



Roberta Lynn Fanberg

February 12, 1955 - July 11, 2017

Robbi Lynn Hazlett Fanberg was born on February 12th, 1955 to John and Mary Hazlett. She passed into the presence of our Lord on July 11th, 2017 after a hard-fought battle with cancer.

Robbi was raised on the mission field of Irian Jaya, Indonesia and attended high school at Dalat School in Panang, Malasia. She studied at Saint Paul Bible College (Crown College) where she met her husband Chuck. She studied Nursing at Ramsey Community College and worked as a Registered Nurse for 10 years at St. Joseph's hospital in St. Paul. She later completed her Bachelor's degree at Crown College, and a Master's degree in Pastoral Care at Bethel Seminary.

In 1988, along with her husband Chuck and two sons, Ryan and Drew, the Fanberg family began missionary service with the Christian and Missionary Alliance in Venezuela. While serving in Venezuela, Robbi gave birth to her daughter, Melanie. Together they served for four years church planting in Venezuela followed by ministry in Trujillo, Peru where they served 10 years. In Trujillo, she served in church planting doing ministries of music, youth ministry, and as a seminary professor. In 2001 she was an integral team member in the plant of the America Sur Alliance Church, serving as the wife of the lead pastor in ministries of music, counselling, and discipleship. Robbi was one of the last Spanish ministry missionaries to serve with The Alliance in Peru prior to the mission completing its work in that country.

In 2006, along with her husband Chuck, she transferred to the country of

Costa Rica to work in Church Development in Central America. Robbi's heart was dedicated to seeing churches planted in places where the message of Jesus was most needed. This passion brought Chuck and Robbi to the city of Escazu, a suburb of San Jose, which was the home of the most affluent but unchurched people of the country. To build personal relationships in this difficult area, Robbi followed God's leading to open a coffee shop as a point of contact with the community. Robbi named the coffee shop Dulce Refugio, which means "The Sweet Refuge." The ambiance of Dulce Refugio reflected the elegance and warmth of Robbi's character. It was a place where people saw Robbi's love for Jesus and for them.

Robbi's battle with cancer began early in 2014 when she was diagnosed with Stage IV Lung cancer. This was a shocking diagnosis for one who had never smoked. Robbi battled valiantly because she loved life, loved her family, and loved the Lord. Her desire was to return to ministry in Costa Rica. As a cancer patient, her life was a testimony of faith in God and love for others. She recognized that the number of her days was in God's hands, and she lived daily with the confidence that she someday be in God's presence.

Her greatest joys were spending time with her 3 children and their spouses, and her 4 grandchildren. She is survived by Chuck, her loving husband of 40 years; her son Ryan and wife Nikki with their children, Jordan and Addison; her son Drew and his wife Alissa with their children Kya and Devin; and her daughter Melanie Schultz with her husband Joel. She took great joy in seeing her children grow up to be successful and God loving, and marry spouses of the same character. She is also survived by her parents, John and Mary Hazlett and her brother Brad with his wife, Joyce; along with many aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews.

As a way to praise God for each breath of life, during her last year she played the flute on the worship team at the River of Life Church, where she was a long-time member. Robbi lived a life that reflected God's love to all that she met. She touched the lives of thousands around the world as a friend, servant, and mentor. She leaves behind a legacy of faithfulness to God and now

rejoices in the presence of her Heavenly Father. Robbi is greatly missed by those she leaves behind.

Visitation 1 - 4 PM Sunday, July 16th at HOLCOMB-HENRY-BOOM-PURCELL Funeral Home, 515 Hwy 96 West at Mackubin, Shoreview, MN
Funeral Service will be held 3 PM Monday, July 17th at Rose Hill Alliance Church, 2105 Roselawn Ave. West, Roseville, MN (visitation 1 hour prior at church). Reception to follow at Church.

