



## Josephine Huang

September 15, 2020

Josephine Sham Huang, beloved mother of Mai, Sue and An, grandmother to Patti and unparalleled spirit and mentor to many, passed away peacefully on September 15, 2020.

Josephine was remarkable for a woman of her era. She often told the story about how she came to the U.S. as a teenager with \$5 in her pocket. Throughout her life, she never lost sight of helping others and was a strong advocate of minorities and women.

Josephine was recognized throughout her career for her contributions, and received an order from the Royal Academy of Medicine for her research. She was a member of a UCSF team that developed the kidney preservation solution which to this day, is used in kidney transplantation procedures. She was also an exceptional leader at the Environment Protection Agency where she was internationally recognized for her work to fight the spread of acid rain. The highlight of her career was being appointed by President Bill Clinton as the Assistant Undersecretary of Defense for the Environment.

She also served on the board of the Washington Performing Arts Society and was a shining exuberant light in the DC arts world.

Josephine's husband Jim Huang passed away in 1973, two weeks after his 40th birthday which left her to raise her three young girls. Josephine rose to the challenge. As a single mother, she rose in her profession; while at the same time, setting the example and paving the way for her daughters' successes. Her energy and vitality always drew others toward her. She was a woman ahead of her time - fearless and unstoppable, exuding strength beyond measure.

Although dementia took many of Josephine's memories in her later years, she never lost her zest for life and loved dancing daily with her caregiver, Art, her saving grace who stayed by her side over the last six years.

Please take a moment to remember a time when Josephine touched your life and send gratitude to this incredible woman as she enters onward on her new journey.

To ensure the health and safety of our community, we are following all guidelines set by local, state and CDC officials. If you are planning on attending a service, please contact the funeral home in advance, so that we can plan accordingly.

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