



## Global Peacebuilder Avon Mattison Passes on October 13, 2021

Friends and colleagues are mourning the loss of a brilliant and dedicated Peace leader, Avon Mattison. Avon has taken flight and is now inspiring our work for Peace from the other side. Her legacy lives on in all of us, as we continue to pursue Peace in our lives and on our planet. We know Avon is sending her love, wisdom, and support as she experiences the infinite Peace that is beyond our earthly imaginings yet remembered in our hearts.

For five decades and up until the end of her life, Avon worked tirelessly for Peace. She kept a busy schedule of presenting, consulting, and mentoring. She will be remembered for her love, humility, wisdom, and selfless acts of compassion, while continually lifting -up the beauty, strengths, and talents of others. We will miss her bright light, her unconditional love, her passion, and her unwavering spirit. Through her work for Peace, Avon touched the lives of millions around the world. Avon is the recipient of four Lifetime Achievement Awards.

UN Ambassador Anwarul K. Chowdhury states, “On 13 October, humanity lost a great soul dedicated to promoting the cause of Peace to all corners of our planet. We will miss Avon and her valiant spirit, inspiring us for so many years in so many ways. May her noble soul rest in eternal Peace!”

Avon is Co-Founder and President of Pathways To Peace (PTP), an international Peacebuilding, educational, and consulting organization. PTP has Consultative Status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council and is an official Peace Messenger Organization of the United Nations (UN). Avon co-led efforts to inaugurate the UN International Day of Peace (Peace Day) as established by a unanimous United Nations resolution in 1981. Peace Day provides a globally shared date for all humanity to commit to Peace above all differences and to contribute to building a Culture of Peace. Peace Day has grown from a single event of a few hundred people in San Francisco into a global movement that reaches hundreds of millions of people worldwide.

Through Pathways To Peace, she co-created the Culture of Peace Initiative (CPI) in 1983/84 in colleagueship with former UN Assistant Secretary-General Robert Muller. This local/global Peacebuilding Initiative unites the strengths of over 4,000 international organizations and focuses co-operative Peacebuilding along diverse pathways/sectors.

Avon worked with innovative leaders, groups, and organizations on the “frontline,” building a diverse and regenerative Culture of Peace ~ inter-generationally and multi-culturally for the Common Good and future generations.

Avon has served as special advisor to United Nations Conferences, Declarations and Programmes, and also to renowned international leaders and emerging youth leaders. She serves on the Advisory Councils/Boards of several international organizations and has been quoted in numerous publications worldwide.

Avon would want you to know that you **are** a pathway to Peace, regardless of your chosen work. You can bring Peace to our world through living Peace in your life and in your relationships.

All are invited to join a virtual “Celebration of Life Memorial Service” for Avon on December 8<sup>th</sup>, the anniversary of Pathways To Peace, at 5:00 pm PT via zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/6091308836> (please stay tuned for other information)

Gifts can be given to the **PTP Avon Memorial Fund**, by clicking here: <https://www.networkforgood.org/donation/MakeDonation.aspx?ORGID2=680015625>

You may also wish to donate to the **Avon Mattison Scholarship Fund** to send youth to the UN.

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