



Josephine Sim Yoe

March 8, 1946 - February 19, 2021

Josephine Sim Yoe, at age 74, passed away peacefully on Friday, February 19, 2021. Sim was born on March 8, 1946, in Tulungagung, Indonesia. Second eldest among 5 siblings, at the age of 18, she went to China to further her studies at Jinan University. There, she met lifelong friends who became her family away from home. China's instability during its Cultural Revolution led her to migrate to Hong Kong in 1972. There, she worked as a lab technician at Hong Kong University and Island School while getting her Chemistry degree at the Hong Kong Polytechnic University. Worth mentioning, she later worked as Secretary of the head office for the Caritas Refugees Service Center. This work was most fulfilling and important to her. When the opportunity came to go to the U.S., she was very torn about leaving this job behind. Once in the States, she dedicated 30+ years as a lab specialist for the Earth Sciences, Chemistry and Physics department at El Camino College.

Though she never had children of her own, she was a beloved auntie to her nieces, nephews, and friends' children. Her love for travel has taken her to over 80+ countries. If it wasn't for her diagnosis of brain cancer 15 months ago, she would still be traveling. In her last year, she had time to put her affairs in order. She did her best to communicate with many loved ones and stay connected with those abroad. She was well taken care of by her roommate Eda and sister Kwie, along with the team from Torrance Hospice program. Everything was done according to her wishes and her way. She wanted everyone to know that death is a part of life, and that it's her time to say good-bye. Her spirit lives on in all of our hearts, and she will be well missed.

Per her request, no flowers/donations are needed please. She wished to say good-bye simply.

Events

APR **Memorial Service** 11:30AM - 12:30PM

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Green Hills Pavilion

27501 S. Western Avenue, Rancho Palos Verdes, CA, US, 90275

Comments



“ I taught English 1A at El Camino for nine years before becoming dean of the Humanities division in 1986. Sometime during the last few years of my teaching career, I had the pleasure of having Sim as one of my students. I cannot remember the semester or year, but I do remember the student: Sim was one of the most respectful, disciplined, and capable students I had ever encountered. To this day, I recall a wonderful research synthesis she wrote on El Nino which was a model of clarity and sophistication.

As Joe Holliday, one of her colleagues in the Natural Sciences division, notes, she had a kindness and warmth as well as a world view that helped her focus on the most important issues in life. I would see her occasionally on campus in the ensuing years after that English 1A class, usually while rushing to a meeting, and we'd say hi, but it was her inner sense of composure, her "I've got it covered sensibility," that I always admired and that made her special. I'm so sorry that the world has lost an individual of her spirit and innate decency.

Good night, sweet lady, may flights of angels sing thee to thy rest.

Tom Lew

Tom Lew - April 13 at 07:16 PM



“ My godmother was a simple and humble soul. She always had a clear vision, and whatever she did, she did it well. She has always been fascinated by the natural wonders of the world, hence her dedication to her work as a lab specialist at El Camino College.

Our family has gifted a tree dedication at the Los Angeles Arboretum in her honor. The golden trumpet tree is located at the north Bauer Lawn next to the exit of the Aloe Trail. You'll find a plaque stating "Sim Yoe, beloved Godmother and Traveler" at the foot of the tree. This tree blossoms into vibrant yellow flowers in the Spring and Fall. I hope you'll go for a visit in remembrance of her. Her memory and spirit will always be in our hearts forever.



Sharlene Choy - March 15 at 10:05 PM