and sharing the Divine Principle.

On May 13, 1979, Evelyne was matched by True Father to Michael Drake, who would be her husband for 36 years. They were blessed in marriage by True Parents July 1, 1982, together with 2075 couples in Madison Square Garden in New York. They began their family life in Rhode Island where her husband Michael was appointed State Leader. In 1988 they became state leaders of South Dakota. In 1990 they moved to Tampa so Evelyne could complete her education. She completed an Associate degree in Child Development Education. In 1996 Michael was appointed city director of FFWPU Tampa. From 1998-2004 Evelyne was an elementary school sub teacher in Tampa schools.

For many years they were unable to have a child. In 2004, Michael and Evelyne were gifted with David, who is now 14 years of age. In 2007 Evelyne established WFWP at USF campus in Tampa. In 2008 she began a Haiti Summer Service Project on behalf of WFWP (IRFF involved). The program ran for 7 years. In 2010 she again traveled to Port-au-Prince to help as an interpreter in aftermath of the Haiti earthquake. In 2017 their family traveled to IN/MI to sell sunglasses as a family business. She was diagnosed with leukemia in October. In 2018 they again traveled to IN/MI for business. She was hospitalized Aug. 9th when the Leukemia began advancing quickly. On Sunday, Sept. 1, she passed to the spirit world with Michael and David nearby.

To make a donation to the family, please see the GoFundMe page: www.gofundme.com/evelyne-drake-memorial-fund

Seonghwa Ceremony

Date: Sunday, September 9

Location: Metro Detroit Family Church