



Kumok Lee Purinton

May 15, 1955 - December 25, 2020

Kumok Lee Purinton, 65, of Saint Louis, Missouri passed away Friday, December 25, 2020. Kumok was born May 15, 1955 in South Korea, the daughter of Soonam Lee and Songran Hong. Kumok was joined in Christian marriage to William Purinton. Soon after their marriage in Kansas, they moved to Illinois and began ministry together throughout the state, while William continued his education. After William completed his PhD at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, the couple moved to Korea for ongoing church ministry and theological education. Always helping with her husband's ministry, Kumok was ordained in the International Pentecostal Holiness Church. The struggle with Lupus would take its toll on Kumok's health and she lived as a chronically-ill person with frequent hospital stays and constant medication and therapies. After returning to the USA to begin ministry at Salem in Ballwin United Methodist Church (Missouri), she was able to only attend church three Sundays before her most recent and final hospitalization. Through her many years of children's ministry in Seoul and the nearly 28 years of ministry with her husband, Kumok was both the Proverbs 31 wife and the 1 Timothy 3 minister of the gospel. Kumok is preceded in death by her father. She is survived by her husband William of the home; mother Songran Hong of Daejeon, South Korea, brothers Kyungjoo, Daljoo, Seungjoo, all of Seoul; sister Myungok Kleckner of Virginia and sister Myungsook Song of Daejeon. She was blessed with many nephews and nieces who have all been just like her own children through love. There will be a private family visitation

on Wednesday, December 30 at Maple Hill Funeral Home from 10 - 11AM, with a funeral service starting at 11AM. A burial will follow at Maple Hill Cemetery in Kansas City, Kansas.

Cemetery Details

Maple Hill Cemetery

2301 S 34th St
Kansas City, KS 66106
(913) 262-6610
info@maplehillfuneralhome.com

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **30**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Maple Hill Funeral Home
3300 Shawnee Dr
Kansas City, KS 66106
(913) 831-3345
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Funeral Service

DEC **30**. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Kumok Lee Purinton*

October 08, 2023 at 10:59 AM



“ *Kumok Lee Purinton*

September 17, 2022 at 08:24 PM



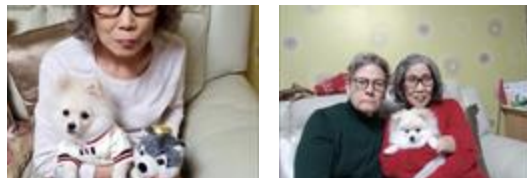
“ *Sherry Hill lit a candle in memory of Kumok Lee Purinton*



Sherry Hill - December 29, 2020 at 02:32 PM



“ *To know Kumok was a joy and also to have her has my Sister in law and how she gave such joy to everyone she met..and especially to my Brother as his Beloved wife. She will be dearly missed by all. RIP Sis, til we meet again..*



Sherry Hill - December 29, 2020 at 02:32 PM

SC

“ *Salem In Ballwin United Methodist Church purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Kumok Lee Purinton.*



Salem In Ballwin United Methodist Church - December 29, 2020 at 09:34 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Kumok Lee Purinton.*



December 29, 2020 at 07:18 AM

SK

“ *Susan Truitt for OMS Korea purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Kumok Lee Purinton.*



Susan Truitt for OMS Korea - December 29, 2020 at 05:03 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Kumok Lee Purinton.*



December 29, 2020 at 03:51 AM

SI

“ *Seoul Theological University ISMC purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Kumok Lee Purinton.*



Seoul Theological University ISMC - December 29, 2020 at 02:13 AM

WP

“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



William Purinton - December 29, 2020 at 01:52 AM

YH

“ *Your husband purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of Kumok Lee Purinton.*



Your husband - December 29, 2020 at 01:47 AM

SL

“ I have so many memories of my aunt, but the fondest ones are all from my childhood. She was the head teacher at the church preschool I attended, and I always felt so special being the teacher’s niece. But she never treated me differently, and equally loved and gave attention to all of her students. Being the first grandchild in the family, I always had a special bond with her and I know she loved me like a daughter. There were times when we bumped heads and stubbornly didn’t speak for a little while, but I always thought of her and I know she never stopped praying for me. She was someone very special to me, and I will miss her greatly.

Stephenie Laub - December 29, 2020 at 01:16 AM