



William Lee

May 26, 2022

William Lee (Willie), 73, passed on May 26, 2022. His health had precipitously declined in the last few months from lung cancer and heart issues. He was born to Mun Sum and Yee Leung Look in Canton, China on July 23, 1948. He is survived by his wife, Annie, his brothers Cons (wife Phyllis and daughter Janelle) and Ken (wife Amy and family), and sisters Frances (lifetime partner Ted) and Sheila.

He married Annie in 1990 and they lived together in San Francisco, California.

Spanning over 50 years in the food industry, Willie drew a loyal following at many Bay Area establishments and culminated his career in 2008 as chef and owner at Blue Fin Sushi/Prime Time Sports Bar and Grill in SF. He also volunteered and worked at the Golden Heritage Senior Living Home, Cornerstone Evangelical Baptist Church and Cornerstone Academy for many years.

Willie was passionate about perfecting his culinary skills. Much of his time was spent mentoring aspiring chefs and cooking for family, church, and school events. He took pride in facility management and overseeing kitchen safety and cleanliness. He was an avid football and Disney fan and enjoyed traveling.

Willie was the epitome of generosity and kindness to all those around him, as he was a selfless human being. He brought joy to everyone with whom he came in contact. He loved to nurture children by teaching them and having a good time with them. He also loved throwing surprise parties for his friends and loved ones. He always cherished memorable times with his family and friends.

In memory of Willie, the family invites you to continue his legacy of love in action by cooking delicious meals for friends and loved ones or spending valuable time with children.

He will be greatly missed and remembered with love and affection by all those who knew

him.

It is of great comfort to know he is now with the Lord.

A Celebration of Life will be held at Cornerstone Evangelical Baptist Church, 801 Silver Ave, SF 94134 on Saturday, July 23, 2022. Time 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM. (July 23 is Willie's birthday, so it is truly a celebration of his life.)

If you wish, you may consider...

donations to be made to Cornerstone Evangelical Baptist Church or Cornerstone Academy "In Memory of William Lee"-designated for general or scholarship fund.

Donations to be made to Sutter Care at Home, Gift Processing Center, P.O. Box 160045, Sacramento, CA 95816 (SCAH.Gifts@SutterHealth.org or call 800 698-1273) "In memory of William Lee"-designated for hospice care.

Tribute Wall

PR

“ How did you do that Willie ? On your most recent birthday at your memorial service the preacher reminded us of how much you love Hawaii and asked us to think of you when we next see a pineapple so we (your Primetime regulars) went to that spot same day and in walked the current owner with a too-full bag of groceries so to avoid dropping it he put the top-most item — the pineapple on the bar in front of us. When he came back to retrieve it I tried to explain why were talking to you (Pineapple) I know you heard us you Great Entertainer when we said we love you and miss you 🥰🥰



Philip Ryan - July 29 at 02:43 PM

FS

“ *My heart is deeply saddened by your departure. Losing you has been very emotionally tough for me. I know you're with the Lord and mom and dad, so my heart is comforted.*

You will always be alive in my heart. I want to thank for the years you've taken care of me from the days at the kung fu studio to the days before your health deteriorated.

I treasure the surprise birthday parties you've given me, my favorite dishes you so thoughtfully prepared for me, and the many times you hosted our family gatherings. You were always thinking of others and cooking meals to bring upon happy smiles. I will remember you as my loving, thoughtful, and generous brother.

Glad you were able to pass away at home as you wished. May your spirit rest in peace now.

I will take care of Annie the best I can as you asked me to. Guide me with your spirit as the best ways to care for her. I will help her through this very difficult time.

Good-bye for now, dear brother. We will be reunited in heaven one day. I will treasure the day when the whole family is together again, so save my spot.

I love you and will miss you dearly. Peace, love, and joy be with you, my dear brother.

Hugs,

Frances



Frances L Schulze - July 26 at 04:58 PM

FS

“ *On the day of Willie's birthday and Celebration of Life, we grief over his departure, but are consoled by his entering into eternal bliss in the Lord. We are grateful for and challenged by his example of generosity and care for those around him: his tireless service of cooking for Cornerstone Church and School, his lavish hosting of parties for his family and friends, his willing delivery of assistance and food to the elderly relatives and those at Golden Heritage, his loving and playful care for our children....*

Our appreciation for Cousin/Uncle/Grand Uncle Willie,

Chanson, Genevieve, Ira, Carolyn, Evan and Ethan

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Frances L Schulze - July 26 at 04:43 PM

BL

“ *Uncle Willie! Is so selfless to all people around. He loves to serve God in the kitchen and to talk to any students that he sees. I will miss his infections happiness and his great attitude. I'll miss you!*

Beatrice Lee - July 23 at 11:58 AM

SH

“ *Sharon lit a candle in memory of William Lee*



Sharon - July 23 at 11:19 AM

SH

“ *One of the most caring, loving, and generous souls I've ever known. I am truly blessed to have known you and for the years of friendship that continued even after I moved to LA and eventually the East Coast. Jordan and Teagan loved their Uncle Willie so much. We will miss you.*

Sharon - July 23 at 11:18 AM

SC

“ *3 files added to the tribute wall*



Sharon Premo Cox - July 23 at 08:41 AM

FS

Thanks for your kind words and beautiful pics. Frances, Willie's sister.

Frances L Schulze - July 26 at 04:46 PM

NG

“ *Uncle Willie used to hang out years and years ago with my husband Tony, when they were both young and single. While I bet they had a lot of fun, they were both most contented working hard and serving others. Willie died one year to the day that Tony died. What a reunion in heaven that must have been.*

Nancy Good - June 25 at 03:20 PM

SH

“ I remembered Uncle Willie always taking the time to interact with the children around Cornerstone. His face glows with joy and his smiles are always infectious. I will missed him. I also remembered how wonderful he is in the kitchen. He had great menu ideas and had executed with flair. He is so kind and generous. Thank you Uncle Willie for the sweet memories. You will be greatly missed.

Shirley Huie - June 25 at 11:38 AM

DW

“ Uncle Willie was one of the most generous and kind person I have ever known. He always had a smile on his face and he always saw things in a positive light. I can only hope to attain a fraction of his joyful personality. I am personally and professionally grateful for all he has done for me and my school. I look forward to seeing him again in heaven.



Derrick W - June 24 at 11:27 AM

JC

“ In my early thirties, I was single and generally bored getting off work at 1100pm. But then I discovered a sports bar three blocks away from my house, Prime Time Pizza owned by Willie Lee. I spent many work nights and weekends here and got to know Willie and Joe very well. We talked a lot about sports, our favorite restaurants and old time Chinatown. Willie and Joe gave great advice on life as we sat in the bar many nights past closing hours. Willie and Joe became respected “Uncles”.

Willie was always gracious, accommodating, generous and showed great love to all of his friends and customers!

Willie will always be in my heart and memory and I will miss him dearly.



Jerome Chew - June 24 at 03:28 AM

WC

“ I am so happy to meet Uncle Willie as he shared a great recipe lobster Lo mien at the VTD presentation. He humbly answered all my questions. Thank you Uncle Willie for your advice and guidance to cook a great dish.

From a young hobbyists cook
Willie



willie chin - June 23 at 02:17 AM