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### **Obituary: Reverend Doctor Tiffany Barsotti, ThM, PhD**

This is not a traditional obituary. There are several lovely traditional obituaries on the internet about Tiffany. Since she was a close friend for many years, after Paul Mills, her husband, gave permission for us to add the obituary, I wanted to make this more personal. She has been gone almost a year and part of me still hopes she will reappear.

Tiffany was one of those rare people who brought her heart to every action that she took and by the grace of God and having lovely wisdom, also managed to have appropriate boundaries. She was a woman who embodied the term “grace.” It was not that she was so physically beautiful, though she was physically a beauty; it was instead as if she carried grace inside herself. She was genuine, kind, gracious, careful to listen, and willing to explore and discover. She was both a fine scientist and a religious leader. She balanced the two with care. I saw her get frustrated but I never saw her lose her temper and I knew her as a friend and colleague for 30 years. She would always take a breath, pause a moment, and sort things through. She was artistic, and in her youth had done theatre professionally. And the artistic bent spilled out into her home, her office, her use of color and symbolism and her integration of music into many aspects of her life.

She touched many lives through her research in multiple countries, through exploring the edges of knowledge and reality and through her ministry and healing work. She used to say “if you follow the bread crumbs, you will be well fed.” Through her committee work in a myriad of organizations, she brought balance and wisdom, and though she sometimes would say “she went down the rabbit hole” exploring a subject more deeply and going off the original topic, she carried the ability to recognize truth--embodying direct knowing.

A fund has been developed in her name to support research:

<https://www.chi.is/tiffanybarsotti-award/>

Hurry back Tiffy, the world needs you.  
Melinda

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