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Since the days when his dad took him as a little boy to San Francisco's Muni Pier, Victor Wong was hooked on fishing and it became a lifelong passion that he shared with his many fishing buddies. Over the years, he meticulously built his own fishing gear and woke up early to catch bait and scope out the best fishing spots. Victor enjoyed the challenge of trying to out-smart the fish and waited patiently for the next tug on his line. He reveled in the day's catch and once single-handedly reeled in a 31-pound striped bass. Victor's affinity for fishing was only second to his deep love of the "catch of his life" – his wonderful wife Carol and their daughters 13-year-old Terilyn and 11-year-old Karlie, their sweet dog Cody who was Victor's sofa buddy, and their army of family and friends. The couple lovingly raised their girls helping them with homework, teaching them how to cook, cheering them on at their events, and taking them on special vacations, including one to the Disney Aulani Resort in Hawaii last year. Victor was incredibly proud of Terilyn and Karlie and would often text photos of their latest accomplishments to family and friends. He was always the life of the party, telling hilarious jokes and doing spot-on impressions that often left everyone in stitches. He also excelled at cooking, creating fabulous family-style dishes and expertly carving meats at large gatherings. Victor had the biggest heart and made sure that everyone felt included and was well-fed and happy. He was a great listener, too, and calmly guided family and friends through tough times. He was born in San Francisco's Chinese Hospital on October, 21, 1965, the fourth and youngest child of Mr. and Mrs. Jook Lim Wong, who passed before him. Immigrants from Canton, China, Victor's parents ran Irving Cleaners and Laundry in San Francisco's Sunset district, and this is where the siblings Willie, Marian, Maxine and Victor grew up. Even as a little kid, Victor had a big personality as he wore his cowboy hat and sheriff's badge and road his red tricycle around while greeting customers and neighbors. He attended Lowell High School and San Francisco City College,



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where he received a degree in aeronautics and later worked for United Airlines. Since 2005, Victor worked as an installer at SFMTA – Traffic Sign Shops. He was also active in his community and was a past president of the Merimont Homeowners Association. On June 10, Victor passed away unexpectedly while fishing on Ocean Beach in San Francisco. He was only 51 years old and taken from us way too soon. However, we can find solace in knowing that he is now in a place where his amazing spirit can be totally free, where he can enjoy dim sum daily with his parents, and where he can fish 24/7 while being his family’s personal guardian angel. Our hearts are broken by this devastating loss, but we hope to heal by honoring and celebrating Victor’s life and the numerous lives he touched. We remember him as a devoted husband, a doting father, a fun-loving uncle, and a loyal friend to all. We also look forward to being part of a village that helps Carol raise Terilyn and Karlie in their dad’s loving memory. Now that our dear, sweet Victor has “gone fishing” in heaven, may he rest in eternal peace and may our special memories of him keep his spirit alive forever in our hearts. Visitation and Viewing will be held at Skylawn Memorial Park, 100 Lifemark Road (right off Hwy 92 and Skyline Blvd.), San Mateo, on Thursday, June 22, 2017, with the following schedule: 10:00 – 11:00 am – Immediate Family, 11:00 am – 2:00 pm – Family and Friends, 2:00 pm – Procession to Crematorium and Final Goodbyes. A Celebration of Life Memorial Service will be held to honor Victor on Saturday – June 24, 2017 at Elks Lodge at Emerald Hills 938 Wilmington Way, Redwood City, CA Lodge #1991 with the following schedule 11:00 am – 12:15: pm Eulogy and Services, 12:15 Light Lunch and Open Mic, 3:30pm Conclusion. Dress: Hawaiian Attire of Semi-Casual. We are in the process of setting up a college fund account for Terilyn and Karlie, but in the meanwhile, in lieu of flowers, donations can be made to “Carol Wong” and earmarked for this account. If you would also like to send a floral tribute, please have it delivered to Redwood City Elks Lodge on Saturday – June 24, 2017 before 10:30 am, if possible. Thank you for all the love and support.



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BK

Btian Kyono posted:

Back when Vic worked at United Airlines, he went to the East Coast and brought me back 2 live Maine lobsters. When delivering them to me, he explained that the transportation box, which he carried onboard, leaked into the overhead compartment. He said it started dripping from above and had to get cleaned up. I appreciated the huge effort Victo made. I never asked for them, but he bought them for me out of the goodness of his great big heart. I thanked him, but mentioned that he really didn't have to go through such trouble "Vic, they sell live Maine Lobsters here." "Really? They do?" ??

