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**M**rs. So Han Wei also known as Mrs. Wei Lau So Han Loving mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, adventurer, and intrepid spirit, she was no ordinary woman. Born on Dec 21st 1915 in Shang Tung, China, she survived war and hardships before traveling to Shanghai to look for work as a teenager. It was in Shanghai that she met her late husband, Mr. Harry Chun Hoi Wei. They married in 1937 and she became the invaluable “shop keeper’s wife” helping to manage the family business located in the lobby of the famous Peace Hotel on the Bund, where she met customers of different nationalities. It is during this time that she self-taught herself not only English but also greeting phrases in many foreign languages. She later escaped communism with her husband and moved to Hong Kong. It was there that she shared many happy days raising her family and playing mahjong with relatives and friends. Despite not having the opportunity to attend much formal education, she encouraged her children to pursue high scholastic activities. She learned to drive a car, an expensive Dodge four-door sedan no less, on her own in the 1950’s. She also traveled the world by herself and with friends and family going to far off places including Australia, New Zealand, Amsterdam, France, Singapore, Burma, England, Canada, China and Turkey to name a few. She was a woman with a passion for adventure and she did not let the cultural norms at the time stop her from going where she wanted to go. From her travels, she became a connoisseur of fine dining and developed an impeccable sense of style. She loved taking photos to document her adventures, big and small. She was a wonderful cook whose recipes are staples in the homes of her children and grandchildren. She loved the cinema and she shared her love for the James Bond series with numerous generations of children. In 1973, she moved to Sacramento, California with her husband to be closer to her youngest daughter, Patsy. After her husband passed, she moved in with Patsy, and her son-in-law Sam Wong, and helped to raise her grandchildren, Jeffrey and



Valerie in Foster City, CA. She continued to split her time between the Bay Area and Hong Kong for the remainder of her life. She was loved by family and friends the world over and was always welcomed wherever she went. She remained steadfastly adventurous even into her ninth decade of life, traveling to Hawaii for vacation at the age of 96 with Patsy and Valerie. She celebrated many important life events with her family and most recently, attended the wedding of her youngest grandchild this past October. She was a strong but kind matriarch to a large family. She passed away peacefully on Nov 29, 2017 in Menlo Park, CA at the age of 101. Her funeral service will be held on Saturday, Dec 16th, 2017 at 10:30 AM at Skylawn Memorial Park in San Mateo, CA. She is survived by a very large family. Her children include Dr. Stephen Wei (and wife Mrs. Gladys Wei), Mr. Raymond Wei (and wife Mrs. Julie Wei), Mrs. Patsy Wei Wong (and husband Mr. Sam Wong), Mrs. Susie Wei Ho (and husband Dr. Ho Lig Kang), and Mrs. Susana Wei Ong (and husband Mr. Ong Say Khim), as well as her daughter-in-law Mrs. Katherine Wei. Her grandchildren include Stephanie Wei, Esther Wei (and husband Sam Wan), Alan Wei, Eliza Wei Kan (and husband Alex Kan), Jeffrey Wong (and wife Levina Wong), Valerie Wong (and husband Eric Fok), Albert Wei (and wife Josephine Wei), Vincent Ho, Penelope Ho, Yvonne Ho Massey (and husband Steven Massey), and Tracey Ong. Her great-grandchildren include Ethan Chin, Natalie Chin, Corinne Wan, Vivienne Wan, Evelyn Wan, Ava Wong, Alistair Wei, Adrian Wei, Andrea Wei, Charlotte Massey and Adelyn Massey. In memory of Mrs. So Han Wei and in lieu of flowers, please donate to the American Lung Association using the following link: [https://secure3.convio.net/ala/site/Donation2?df\\_id=31272&31272.donation=form1](https://secure3.convio.net/ala/site/Donation2?df_id=31272&31272.donation=form1); or if you prefer, you can send a check to Patsy Wong and she will make a donation to the American Lung Association on your behalf. Her light, love, and spirit will be sorely missed but always remembered. The Wei and Wong Family



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