



Yit Yee Kung

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Yit Yee Kung, devoted husband, loving father, and doting grandfather, passed away peacefully and went home to be with the Lord on October 21, 2021. He was 94 years old and he celebrated his 95th birthday in heaven 11 days later. He is survived by his loving wife, Lai Wan Seto Kung, to whom he has been married to for 74 years; and by his 5 children and 6 grandchildren, Sue (Jonathan, Joshua), Pak (Susan, Christopher, Jameson), Polly (Chuck, Kristina), Chun, Sherrie (Jim, James).

Yee, affectionately known by his friends and relatives, was born on November 1, 1926 in Canton, China, to Mun Jun Kung and Sam Mui Chan Kung. As a young man, he joined a merchant marine ship to work and to travel. During World War II, his ship was detoured to India where he learned his culinary skills. He returned to China in 1947, married Lai Wan, and settled in Hong Kong where he worked as a chef and was a partner in a restaurant.

In 1963, Yee along with his wife and 4 children immigrated to the United States and Sherrie, his youngest child, was born 4 months later. He worked as a chef in San Francisco and later settled in Stockton where he was the executive chef of the famed Islander Restaurant. He then opened his own restaurant, Kum Ling, which he named in honor of the chef and mentor who helped him refine his culinary skills when he was in India. Kum Ling was known as a favorite spot for many in Stockton's downtown and financial district as well as a favorite among the Asian community for banquets serving up to 500 people. Yee operated and owned the restaurant for more than 17 years and he retired after his youngest child graduated from college.

Yee loved life and his family, he enjoyed traveling, good food, family gatherings, investing in the stock market, early morning walks, and socializing with his friends at the local mall. His travels included visiting relatives in the East Coast and in Southern California, swimming in the sandy beaches of Hawaii, and touring China, visiting Beijing with a tour of the Great Wall and visiting the Pandas in the Beijing Zoo, Shanghai, Xian visiting the display of the terracotta army, Guilin with a boat tour on the Li River sampling the local cuisine along the river, Guangzhou, and Hong Kong.



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To his wife Lai Wan, Yee was a loving, caring, and supportive husband who was her strength and her companion in life; to his children, he was a devoted family man who nurtured and encouraged all his children to graduate from college and be contributing members of society; to his grandchildren, he was a doting grandfather who always greeted them with a warm smile, always made sure they had something to eat, and always enjoyed spending time with them. His legacy of hard work, honesty, and generosity will carry on through his children and future generations.

Yee had made many friends along his life journey and he will be remembered for his love of life, his dedication to his family, his warm smile, generosity, and hospitality. The family is comforted knowing that Yee is now in heaven enjoying his golden years, they will miss him until they meet again in heaven.

A memorial service is scheduled for Saturday, December 4, 12:30 pm, at Skylawn Funeral Home & Memorial Park.



Events

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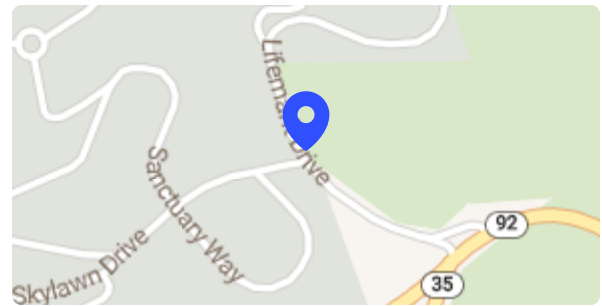
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Funeral Service

Saturday, December 4, 2021

12:30 PM PT

Lifemark Center at Skylawn Memorial Park
Lifemark Center at Skylawn Memorial Park, San Mateo CA 94402

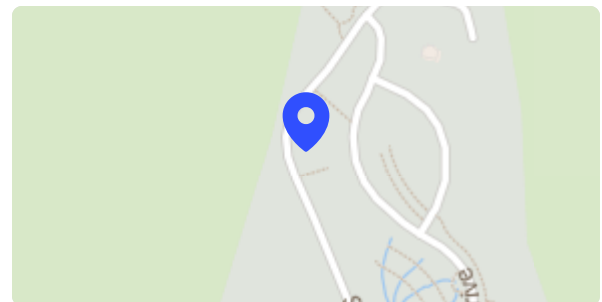


Funeral with Burial to Follow

Saturday, December 4, 2021

2:00 PM PT

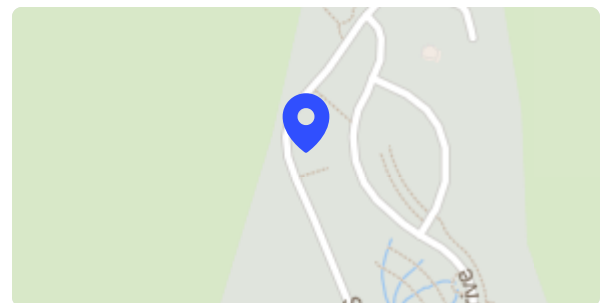
Skylawn Funeral Home & Memorial Park
100 Lifemark Rd, San Mateo CA 94062-4592



Cemetery Details

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(650) 437-1986





Tribute Wall

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Anonymous sent a Large Basket Garden to the Kung family.

December 5 at 11:04 AM



Anonymous sent a Rose Garden Heart to the Kung family.

December 1 at 7:36 PM



Bill And Marilyn Wong posted:

Uncle Yee was friendly, kind, easy to talk to and very compassionate. He often come by my parents' townhouse in Stockton when we were in town. We reminisced about the time we were in Hong Kong when he took his nephew and me to the amusement park where we spent all day and have great fun together. We appreciated all his outstanding cooking at our wedding banquet at the Islander, as well as all the other banquets at his restaurant in Stockton. He loves his daily walk, talking to friends and relatives, always happy and with a big smile. We pray that Almighty God will remember him. We will miss him very much. Bill and Marilyn Wong

December 1 at 7:02 AM



Anonymous sent a Heavenly Sentiments Spray to the Kung family.

November 22 at 8:59 PM



Anonymous sent an A New Sunrise Spray to the Kung family.

November 17 at 10:57 PM





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Helena Gin posted:

We have warm memories of the times we spent with Mr. Kung at his home, traveling in Hawaii, and touring China. He loved telling us stories of his youth and his adventures, we had a lot fun together . We will miss his warm smile and his familiar greeting "Have you eaten yet?" every time we see him. Mr. Kung will always have a special place in our hearts. With deepest sympathy to the Kung family, Gary & Helena, Julia & Peter

November 17 at 10:37 PM



Memories only last if you share them

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



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