July 2 at 3:48 PM

KA

Katie posted:

My daddy just died too. Maybe yours will help my dad find his way in heaven. My dad always asked about you guys because he knew how much you all meant to us. I'll see them in heaven before you do and I will tell them how good you 3 have been during this hard time. How many angels can we have in heaven? Love, Katie

June 26 at 7:16 AM

BK

Btian Kyono posted:

A little history I failed to share Saturday. If you were there, you saw Victor's boat in the slideshow. It was a 14' Gregor aluminum. It looks beautiful in the pictures, but it started out a bit rough. Purchased from Derek Crenshaw, the boat was used for duck hunting and was painted entirely camp green. Countless hours brought this boat back to life, at a purchase price of \$250. The motor Vic bought from my brother for \$400, an 18hp Evinrude. The trailer was new from Boat and Moyer Mart. \$600. He was so proud to be a boat owner, he trailered it home and backed it into the garage. I'm standing in the garage with him and Bic calls out, "Mom! Mom! Look what I got!" Mrs. Wong walks down the garage stairs, ducks down, looks, squints, and says in a loud voice, "YOU MADE A BIG MISTAKE!" and walks back upstairs. Whoops! Awkward...

June 26 at 7:00 AM

ML

Maxine Lym posted:

Dear Doug, Thanks so much for sharing your fishing memory of Vic. We really appreciate it and will always think of Victor as a fishing king, too.

June 25 at 5:23 PM



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GW

Garrett Wun posted:

Although it has been 30+ years since our time together at Cameron House, Victor could always make me laugh and put a smile on my face. He was kind and compassionate, qualities I know carried through to his adult years and loving family. My condolences to the Wong Family.

June 24 at 4:40 PM

DK

Doug Kyono posted:

i met Victor through my brother. We became friends due to our passion for fishing. i fished from my boat and Victor was the "da beach king". When the bite was on he would text me pictures of his most recent catch and i would send back pictures of my most recent catch. One year the beach bite on and i was having boat issues so Vic said he would take me fishing from the beach. I met him at the parking lot and Vic had the bait all ready for me in a container, a rod all rigged up, and a backpack to put my catch in. So he catches the first two stripers – he offers to let me reel in the fish but i told him i wanted to catch my own. I finally hook a nice one and he was there shouting encouragement. When the fish was close he was telling how to use the waves to help land the fish. The fish was landed and high fives were in order. Victor caught the last fish so we walked back to our cars. We put away everything and the he broke out a nice cold refreshment. I said he should start "Vic's Guide Service". I will miss those texts and every time i drive down the Great Highway to my boat and i see a surf fisherman i will think of Victor "da beach king". My deepest sympathies to the family. Doug Kyono

June 24 at 3:52 AM

DC

Dennis Chow posted:

What I remember most about Victor is that he was upbeat and loyal. Before "Hakuna Matata" there was Victor! He transferred to Lowell High School from an all boys school. I remember him making jokes that he was knew it was time to leave the all boys schools when his group of friends would stare longingly at the 70 year old female cafeteria worker. Sure enough..when Victor hit our co-ed school, he was a hit with the ladies. I was an awkward teenager..i didn't have cool lines like Victor "so ladies..who likes to fish?" He was among the first of us to have a girlfriend and it says a lot about him that this ex-girlfriend (thirty years later) still has wonderful things to say about him. Victor is/was/always will be a loyal person. Loyalty is an overlooked characteristic. I don't think it gets the recognition it deserves. Among friends, all you want to know is if that person "has your back?" Will they be there for you in your time of need? Victor was always there. He always "had your back" and he never broke the "guy rule" (but that's a different story for a different place). — Rest In Peace Victor —

June 23 at 3:31 AM



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WL

William Leung posted:

In Memory of VICTOR WONG Our friend and fishing buddy Victor left this world much sooner than he should have. For those who knew him a light went out, but we will always remember his easy going smile, great sense of humor and warmth he brought to share wherever he went. Thank you for sharing your fishing adventures (especially our fun trips together aboard Captain John out of Princeton Harbor) and stories with us. Victor you will surely be missed but never forgotten. May the ? FISH GODS? look upon you forever with many tight lines and singing drags. Our condolences to the family. Willy & Connie Leung

June 22 at 5:19 PM

KF

Ken Fong posted:

Through Jr. High and High School, Victor had a perpetual grin on his face that always cheered me up. His humor has always blessed me, as was his incredible gift of being present with people. Though he will be missed here, I look forward to seeing him again with our Heavenly Father. Prayers of comfort and peace to his family. -Ken Fong

June 22 at 4:08 PM

FG

Felicia Gin posted:

What a beautiful family. Carol – You are in my thoughts and prayers.

June 22 at 12:04 PM

CL

Craig Leong posted:

Victor was just a great guy with a funny sense of humor who always cracked jokes and was fun to be around. He was someone who truly cared about his family and friends. He even helped me install a motion sensor light on my house 15 years ago and it still works to this day. Everytime it comes on, I think of Victor...

June 22 at 4:26 AM



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Penny Lim Higashi posted:

Victor was kind, caring, and sweet. He had a great sense of humor, coupled with his gentle nature. He was a leader in high school, enjoyed mentoring the kids at Cameron House, and of course, always loved to fish! It was no surprise that his many friends thought the world of him. I am deeply saddened to hear of Victor's unexpected passing—it was far too soon. I will always remember him fondly, and that he always wore a smile. Victor, may your forever rest in peace. My heartfelt condolences to the Wong Family. Penny Lim Higashi

June 21 at 10:02 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Victor by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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