



## Soon C. Kim

October 20, 1942 - May 14, 2021

Soon Cho (“Susie”) Kim, aged 78, passed away peacefully on May 14, 2021 after a courageous battle with gastric cancer. Soon Cho is survived by her husband of 52 years, Jung Woan Kim, with whom she raised three children: Grace Hyunchu Voorhis of Hillsborough, CA, Katherine Myungchu Schlamp of Redwood City, CA, and Henry Younghoon Kim of Alameda, CA.

Born in Jinju, Korea to Yongduk Kang and Jaeyoon Choi, she was the third youngest of seven children. She is survived by her five sisters and predeceased by her brother. Soon Cho graduated from Jinju Girls High School and Pusan National University and immigrated to the United States in 1967. She resided in Westport, MA and spent 30+ years at the Newport Hospital in Rhode Island until her retirement in 2008. In 2009, she and her husband moved to California to be closer to her three children, their spouses, and ultimately, seven grandchildren.

Soon Cho’s passions were church, golf, traveling, hiking, and her family. She was a model lifelong learner for her children, with whom she learned how to play piano, ride a bike, swim, and sew. Once in California, she never missed a grandchild’s recital, culmination, athletic competition, or performance. Every weekend, she would prepare a family meal that nourished the vegetarian to the carnivores, a highlight that provided the cadence to her extended families’ lives. With her close friends and family, she soaked up experiences from around the world – from Macchu Pichu to the Tyrolean Alps, Costa Rica to Croatia, Africa to Cambodia – and published articles about her travels.

An enthusiastic community volunteer, she was loved, admired, and respected by all. She will be forever remembered for her radiant smile, joy of life, faith, kindness, happiness, and generosity.

Memorial contributions may be made to support Iglesias Infantil ICHTHUS in Quetzaltenango, Guatemala. For 15 years, Soon Cho’s younger sister has been a missionary in Guatemala. Checks can be made to Kathy Schlamp, with a memo of

Iglesias Infantil ICHTHUS, and sent to 755 Temescal Way, Emerald Hills, CA 94062.

Due to Covid restrictions, a private service will be held at the San Francisco Korean United Methodist Church on May 22, 2021 at 11 am. Live streaming is available through the church website: [sfkumc.org](http://sfkumc.org) by hitting the red "LIVE" button at the top of the page. A burial service will follow at 1:30 pm at Skylawn Memorial Park.

# Comments

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“ Ah Susie, one of my favorite people on the planet. I miss her already. She was such a wonderful, warm person, but she was so much more than that. Most people probably know that she was a terrific golfer, but not all may know what a fierce competitor she was. And she was best under pressure. She was a fantastic teammate. She was brutal to her opponents. She would very sweetly say something like, "Why you do that?" right after they had hit a ball into the pond. She looked so innocent...but boy, was she smart. I LOVED playing with her. But I also loved HER. When we were chatting she would often hold my arm and stroke it. I loved her emails, right up until the end. I loved that she was so grounded by her faith. I loved her spirit of adventure, and living vacariously through the pictures of her worldwide travels. I loved that she put four sugars in her coffee, because the sugar was free. I loved how she literally went out of her way to avoid the sun, which is quite a challenge for an avid golfer, and I loved the lightweight long-sleeved tops that she often wore while playing. I loved her sense of humor and how she spoke English - sometimes much better than others! I loved how it was so obvious how much she loved her family. But my favorite memory of her was once when she invited me to play golf with Mr. Kim and Mr. Pak, and Mr. Pak hit a ball toward a sandtrap. Susie and I were walking near the trap when Mr. Pak let out a stream of Korean. In response I said, "No, you aren't in the trap." Susie looked at me and said, "So now you speak Korean?" We both laughed and I said, "No, I speak golf!" Rest in peace my friend, you are forever in my heart.



**Marie Twomey** - May 18 at 12:50 PM

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“ I have many wonderful and funny memories from all the years I worked with Susie in the lab at Newport hospital. She was smart and was a huge influence in my now love for the game of golf! Rest In Peace my friend

**suzanne pettit** - May 17 at 08:26 PM