

In Memoriam - Diana Fulbright

"She will be sorely missed Barrie. She was one of the few people I know who could still be moved to tears when she contemplated the Shroud. For her, it was a mystery that recalled a deeper mystery and it drew her in like nothing else could. She had started to really do better after her kidney transplant and actually was doing a few Shroud presentations again! She was a very strong-willed person who willed herself to get better if she had some difficult physical problem to overcome. For example, in getting her kidney transplant, she was called to the transplant center three times before finally getting a transplant that met her needs, and as we drove to the hospital she'd get giddy with the hope she could do away with the time-consuming and draining dialysis she did three times a day. With all of that she never let it get her down...she literally willed to overcome the setbacks and troubles she encountered. An amazing lady and one I'm proud to have called a friend."

Bryan Walsh
Richmond, Virginia

"Thank you dear Barrie for this kind obituary. This day, of the funeral mass of our dear Diana, was lived here in France, half a day later, at 4 pm local time, and our prayer union was fervent and filled with hope for her welcome by Christ who she served so smartly! Please dear Barrie convey my deepest condolences to Diana's family. For our group, it's a dreary year of mourning. After Isabel and Alan it's now a great sadness to learn of the loss of such an important contributor to the Shroud investigation. She was a great scholar, very humble...She took the patience to correct several of my manuscripts, for their bad English, specially their scientific French idioms, always with delicacy and most intelligence. Requiescat in Pace. May God welcome her to his kingdom."

Marcel Alonso
Past President of the CIELT Scientific Advisory Committee, France

"So sorry to hear of Diana's passing. I sat by her at the St. Louis conference for one session and she was so wonderfully erudite. This is a great loss to the Shroud world..."

Pam Moon
England

"I only ever met Diana on two or three occasions, although we exchanged emails more frequently. We always got on like a house on fire, probably because of our shared passion for ancient languages. She was always kind, gentle and generous. Together we decided we were the only ones in "Shroudiedom" who knew (not thought, but knew) that the name "Veronica" has nothing at all to do with "vera icon", which is one of those groundless inventions that catch on and seem to become an accepted truth - too many people speaking outside their field of speciality. The two of us against the world!! The attached information concerns the Veronica and its relationship to the Mandylion, and comes from the published version of my PhD thesis (The Tradition of the Image of Edessa, Cambridge Scholars 2016). It is fondly dedicated to Diana: [The relationship of the Eastern Mandylion with the Western Veronica.](#)"

Dr. Mark Guscín
Spain

"A sweet woman, Diana Fulbright was my dear friend since time immemorial. Modest like all great scholars, Diana rigorously documented her claims and did her best to do research despite her serious health and vision problems. I have always admired her courage and I will not forget her example. Now she is in the light of the Lord and guides us with her eternal love."

Emanuela Marinelli
Italy

"As you know, I am a new member of our group, so I never had the opportunity to meet Diana Fulbright and I do not know much of the immense work accomplished by her on the Shroud. However I want to keep in mind one of her recommendations found in the [Shroud of Turin blog](#) that should apply to each of our own work and claims: "I deplore wishful claims which unwittingly undermine credibility for the Shroud's authenticity, which is supported by an abundance of valid evidence." Sincere condolences for her friends and all her family."

Jean-Pierre Laude
France

"I was deeply saddened to hear of the passing of Diana Fulbright. I first met her at a Shroud Conference in Richmond. She was always an inspiration. Her many contributions to the Shroud Science Group, especially on issues of language were always reflective and insightful. She will be missed."

Ray Schneider
Woodstock, Virginia

"Very Sad News indeed for the Shroud Science Group! I would like to convey my deepest condolences to Diana's family. Sadly..."

Francois Gazay
France

"I'm so sorry. I didn't know her personally, but I always looked forward to her opinions on Shroud matters. We'll miss her a lot."

Joan Rogers
Los Alamos, New Mexico

"I am grateful for the time and friendship shared with Diana. May she Rest in Peace."

Dr. August Accetta
Bakersfield, California

“What a painful feeling for this very sad news! Diana was my "lady of the Shroud", a rare example of passion, skill, balance and common sense applied to the complex questions posed by the Shroud. Diana played a fundamental role in organizing a high-level panel of speakers at the workshop IWSAI Frascati in 2010, as I recognized in the [Foreword of the Proceeding](#) volume of IWSAI.

“After the Frascati workshop, we exchanged several emails where I appreciated her vast cultural knowledge, and interests. I was honored by her proposal to write and prepare her last presentation at a Shroud conference, in St. Louis about the alleged Jerusalem earthquakes:
<https://www.shroud.com/pdfs/stlfulbrightabstract.pdf>

“I think a way to pay tribute to the Scholar Diana is to read her important contributions as exegete to the studies of the origin of the Shroud and its troubled history. In addition to her presentations at IWSAI: <http://www.acheiropoietos.info/proceedings/FulbrightAkeldamaWeb.pdf> and <http://www.acheiropoietos.info/proceedings/FulbrightServantWeb.pdf>, there are several other important Diana's papers in the website of Barrie as well as in the BSTS Newsletters. One I much appreciated for its clarity is available at <http://www.shroud.com/pdfs/n62part7.pdf>

“SSG members may search for Diana's messages, always characterized by patience, clarity, common sense and methodological rigor. It is worth re-reading them. Sadly...”

Paolo di Lazzaro
Italy

“I would like to offer my deepest condolences! May Diana rest in peace! Sadly...”

Traudl Wally
Switzerland

“With Traudl, I would like to offer my deepest condolences. Sadly...”

Giulio Fanti
Italy

“Very sad indeed. She was a great scholar and made important contributions to Shroud research. This has been a tough year, Isabel, Alan and now Diana. Please forward her obit whenever it is posted. Thanks for letting us know.”

Russ Breault
Peachtree, Georgia

“While I never met Diana Fulbright, she appears to have been a truly superb lady and an exceptional scholar, especially regarding the Shroud. My sincerest prayers and condolences are offered to her family and friends.”

John Donahue
U.S.A

It was with sadness that I learned of the passing of Diana Fulbright. As a fellow historian, she and I had many interesting discussions pertaining to the Shroud's history. The most memorable time with Diana was when we arranged to meet at Saint Catherine's Monastery in Sinai when we were both in Egypt. It was a moving and inspiring day, being able to see the originals of some of Shroud history's most famous art. Diana was a true Shroud advocate and she will be missed.

Dan Scavone
Evansville, Indiana
