



Monica Hong Steigner

February 11, 1984 - July 6, 2024

Monica was born in Seoul, Korea on February 11, 1984 to parents Isaac and Mary Beth Hong. Her family later moved to US in the late 80s where she grew up in a small suburb of NYC called Secaucus. She graduated from Secaucus High School in 2002 prior to graduating from NYU Gallatin with a BA in English Literature and Media Studies in 2007. Following graduation, she traveled back to Korea to teach English in 2009 where she met the love of her life, Ben. They were married in 2013. Monica left Korea and traveled to Saudi Arabia where she became an ESL instructor.

Monica returned to school and in 2020, she earned her Masters of Art in Exceptional Student Education: Special and Alternative Education from the University of West Florida. Her heart took her to Dubai until she and Ben moved back to the US. She worked special education jobs where she supported and assisted students with exceptionalities. Her final role was Accessibility Specialist at FSU. She was a creative person and throughout school, she was drawn to the arts. She liked to sing, make music (a few instruments she could play are the guitar, piano, and ukelele), and act.

The families of Monica and her husband Ben Steigner will be receiving guests for a visitation at Four Oaks Church on Friday, July 12, 2024 at 10:00AM with a funeral service to follow at 11:00AM. Their service will be livestreamed via <https://boxcast.tv/view/funeral-service-awhlqlb71earnhrzzzjh>

Interment will be held at Tallahassee Memory Gardens once the service has concluded.

Rocky Bevis and Breanna Green of Bevis Funeral Home are assisting the families with their arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Tallahassee Memory Gardens

4037 North Monroe St.
Tallahassee, FL 32303

Tribute Wall



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Monica Hong Steigner.*



July 11, 2024 at 11:51 AM



“ *JM planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Monica Hong Steigner.*

JM - July 11, 2024 at 11:51 AM



“ *Monica and Ben came into my life during the pandemic, at a time I experienced challenges at work and difficulty committing to Incarnation Tallahassee's Worship Band. Without being asked they stepped up to lead services or fill-in on various instruments.*

Monica took over playing electric bass which freed me up to attend church with my family and play bass on an as-needed basis. I was fortunate to play music with Monica. When I played bass, she often pulled out or played other instruments: Piano, accordion-- and while she was naturally humble, I know Monica wasn't intimidated. She was graceful, unassuming and kind.

These experiences informed our friendship and how we played together. I'll not forget how Monica and Ben helped me in my time of need and in too short a time, made a great impact on the lives of so many. They are much loved and will be greatly missed.

Warren Davis - July 10, 2024 at 02:35 PM

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“ I was lucky to finally get to experience the dynamic of Monica and Ben over the last couple of years once they had decided to come to Tallahassee. Having only known her previously through their social media posts it was such a pleasure to finally meet the wonderful woman that won my friend’s heart. She was funny and fascinating! Such knowledge of music—regaling me with stories of her time at Bar None Records (amazing!!!). She could stand toe to toe with Ben’s huge personality and it was adorable to see them together. She was so proud of that bass guitar! The last time I saw them, I had the pleasure of helping pick out some records that would be good to play along with—it breaks my heart that I’ll never hear her play and that I never got to know her better, but I’ll always cherish the times I did have and the joy she brought to my friend’s world.

Paul Chapman - July 09, 2024 at 12:04 AM

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“ Darren K. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Han Wool "Monica" Hong.

Darren K. - July 08, 2024 at 10:21 PM