Tribute Wall

JO

“ Dear Ryan and all your family, You have my deepest sympathy during this time of loss and grief. Jesse comforts me by saying ...Their in the clouds... If only we could see what he sees. With love and prayers, Yolanda

Jolene - July 29, 2017 at 12:00 AM

LD

“ Dear Fanbergs, I so want you to know how much my heart aches with Robbi's passing, even though she is with the Father, in His embrace, it still leaves a void without her vibrancy of who she was. May His love & peace fill that void & give you the grace you need for the days ahead. My prayers will continue in these days following, as you grieve the loss of her presence & miss her deeply. Hugs for you all! Special love & affection for Melanie & Chuck. (wish we could be there to add a little more support) Love Linda & Curtis Doell

Linda Doell - July 17, 2017 at 12:00 AM

SY

“ To John, Mary and family, You are in our prayers. I remember you two at Diane Johnson's study together. You had a lovely daughter. We are so sorry for your loss. In Sympathy, Dan and Sandi Yanikov

Sandra Yanikov - July 17, 2017 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ Dear Chuck and family, We so wish that we could be there with you physically today. We have been following you closely with our prayers throughout these years; rejoicing with the good news and praying more when it wasn't so good. Each time our paths have crossed during this time, Robbi was teaching through her example. There was authenticity, joy, tears and faith. Through it all she never lost her ability to find the funny side of things. We will continue to pray for you in this grief work and look forward to seeing you again.

Jessie Ritchey - July 17, 2017 at 12:00 AM

MD

“ Our deepest sympathy to the Fanbergs and the Hazeletts. We knew Robbi from childhood and I went to SPBC with north Robbi /Chuck. Great childhood memories ! God be with you!

Melissa Dell - July 16, 2017 at 12:00 AM

ML

“ Praying for you all and am so glad John and Mary are there. Those of us who love deeply, mourn deeply. But still greater will be our joy when we are reunited w Jesus and our loved ones. Love you all

Milan Lewis - July 15, 2017 at 12:00 AM

DR

“ Sending my prayers and love to all Robbi's family. She was loved by many and I will always cherish the memories we had together as friends over the years. May God wrap His loving arms around you all. We will meet her again someday! Love, Dar

Darlene Heckendorf Rwtzloff - July 15, 2017 at 12:00 AM

GG

“ Chuck and family. Our heart, love and prayers go out to you during this very difficult time. I have not seen Robbi since we were together at SPBC (on the cheer leading squad together) It was such a special blessing to read about her life, and all she accomplished. Though we all feel that she went "home' to soon, no doubt she was greeted with "Well done, my good and faithful servant." Such a comfort and peace to know that she is in the presence of her Lord and Savior- free from cancer-- free from pain, dancing on the street of glory. And though she will be deeply missed, this is just a "goodbye- see you later." May the God of all comfort give you the peace that passes all understanding as you walk thru this time of grief. Hugs to you. Barb & Greg

Greg & Barb Goheen - July 15, 2017 at 12:00 AM

KJ

“ Chuck this is your cousin Ken (Star and I) were so sad to hear of your loss. We would have loved to have met Robbi and would have loved to have spent time with you guys. Star and I have shared your love of missions and Latin America. We have spent time in Mexico, Guatemala, and Bolivia. We pray that God will wrap his arms around you and comfort you in the days , months and years ahead. You will be in ours prayers and thoughts! In His Love, Ken and Star.

Ken jackson - July 15, 2017 at 12:00 AM

LL

“ I am praying for you Chuck and family, often. I can't get her off my mind. Her spirit ministered to me each time I saw her, what a gift from the Lord her life was, and the blessings she shared by being who the Lord made her to be... will go on and on. Love to you all, prayers, comfort, grace, and peace. Linda

Linda Larsen - July 14, 2017 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ As retired missionaries from Irian Jaya, we knew Robbie. And we have been friends with her parents, John and Mary Hazlett for many years. We send our deepest sympathy to Chuck and the family and particularly to John and Mary. May the presence of the Lord be your comfort!

