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MINNEAPOLIS (AP) - With six pink tulips hidden in his coffin and a ukulele placed over his chest, Tiny Tim was recalled Wednesday as an entertainer who believed the show needed to go on. About 400 people gathered in the Roman Catholic Basilica of St. Mary to lie to the rugged singer, best known for his falsetto voice and the 1968 hit "Tip-toe Thru' the Tulips with Me'. He really tried to be a good person, his widow Susan Khaury said before the funeral Mass. She stood next to a wreath with a ukulele in the middle. Tiny Tim died of a heart attack on Saturday night after singing his trademark song to an advantage. He was 64. Before the divine service, the visitors passed the open casket. A small white stuffed rabbit was by his side and the ukulele was sitting on his chest. I've always admired his talent, said Karren Brown, who was an honorary lady at the couple's wedding. I think he's a legend in his own time. Fan Terri Marks, who laid the tulips in Tiny's coffin, said the entertainer would never go out of fashion. He's just someone who will stay with you forever, Marks said. Tiny Tim was born Herbert Khaury and got his stage name in 1960 from an agent who had worked with Midget Acts. He made his first national television appearance on "Rowan and Martin's Laugh-in.' He wed Vicki Budinger _ or Miss Vicki _ on Johnny Carson's "Tonight Show'.' They had a daughter, Tulip Victoria, before they divorced. Miss Vicki and her daughter were not at the service, but his second wife, Jan Alweiss _ Miss Jan _ was there. Tiny Tim moved to Minneapolis in 1995 after marrying Mrs. Khaury. He has gained popularity with the retro music crowd in recent years, but the singer admitted his touring days were numbered after suffering a heart attack at a ukulele festival in September. Nevertheless, he continued to perform whenever he could. He always wanted to exceed expectations, Ms. Khaury wrote in the funeral. "If he was going to make a song, he made three. If he did two or three, he did five. No matter how he felt, the show has to go on. Picture not available for colour: The striking woman, who stretched across the glass counter at Aqua Luna, chats with a curious customer on the phone about her latest metamorphosis. In the air of the sunny New Age boutique lies the faint, sweet aroma of incense, stirred by a haunting chorus by the long-dead Doors rocker Jim Morrison: Break on through to the other side . . . to the other side. On the back of the room, the ghost of another ghost a flowing white bridal veil drapus draped from the ceiling and envelops the small round table underneath. The oblique accumulations of this shopkeeper's current venture eerily reflect her past. For it is nothing but the far-sighted far-sighted N.J., a teenager who grabbed 15 minutes of notoriety a quarter of a century ago by exchanging I do's in front of 45 million television viewers with an eccentric pop singer who was about 20 years old. It seems that Victoria Lombardi's latest company is bringing its full circle. At the age of 17, Miss Vicki - as she will always be remembered - became a good curiosity when she came into the national spotlight on The Tonight Show and tied the knot with a sly, high-flying warbler named Tiny Tim. Their sticky TV weddings on December 17, 1969 earned Johnny Carson his highest Nielsen ratings at the time. Twenty-five years later, Lombardi, a young 42, has evolved from a TV curiosity to sell New Age Curiosities from a shop window near Philadelphia. After her media marriage hit the rocks, Lombardi remarried, divorced, remarried and divorced. Since I've been married, I've had so many other names, she said, politely refusing to tell the exact number of husbands she's been through. I lost the count . . . just a few. As a businessswoman, she has gained new comfort and filled her cozy little corner on Main Street with beautiful crystals and candles and incense and books and all interesting curiosities. Friends have brought unique pieces of jewelry and other handmade items into the warehouse. A card reader is available on site for readings .m between 2pm and 4pm. Saturdays (under the ethereal wedding veil) and Lombardi's best friend of the last 11 years, a mental health counselor named Peace, is available for consultation. I've always wanted to do something like this, Lombardi said. I worked at Deacon's Luggage for nine years and decided to make a change. I didn't want to go to find another job: I wanted to do my own and do what I wanted to do. I've always been interested in that. And now I can. She admits that her sudden jump from luggage store owner to shopkeeper was more impulsive. I drove past this store every day and decided to ask about the rent, Lombardi said. When he told me, I said, 'Okay, I'll take it.' That was in December. On January 7th - the week of the new moon for happiness- the store was fully stocked and open for the shop. Lombardi has been a grandmother for seven years. Her daughter with Tiny Tim, Tulip Victoria, 23, is married and has two daughters of her own: Cherise, 7, and Jade, 1 1/2. Tulip lives about 15 minutes from here, so I see her a lot, Lombardi said. For me, they are all my children. Her divorce from Tiny Tim, whose real name is Herbert Khaury, was granted in 1977, but her It was essentially likely to take two years, she said. I was 19 when Tulip was born, but I was alone when she was a baby, Lombardi said. And I did it all on my own. I've worked three jobs for most of my life. I worked it out that I was at home when she came from school. My jobs were at night when she slept, so I had a babysitter there. As a single mother with a young daughter to support her, Lombardi went on social assistance for a while in the 1970s, did a stint as a go-go dancer in Minnie's Lounge and posed nude in an eight-page spread in Oui magazine. Tiny Tim never helped her daughter, Lombardi said. But that's fine. He's making up for it now. I don't want to say anything negative about him. Lombardi discreetly refuses to talk about her very public first marriage, saying it has been a difficult thing to live down the years. That's a good way to say it, she said. It's very hard to escape. I mean, it died after a while, but even when I was working at Deacon, maybe once a month someone came in and said, 'You look like this girl . . . Do you know. It's like you can't get away from it. The fame she gained after her TV wedding was sometimes overwhelming at the beginning. To this day, she said, she can't fathom the extraordinary number of people tuning in to see them get married on TV. I don't know about it because I was on the other side, she said. But things changed very quickly when I got an understanding of what it was all about. I was just a kid and I thought, 'This is going to be fun.' And that was it. So I have no regrets. Time has also been spent on the couple's divorce. At first it wasn't great, but over the years we found a comfortable place together because of the children, she said. And I feel more at peace with myself because I'm doing what I want to do now . . . what I like. The Mike Douglas Show Self - Tiny Tim's Daughter 1973 From Review : Bien situado of Golden Tulip Victoria Bucharest Hotel Hotel