

January newsletter 2017.

Thank you all who prayed for Tricia, sent cards and gave financially. I am so thankful for all of you. I think probably everyone knows that she passed on to be with Jesus November 25, 2016. She had been suffering from polymyalgia rheumatica for almost 12 months. We found out in her last two weeks of her life that she'd been having mini-strokes that went clear back to 2013 when she had a major kidney infection. It was then that she began to not be able to talk as well and was diagnosed with dysarthria now we know it was a mini stroke. When we went into the hospital for the last time they did a stomach scan and found that she had an inflamed gallbladder. I said, "Yes. I know they can fix that then she'll get better and we can go home." However, during the operation we found out she had a myocardial infarction which caused another mini-stroke and within nine days she passed away from more mini-strokes, for she couldn't talk and couldn't swallow. I am deeply saddened to lose my soulmate of 48 years. But I'm so glad she's no longer in pain and is with Jesus. For the last three years she has suffered many different painful things culminating with the polymyalgia rheumatica and the mini-strokes. (College picture and what I think she must look like in heaven now that her suffering is over.)



We had a nice memorial service for Tricia at our home church here in Santa Maria. We will be having one April 1<sup>st</sup> at 1:00 PM at our home church, Meadow Creek Church, 3037 Bunker Lake Blvd NW, Andover, MN 55304. We love for you to come to that service to honor Tricia. If you'd like to bring a potluck snack that will be great. Her interment will be at Morningside Memorial Gardens. Tricia will be near her parents and grandparents there. Thank you again for your continued support financially and prayers for me to get through this difficult time. We will have pictures about Tricia with music, memorial letters from students about her, at my web site.

I admit I'm very lonely and miss Tricia deeply. She was my soulmate, my consultant, teaching partner, inspiration for the museum, poems, books I wrote and so many other things I can't name. I ask for your prayers that I can overcome my pain & grief and continue the work God has called us to here in California.

At this point, I feel God is wanting me to stay in Santa Maria to continue teaching homeschool, and expand the outreach of the Creation Science Museum and the outreach to the Juvenile Justice Center (JJC) and follow up with the young people that get out of the jail. Some of you know I started a Tricia Memorial Fund through Twin Cities Creation Science Association, our mission board. If you would like to contribute to that in remembrance of her that fund will be used to reach the young people here in Santa Maria. She would be pleased because she loved those young people so much and helped them when they got out of JJC (Send to the address below with an attached note that is for Tricia's Fund)

Some of you know I moved the museum to the end of the warehouse complex in July and August. It's better organized and has more room. I can get up to 35 people seated for programs. Pray that I can bring in public school students for the Egyptian classes, and church groups to see the handiwork of God through the many exhibits I have there.

Heather is teaching special needs kids in Bend Oregon. Ryan got his nursing certification and works in an ER in Minneapolis. Kevin is at Bend OR also and works in a special cleaning business.

I am thankful for Jesus coming to earth, being born as a baby, and dying on the cross so that I can see Tricia again in our resurrection. Tell your loved ones every day you love them, we never know when they may leave for heaven.

God Bless, Russ

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