John & Janine Schultz - July 14, 2017 at 12:00 AM

BJ

“ Our prayers go with you and your family.

Bob and Lynda Jueckstock - July 14, 2017 at 12:00 AM

LL

“ So sorry to hear of Robbi's homegoing. but I know you are rejoicing that she's in God's presence. My sister, Priscilla, also died of lung cancer just a few days earlier, July1. Maybe they're getting acquainted! I miss my sister terribly, but know that she's with Jesus. Right after she died, her son said, "Can you imagine what she's seeing right now!" We can "only imagine" !!

Lorrie Lockhart - July 14, 2017 at 12:00 AM

TL

“ Chuck and Family, While we celebrate with you Robbi's suffering ending and her permanent healing forever now in Jesus' presence, our hearts ache with you in the loss of this lovely person who touched many lives and who was especially loved by all of you. Your Riverside Church family stands with you in prayer and extends our deepest sympathies to all of you. May Jesus' presence comfort your hearts. Pastor Tom Lundeen

Tom Lundeen - July 14, 2017 at 12:00 AM

CD

“ We were childhood friends. Wrapped in a world of Sunday worship, and Sunday afternoon dinners spent at each others homes. I was so sad when Robbi left with her family for the mission field, it was my first experience of letting someone go from my small world. Now, although many years have passed, and our worlds were very far apart, my heart is once again letting go of one of my very first friends in life. I am so proud of her legacy. My thoughts and prayers for all of her loved ones.

Connie Brill DeFlorio - July 14, 2017 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ Mr. & Mrs. Hazlett, and Brad, I am so sorry to hear about Robbi's death. She is part of the Irian/Papua group in Heaven, now. I will be praying for you as you continue this part of the journey. With love and memories, Beth Roesler Stebbins

Beth Roesler Stebbins - July 14, 2017 at 12:00 AM

CJ

“ We are so sorry, Brad and Joyce, to hear of the passing of Robbi . Even though we have the promise that we will see her some day there is still the ache that we feel for those of us left behind. May you feel the extra special peace that only our precious Lord can give us during this most difficult time. HUGS my friends !!

Chuck & Judy Jones - July 14, 2017 at 12:00 AM

JJ

“ My deepest sympathies are with you all. Robbi, I will always love you.

Janet Janos - July 13, 2017 at 12:00 AM

GW

“ Praying for all of you at this time of sorrow...may the God of all comfort be your strength.

Gaileen Warden - July 13, 2017 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ Dear Chuck and family. We are saddened to hear of the passing of Robbi. May you know and feel the love and care of our Heavenly Father. Our thoughts and prayer are with you all.

Les & Ruby Stobbe - July 13, 2017 at 12:00 AM

RR

“ Uncle John and Aunt Mary, and Brad, Paul said we are most fortunate because our Savior has risen. The ones that are asleep in Christ will rise first then we are caught up with them when Christ comes for us! We ALL will be with Him forever! Aurora (my wife) and I are very sad for your lose, but at the same time we are rejoicing with you and Robbi in Christ. I can still remember the first day when you all came to Irian. My mom and day made me stay in the bedroom with Brad, and Robbi was in the other bedroom, until they woke up. It seemed like two days latter when they finely woke up. I was making so much noise! Then finely at about 10am Brad said "This is a recording, GOODNIGHT." WHAT? And Robbi said, "Oh were you waiting for us? I have been awake since your mom and dad told you to wait for us. Hahaha" Great! Anyway, Robbi and I and the rest of the MK's became one family. She fit right in, and through thick or thin we were all as brothers and sisters. God bless you Uncle John, Aunt Mary and Brad, and all the rest of the family. We will be praying for you! Love in Christ, Ramon and Aurora Ross

Ramon Ross - July 13, 2017 at 12:00 AM