



Shirley Hsiao Yuan Wang Chang

November 8, 1942 - July 8, 2020

On Wednesday, July 8, 2020, Shirley Hsiao Yuan Wang Chang passed away in her home, at the age of 77, due to heart failure.

Shirley was born on November 8, 1942 in Szechuan, China to Zhengchao Wang and Shiyang Yan. Shirley emigrated to Taiwan as a young girl and grew up to graduate from National Chengchi University before moving out to the United States to begin graduate studies at Oklahoma State University. Before graduating, Shirley married and moved to Chicago. From Chicago, they had a short stint in Wisconsin, then San Francisco and ultimately, residing long term in Los Angeles, CA. Shirley was a devoted wife and mother. She taught adult school, was a travel agent and an insurance agent, as well as a realtor, later receiving her broker's license.

Shirley was a longtime member of a Monday afternoon bowling league at Gable House Bowl in Torrance. She had a great fondness for travel and has travelled all over the world from Antarctica to North Korea and everywhere in between. She delighted in meeting new people during her travels that often developed into lifelong friendships as well as maintaining friendships from back in college. She especially loved snorkeling to see the myriad rainbows of the sea. She was excitedly proud to be able to share the magnificent wonders of the African safari with her granddaughters last summer. Her only love second to family was the game of mahjong.

Shirley Hsiao Yuan Wang Chang is survived by her two daughters Anita Chang Hsieh and Belinda Tung; two granddaughters Hope Hsieh and Dillon Tung, as well as her brother Frank Wang and sister Jing Jing Chen.

Comments



“ My business partner and I rent a place managed by Shirley. We weren't fortunate enough to get to know her long, but lucky enough to have met such a sweet, caring, brave lady. The best landlord ever in our lives. She's very easy going, no nonsense, fair, and also would care for us like our own grandmother. During the covid lockdown, I remember the moment it was announced on the news businesses were allowed to open, she called me with joy telling me she's so happy for us that we can open and gave us business tips, encouragement, suggested we should grow franchises. She will be missed dearly.

Lillian Tseng - July 24 at 12:06 AM



“ I first met Shirley on one of Marc Forman's after Christmas ski trips to Utah. It is hard for me to remember which year it was that we first met. But meeting Shirley for the first time left an unforgettable impression. After that first encounter, she always stayed in my memory as someone who I looked forward to seeing again.

Shirley was the matriarch in her family. On those trips, she would bring along her children, grandchildren and friends. Shirley loved the limelight and really enjoyed bringing them all along. It was on those trips that I got to know her family and friends.

Shirley was always interested in others. She always wanted to know how Fariba and I were getting along. Shirley's focus was always on those outside of her self.

Shirley was adventurous! She traveled to more countries than anyone else that I have ever met. Getting older didn't slow her down. In one of our last conversations, she told me that there were still a few countries on her list that she had yet to visit.

I will always remember Shirley as a generous and courageous person. She shared her life with others and embraced living fully.

Lionel A. Cone - July 19 at 02:20 AM



“ My relationship with Shirley all started with a phone call about 15 years ago. She called to inquire about a ski trip that I was running to Utah over the Christmas Holidays. Since that call, Shirley has been on many trips and not only did I get to know her over the years but Shirley also took her family and told many of her friends about the trips. Thanks to Shirley I have met some very nice people.

Shirely was always a delight to have on these trips and was so devoted to her family. A couple of things come to mind in relation to the ski trips. She had boundless energy and would ski in conditions that I no longer cared too. And in all of those years I don't think she was ever late to the bus. In fact, knowing Shirley she will be

right on time to the Gates of Heaven.

You will be missed and thanks for being in my life.

Marc

Marc Forman - July 16 at 06:26 PM



“ I met Shirley, on on Marks Ski trip. Very nice lady. Sorry to hear of her passing. God bless her Soul. My condolences to her family and friends.

