



# Stephen Wei

SEP 17, 1937 - JAN 27, 2020



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## Stephen Wei

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Stephen Wei, a beloved son, brother, husband, father, and grandfather, was born in Shanghai, China on September 17, 1937 to Wei. He had one older brother, Warner, and four younger siblings Raymond, Susie, Patsy, and Susan. The family left Shanghai during the communist takeover of China. In Hong Kong, he attended Diocesan Boys School (DBS) for middle and high school. In 1958, he moved to Australia with the intention of teaching in the dental school to be built by the government. At the University of Adelaide he studied Dental Science (BDS). During his studies he became a Christian and attended an Overseas Christian Fellowship conference. It was there he met Stella K.C. Cheung. They were married in Adelaide on Easter Monday, 1965. With the HK government's change of plan in 1967, Stephen and Stella went to Chicago, Illinois, to study under Maury Massler for a Master of Dental Science, which was awarded to him in 1968. He also earned a Science in Histology from the University of Illinois in Chicago. Then, Stephen and Stella moved to Iowa City, Iowa where Stephen worked for the University of Iowa, and where they welcomed their first daughter, Stephanie, followed several years later by a second daughter Esther. In 1970, Stephen earned his Science degree (DDS). Stephen taught, lectured and published extensively, climbing the ranks to Professor and Chairman of the Department of Pediatric Dentistry. In 1984, he was appointed Professor and Chair of Pediatric Dentistry and Vice-Chairman of the Department of Growth and Development at the University of California San Francisco, and the family left Iowa City. After one year at UCSF, Stephen and Stella felt they were ready to return and serve in Hong Kong, opportunities that would allow them to do so. Stephen was recruited by the Faculty of Dentistry at the University of Hong Kong, her alma mater, St. Stephen's Girls School. Tragically, Stella passed away from a brain aneurysm in 1984, so Stephen returned to Hong Kong as Chair of the Department of Pediatric Dentistry, later becoming Dean of the Dental School. Upon returning to Hong Kong, he was joined by including Gladys Lee, a family friend from Iowa days. Stephen and Gladys were married in 1985 and became inseparable as the years went by. Before his retirement, he began practicing part-time in a dental clinic established by his former students. He retired from the University of Hong Kong in 2005 and began serving as Consultant, Professional Education for Dentsply Asia until 2005. After his second retirement, he spent more time on his hobbies such as golf, served on the General Committee of the Hong Kong Country Club, and continued to combine travel with lecturing on esophageal cancer and decided to seek treatment in the United States. He spent his last months and weeks being cared for and supported by his family. Stephen passed away peacefully on January 27, 2020 in Redwood City, California. He will be forever missed by those who knew him. Stephen was a highly successful student, often the head of his class. His intelligence and work ethic led to lengthy and significant research and inspiration for and Founding Editor-in-Chief of Pediatric Dentistry, The Journal of the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry. Emeritus at the time of his passing. Professor Wei, or "Prof", as he liked to be known, published extensively, including over 60 books and more than 200 research and clinical papers. Between 1973-2019 he published 95 papers, of which 18 are considered "classics" (has been cited more than 1000 times). He authored and co-authored many books including "Clinical Uses of Fluorides", "Pediatric Dentistry: Scientific Foundations and Update for Dental Practice" and Pediatric Dental Care", "Pediatric Dentistry: Total Patient Care" and "Occlusal Guidance in Pediatric Dentistry". He supervised research dissertations of more than 10 PhD candidates and about 30 masters' degree students in the US and Hong Kong. He took care of the careers of so many grateful and successful students.

Other significant contributions to academic dentistry include being President of the International Association for Dental Research and President of the South East Asian Association of Dental Educators in the same time period. He was dedicated to improving dental education and bestowed Honorary Professorships at many universities in China, including Peking University, Wuhan University, Sichuan University, the Ninth Peoples' Hospital in Shanghai, Tongji University in Shanghai and the Sun Yat Sen University of Medical Sciences in Guangzhou in Taiwan. He was instrumental in establishing the DongGuan Dental Hospital and served on its Board of Directors until 2019.

Stephen was serious at work, and at play. Ever since he was a boy, he was fascinated with airplanes. Throughout his career and personal life he accrued millions of miles. He traveled to almost every continent in the world, enjoying and experiencing the cuisine, culture, and landscapes. Thanks to his personable and magnetic personality he was well-liked and had many long-term friends and colleagues all over the world. Stephen was an avid lover of sports. He played tennis for many years at the Iowa City Racquet Club, at the courts behind his home in Hong Kong, at the Hong Kong Country Club, and many other courts around the world. He loved watching soccer games and would often stay up in the middle of the night to watch his favorite team Arsenal and others play in the English Premier League. Later in his life, he started to travel to Mission Hills Golf Club, Shenzhen, China, to golf.

