

In Memory of Marina Bacca

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Name: Marina Bacca

Spouse: Augustino Bacca

Birth Date: 20 July 1927

Blessing Date: 1989

Ascension Date: 12 August 2020

Marina was born in a small alpine village in the Italian Dolomites where she grew up, trained as a tailor, married her childhood friend, Agostino Bacca, and lived for the first 28 years of her life. They came to the UK in 1952; Tino as a migrant worker for the forestry commission in the Brecon Beacons and Marina as a young housewife and mother who took on sewing to help make ends meet.

Marina had always been a spiritual person and often talked about her search for truth beyond her Catholic faith. So, when her children joined the Unification Movement in 1973, Tino and Marina also studied the Divine Principle and became very active with the Parents Association and, later, the Home Church. Over many years she kept a deep heart of devotion to True Parents and would testify to them whenever she could. She was always sad because she felt that her English was not good enough to do a great job, but she often touched the heart of those she spoke to much more than she realised.

Tino and Marina received the Blessing in New York in 1989 and one of the things she was most proud of was that her children and grandchildren were also able to receive the Blessing. Daily, right up until the day of her accident, she made devotions, reciting the Family Pledge, completing Hoon Dok Hae and making half bows (her knees weren't what they used to be).

Although Marina was 96, she lived alone these past 13 years since Tino passed away. She had no carers and managed her house and all her needs by herself, although her children and grandchildren were always very much a part of her life. Marina's faith made her brave and strong. She had two mottos that she lived by; one was to live simply and the other was to be grateful. She always said that she was supremely grateful for this life but ready to go when her time came.

God speed Marina! Your simple life of 'absolute faith, absolute love and absolute obedience' (another of her favourite sayings) has left a shining legacy behind. We cannot ever thank you enough.