Sincerely,
Franco Iadevaia

Franco Iadevaia - July 16 at 03:01 PM



“ Shirley will always be remembered as such a fun loving, strong, happy person. She filled a room with joy with her presence. Her laughter could be heard a mile away. Her smile was warm and genuine. It was so obvious that Shirley loved her family and enjoyed their company. They celebrated her life together on so many memorable trips.

I loved Shirley in so many ways. I will miss her friendship, words of wisdom and her company on future trips. She will be missed by many and remembered by all. She has left a beautiful legacy behind as she embarks on her next journey.

With much love and sympathy,
Debbie Nate
and
Randy Estrella

Debbie Nate - July 15 at 07:33 PM



“ Shirley used to be my room mate whenever go to ski trip long time ago. (in the United States and Europe) I missed her a lot. I left the same ski club since accidents. Now

I belong to 70+ Ski Club and 50+ Ski Club. I still go skiing every month in the ski season.

Shirley, now you are in Heaven. Rest in Peace. Enjoy the skiing there !

Yuhoko July 15, at 10:30 A.M.

Yuhoko Wadhwa - July 15 at 01:41 PM



“ Shirley was one of our first friends when we came to the states in 1974. Anything you need, insurance, travel, restaurants, you name it, Shirley will take care of it for you.

We became travel buddies and were so fortunate to have gone all over the world to ski and doing fun things. Shirley always did things her way and you can hear her from a mile away. It's hilarious! We would never have been able to visit all the different ski resorts all over the world if it wasn't for Shirley. Thank you for taking us and shared so many unforgettable memories.

Shirley, Rest In Peace. We love you and you will be forever missed!

Tom & Mary Chang

Mary Chang - July 14 at 08:01 PM



“ Shirley was one of the classiest, most generous and nicest lady I have met. It was a privilege to get to know and ski with her and all members of her family. I will cherish the memories I have from our yearly trips to Utah. She was always happy, loving and sharing I will try to emulate her and live my life with having her as an example. Rest in peace dear Shirley, you will be missed.

corine ghosn - July 14 at 04:33 PM



“ Shirley has been an Inspiration to me - always full of life and vigor. At 3:30PM on the ski slope, she would say "we have time for one more run"! At the Windjammer Cruise 2005 when she first snorkeled, she was so excited that she was moving her flappers so much it scared the fish. LOL. And later on when she started traveling more to snorkel all over the world, she would say 'If you don't spend your money, the bank will be counting it when you are in heaven'. My friend Shirley will always be in my heart. I love you Shirley.
Watch over us now that you are in heaven. -- Adel

Adel Luzuriaga - July 14 at 01:07 PM



“ 我所認識的Shirley, 她是非常樂觀, 堅強和勇敢的女士。
遇到困難, 她會鏗而不捨的解決。
我最欽佩的是當她去年九月知道自己生病了, 從來沒有怨天尤人。按照醫生的指示接受治療。
在治療期間, 第三天後她就會自己開車回家。真有大領。
或者一面看電視一面織毛衣。
當然二個女兒也非常孝順和照顧, 讓她非常欣慰。

當新冠肺炎疫情封城, 我們倆比以前更親近了。無話不談。
七月八日清晨Anita 電話告知她走了。我簡直不能相信。
前一天傍晚我們倆還通過電話。一切正常。
真是晴天霹靂。非常不捨。
再見了, 好朋友。
願在天之靈。佛祖保佑你。

Lynn Yuan - July 12 at 08:28 PM



“ 謝謝, 敘述了你的母親, 我們的同學、朋友小媛一生的經歷。
我和小媛共同寄宿政治大學女生宿舍, 印象深刻的是: 她一邊捧著臉盆和沐浴用品,
一邊快樂的與不同的室友交談, 活潑開朗又善談, 幾乎全宿舍的女同學都是她的朋友。
歲月匆匆, 小媛在晚年還打保齡球、享受旅遊, 真是得天獨厚。
小媛結束了精彩的人生路程, 安息吧
Barbara Tang

Barbara Tang - July 12 at 07:03 PM