Stephen became a Christian during his early years in Australia and was involved in church throughout his life. Stephen loved music and rich bass voice and he loved being a member of the church choir, singing complex and advanced choral pieces, despite not being a professional singer. Stephen loved his two daughters and five grandchildren deeply. Watching them continue his legacy by excelling in academics, and spending time with them gave him unparalleled joy and satisfaction.



## Obituary

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Stephen was preceded in death by his parents Harry Wei and So Han Wei, wife Stella Wei, and brother Warner Wei. Those left to wife Gladys Wei; loving daughters Stephanie Wei and Esther Wei, son-in-law Samuel Wan; grandchildren Ethan Chin, Natalie Cl Evelyn Wan; steadfast siblings Mr. Raymond Wei (and wife Mrs. Julie Wei), Mrs. Susie Ho (and husband Dr. Lig Kang Ho), Mrs. P. Wong), Mrs. Susan Ong (and husband Mr. Say Kim Ong) and sister-in-law Mrs. Katherine Wei; many nieces and nephews, and c Public viewing and funeral services will be held on Friday, February 7th, 2020 at 10:00 am at Skylawn Memorial Park, San Mateo follow.

In lieu of flowers, we suggest donations to the “Professor Stephen H.Y. Wei Memorial Fund”. Gifts made payable to Gladys Wei L be deposited into this fund. Gifts made directly to the fund are tax-deductible - make checks payable to “Impact Assets Inc” with donate by credit card at:

[https://iphi.stellartechsol.com/calvert/OnlineDonation/tabid/542/dispatch/contribution\\_id\\$369510\\_hash\\$5e5fd625f784d1df17c/](https://iphi.stellartechsol.com/calvert/OnlineDonation/tabid/542/dispatch/contribution_id$369510_hash$5e5fd625f784d1df17c/)

To be updated on charitable activities from the fund, sign up at this link: <https://forms.gle/hsVpc2FJvUwNwoLK8>.




# Events


**Stephen Wei**

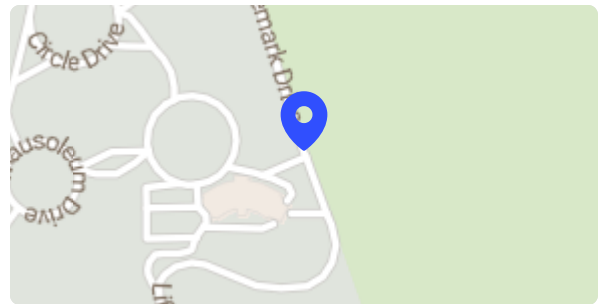
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## Funeral Service


 **Friday**, February 7, 2020


 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM PT


 **Skylawn Funeral Home and Crematory**  
888 LifeMark Road, Half Moon Bay CA 94019

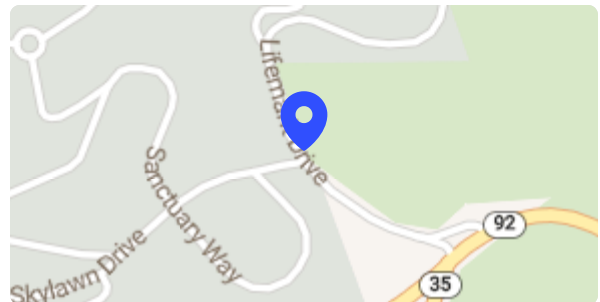


## Burial Service to follow

 **Friday**, February 7, 2020

 12:00 PM PT

 **Skylawn: Lifemark Center at Skylawn Memorial Park Adm. Conference Room**  
Hwy 92 at Skyline Blvd, San Mateo CA 94402





## Tribute Wall

**Stephen Wei**

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LK

**Leung Sau Kuen** posted:

Dear Prof. Wei, Thanks for your teaching and guidance during my MDS study in PPDH HKU.

April 6 at 4:51 PM

EC

**Eleanor Clark** posted:

Hello Gladys, I am glad to see you doing well during this difficult time. You and Steven are only temporarily separated. One day you will see each other in heaven again. I have clumsy fingers and accidentally deleted your new number. Please resend it to me. I like very much to keep in touch with you. Take care and stay healthy, Eleanor Clark

February 23 at 8:26 AM

AI

**Anut Itthagarun** posted:

Prof Wei, thank you for your invaluable guidance. Rest in peace.

February 13 at 7:57 PM

EL

**Edward Lo** posted:

Stephen, my great mentor, you will always be in my heart.

