



## Kyong Won "Kim" Spruill

July 22, 1944 - February 17, 2025

Kyong Won Spruill, 80, of Saint Robert, Missouri, was a faithful sojourner on this earth. She tirelessly ran her race with diligence and dignity; peacefully entering through the gates of eternity, into her permanent home on Monday February 17, 2025, shortly after 4:10 am.

She leaves to cherish her memories; son AJ; daughter J-Pia (Jesse); granddaughter Naomi Grace; grandson Elijah Daniel; brothers Kyong Tai Kim and Daniel (Gloria) Kim; and nieces Elizabeth (James) Newman and Sarah Kim.

She was born to Kim Jung Sun and Kang Won Rye, in Pyongyang, North Korea on July 22, 1944. Even at a tender young age she found herself, along with her parents, taking swift flight for safety to South Korea, where she would grow up.

As a young adult attending church service, she was swept off her feet by a dashing Arthur Spruill, who was serving his first tour of duty in South Korea. Before his tour ended, he asked for her hand in marriage. True to her crafty ways, knowing most GI's do not receive a second tour to Korea, she consented, should he return. To her delightful chagrin, he made sure to return for a second tour. They were united in marriage on December 6, 1972. To this blessed union came son, Arthur Jonah, and daughter, J-Pia Kim.

While expecting her first child, so as to avoid potential complications of flying during late pregnancy, it was necessary for Kyong to travel to the United States, ahead of her husband completing his South Korean tour. She found herself in a new country, meeting for the first time and temporarily residing with her new in-laws. She was faced with unfamiliar customs and culture, all while speaking little to no English. Kyong met her challenges with headstrong intrepid boldness - heart full of trust - easing into military life with the promise of not having a permanent address anytime soon.

In 1992, after her husband retired from his 25 years of service as a US Army Sergeant First Class, Kyong and her family settled in Saint Robert, Missouri.

She spent many years as a member of Rolla Assembly of God, Rolla, Missouri, and then Saint James Assembly of God, St. James, Missouri.

Throughout her years as a military wife, she dedicated several decades of time and civil service for the United States government, but her proudest calling was that of devoted wife, mother, and in her later years, grandmother.

Kyong embodied all things feminine. Preeminent fashionista, she was always adorned with her trademark scarf and heels. She very much enjoyed creating beautiful floral displays as an offering for the church altar. Her artistic leanings did not stop there, as she loved putting paintbrush to paper, recreating the landscape around her. In what she thought were her private moments, she could often be heard with a soul-baring melody on her lips, a true alto. What she enjoyed the most was spending time in the still presence of her Lord. She was a lifelong learner of the Word of God, absorbing all she could from numerous studies and commentaries. She made it a practice to be with Him, her ever-present help and solace throughout all of life's offerings, quietly waiting on her Lord.

Kyong Won's pilgrimage was successful but only because of her continuous profession of trust and reliance on Jesus her savior, and God her father.

Her identity flowed not from the labels of society, but from her union with Christ.

She was virtuous and capable, more precious than the ruby birthstone of her birth month.

She was trustworthy and greatly enriched the lives of those around her.

She brought good all the days of her life.

She got up before dawn to prepare for the day and worked diligently, burning her lamp late into the night.

She made sure her dealings were profitable and invested her earnings into her family.

Her hands were busy making much out of little.

When she spoke, her words were wise.

She extended her hands and opened her arms to anyone who needed a kind anchor.

She laughed without fear of the future.

Services to honor her appointed time on this earth will be held 10:00 am Friday February 28, 2025 at Westside Baptist Church, Waynesville, MO, officiated by Pastor Chuck Whitmire.

Arrangements are under the care of Waynesville Memorial Chapels and Crematory.

Burial will follow, at the Missouri Veteran's Cemetery, Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri.

Memorial contributions can be made in memory of Kim Spruill and may be left at the funeral home.

# Cemetery Details

## Missouri Veterans Cemetery - Fort Leonard Wood

25350 Hwy H  
Waynesville, MO 65583

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

FEB **28**. 10:00 AM (CT)

Westside Baptist Church  
801 Historic 66 West  
Waynesville, MO

# Tribute Wall

CB

“ After months of wondering how Kim was doing, we found out that she had passed away. Our hearts grieve for this tremendous loss, but we are encouraged in knowing that God gave us time together cherish true and wonderful fellowship while traveling or just visiting one another at our homes for bible studies and prayers. May she Abide in Peace and Rest in the Everlasting Arms of our Savior she Praised Daily and Loved Dearly!



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**CSM(R)Harold and Brigitte Burleson** - October 17, 2025 at 12:47 PM

CC

“ My tears are for your loss and for not having had the opportunity to meet such an obviously special person. Her story and the way she lived are truly inspirational even to a stranger.

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**Chris Carroll** - March 02, 2025 at 10:22 PM

LH

“ J-Pia. I only heard this on Friday afternoon or I would have been there. All my love to you and your family. Your mom was a great lady. Luge Hardman

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**Luge Hardman** - February 28, 2025 at 04:42 PM

SR

“ Rest in peace, Kim. You will be missed



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**Susan Rostad** - February 26, 2025 at 01:34 PM

KG

“ *RIP Kim*



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**Kathy Goodman** - February 26, 2025 at 09:39 AM