



James Shen

November 28, 1922 - May 18, 2015

James Zsaigen Shen, 93, passed away Monday, May 18, 2015 in Sacramento following a brief illness.

He is survived through his wife of 70 years, Lan-Fen and his five children; daughter, Hwa-Yih and her companion, Steve Nerad of Roseville, CA; daughter, Hwa-Hsi of Hillsboro, TN; son, Hwa-Hsiung and his wife Yi-Fan of Taiwan; daughter, Hwa-Chen and her husband Randall Winton of Estill Springs, TN; son, Hwa-Lun and his wife Dawn of Carmichael, CA; his twelve grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren.

Born and raised in Shanghai, China, the youngest son of Kuan-Fu and Cai-Zhen (Gao) Shen. Mr. Shen held a Bachelor's Degree in Economics. He met his wife Lan-Fen and eventually married in 1946.

Mr. Shen had a long eventful career in the financial industry as a banker, and founder of Chinese Art Ballet Company because of his affection for art and music. Due to political issues, he moved his family to Taiwan in 1948.

He retired in 1978 and moved to Sacramento, CA in 1980 to be close to his grown children in the U.S. and help raise their children. Most of his days were spent influencing his grandchildren and later great-grandchildren with Chinese art and teaching them about their Chinese heritage. He also maintained a very

healthy lifestyle through exercising daily and masterful home cooking. For fun, he enjoyed spending time in the jacuzzi reflecting on the fullness of his life as well as going out to restaurants with his family, one of his favorites being Red Lobster.

Mr. Shen had a passion for family and wanted nothing more than for his children and grand/great-grandchildren to have as much love in their lives as he had. His family remembers him as a gentle, caring, loving and positive man. His proud, positive outlook reflected his primary mission in life which was to bring happiness and joy to those around him. His legacy continues forever on through family and friends.

A "Celebration Of His Life" gathering will be held on May 22, 2015 from 3:00 until 5:00 PM at Sierra View Funeral Chapel located at 6201 Fair Oaks Bl in Carmichael, CA.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

MAY 22. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (PT)

Sierra View Funeral Chapel & Crematory, Inc.
6201 Fair Oaks Blvd.
Carmichael, CA 95608
(916) 481-1515
<http://www.sierraviewfuneralchapel.net/>

Tribute Wall



Shannon
Young
McKiernan

“ Anyone interested in joining James Shen's Memorial Facebook page please search "James Shen Memorial" and send a friend request.

Shannon Young McKiernan - May 24, 2015 at 06:53 PM

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“ Uncle Z.G. is the son of my grandfather's brother. He has many siblings but I only know him. He was only four years older but when I was in school study supported by my family he was out there working and raise his family. Our life took the same route; from home town Zhejiang to Xiamen, Fujian to Taipei Taiwan to USA. Most the time, I followed my family but he led his family. During the disturbing war time all this movements were difficult. His dream was to immigrate to US. I do not know how did he do it but he did. He and Aunt married 70 years, have a big family of 5 children, 12 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren.

I admire his courage, his fighting spirit and his achieving in reaching his dream. Uncle Z.G. I salute you!

HJ & TP

Hwa Juh Shen - May 23, 2015 at 11:50 AM

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“ *"The Chen and Leclere Families" purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of James Shen.*



"The Chen and Leclere Families" - May 22, 2015 at 12:30 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of James Shen.*



May 22, 2015 at 09:59 AM



“ *I love you Grandpa. I will miss you so much. I am grateful for all our Wednesdays and for all the extra time we were able to spend together. I will forever cherish every memory we have. Thank you for loving me so much and for being the most wonderful Grandpa I could ever ask for. Your great-grandchildren love you dearly and you will live on through them...and your name will live on forever through Bao-Bao. We will love you forever.*

Shannon Young McKiernan - May 22, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *Secret Garden Basket was purchased for the family of James Shen.*



May 21, 2015 at 06:17 PM