February 6 at 10:35 PM

KM

**Kmkwok** posted:

May peace of God be with you

February 6 at 3:29 PM

LS

**Lam Family: Dan, Vicky, Gretchen, Stephanie** sent a Heavenly Light to the Wei family.

February 6 at 8:06 AM





## Tribute Wall

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**Anonymous** sent a Sweet Tranquility Basket to the Wei family.

February 6 at 5:14 AM



**Lily Tong And Chan See Ching** sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Wei family.

February 6 at 2:23 AM



**Cheung Family: Peggie, Peter, Melody, Max, Carol Ann** sent a Heavenly Light to the Wei family.

February 6 at 12:55 AM



**Mds Students In The Pdo Hku** sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Wei family.

February 6 at 12:31 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Sentiments of Serenity Spray to the Wei family.

February 5 at 7:02 PM



**Josephine Wei** sent a Lily and Rose Tribute Spray to the Wei family.

February 5 at 6:43 PM





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**Alden'S Siblings: Rosalind,Fitus,Ada,Gina,Farini** sent a Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet to the Wei family.

February 5 at 4:24 PM



**The Families Of The Chungs, Tongs, And Lis** sent a Dawn of Remembrance Basket to the Wei family.

February 5 at 4:13 PM



**From Lai Family** sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the Wei family.

February 5 at 3:10 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Serene Reflections Bouquet to the Wei family.

February 5 at 12:27 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Wei family.

February 5 at 9:44 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Wei family.

February 5 at 8:53 AM





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**From Robert And Janet Sung Kien-Tung** sent a Florist Choice Bouquet to the Wei family.



February 5 at 6:22 AM



**Susan Wei** posted:

My dearest Beloved brother Stephen you were immeasurably brave and fought the cancer till the end. Through it all, you never complained because you had complete faith in God. So God took you to Heaven to rest and you would suffer no more. Farewell from your youngest sister Susanna, Ong Say Khim and family. Deepest Sympathy and Heartfelt Condolences to Gladys, Stephanie, Esther and the whole family. Thanks for giving your all and taking care of Stephen

February 5 at 5:16 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Sentiments of Serenity Spray to the Wei family.



February 5 at 5:01 AM



**Mitzi Cheung** shared 3 photos to the **Tribute Wall** album.

A wonderful Uncle we will miss you dearly ❤️



January 30 at 8:43 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Sentiments of Serenity Spray to the Wei family.



February 4 at 11:36 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Magnificent Life Spray to the Wei family.



February 4 at 8:43 PM



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**Management & Staff, Hong Kong Country Club** sent a Sentiments of Serenity Spray to the Wei family.

February 4 at 8:34 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Sentiments of Serenity Spray to the Wei family.

February 4 at 7:24 PM



**The Ozturks** sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Wei family.

February 4 at 5:00 PM



**May Ying, Candy And Zinnia** sent a Sentiments of Serenity Spray to the Wei family.

February 4 at 2:31 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Wei family.

February 4 at 3:33 AM



**Dean & All Colleagues In Faculty Of Dentistry, Hku** sent a Serene Reflections Bouquet to the Wei family.

February 3 at 7:34 PM





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**Anonymous** sent a Sentiments of Serenity Spray to the Wei family.

February 3 at 4:12 PM



**Anonymous** sent an Ever Upward Bouquet to the Wei family.

February 3 at 1:58 PM



**Dr Terry Chik** sent a Sentiments of Serenity Spray to the Wei family.

February 3 at 8:49 AM



**Love From All Kcbc Noon Choir Members** sent a Serene Reflections Bouquet to the Wei family.

February 3 at 2:31 AM



**Dr. And Mrs. Sze Kong Luke** sent a Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet to the Wei family.

February 2 at 11:48 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Wei family.

February 1 at 10:33 PM





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**Emily Wong** shared a photo to the **Memories Album** album.



January 31 at 3:59 PM



**Emily Wong** January 31 at 3:59 PM

I will always remember Uncle Stephen's warmth and kindness, from when he was our dentist in Iowa in the 70s, to when he helped me get settled as a freshman at U of Iowa in the 80s. Our deepest condolences to Auntie Gladys, Stephanie, Esther and the whole family. Love and prayers, Emily and Howie



**Anonymous** sent a Sentiments of Serenity Spray to the Wei family.



January 31 at 3:18 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Divine Peace Bouquet to the Wei family.



January 31 at 1:40 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Sentiments of Serenity Spray to the Wei family.



January 30 at 8:43 PM



Mitzi Cheung shared 3 photos to the **Tribute Wall** album.

February 5 at 2:17 AM





Emily Wong shared a photo to the **Memories Album** album.

January 31 at 3:59 PM



Portland, Nov 2018



## **Memories only last if you share them**

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



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