



## **Alicia A. Gaydos** **1965-2018**

We were shocked and saddened to learn that Alicia Gaydos, long-time member and Membership Chairperson of A.S.P., died in a traffic incident on February 13th. Sadly, we did not learn of Alicia's death until 12 days after it occurred; funeral services were held on February 19th.

Everyone will remember Alicia as the "front desk person" of A.S.P., the person who cheerfully greeted people at our meetings, answered questions, and managed the Society's membership program. Fewer people know that Alicia was also a singularly brilliant astrologer. She had acquired an encyclopedic knowledge of the subject through her years of study, and her work was augmented by her academic background in engineering and the arts.

Alicia was a private person who shunned self-promotion, but her research work was creative, original, and important. Recently, she was working with new concepts in harmonic theory, and exchanged ideas with her many contacts in the astrological and academic communities. She published some of her first astrological articles in A.S.P. newsletters, including a multi-part article on the Venus transit of June 2004 ("Waiting for Aphrodite"). In this work, she applied her wide-ranging knowledge of history, mythology, and astronomy to discern the cultural significance of the Venus transit cycle.

Above all, Alicia will be remembered as a sensitive and kind person. She did not hesitate to sacrifice herself for others. In recent years, she devoted herself to the care of her partner, Chuck. When Chuck died in 2015, Alicia was devastated, having lost her true soul mate. She was still working to recover from this great psychic wound, and yet remained outwardly cheerful despite her pain.

We last saw Alicia at our A.S.P. meeting on February 11th, two days before her death. We find it hard to believe that she is gone, and we will miss her warmth, friendship, and support.

The following is a link to Alicia's obituary published by the funeral home:

<http://www.kowalskifuneralhome.com/notices/Alicia-Gaydos>

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**(Alicia was born on July 5, 1965, 3:48 PM, in Elizabeth, NJ. Her death occurred on February 13, 2018, at approx. 6:00 PM, Westampton, NJ.)**