



Dr. Chao Hung Chan

August 2, 1934 - November 22, 2018

Dr. Chao Hung (Raymond) Chan, 84, of Little Rock, passed away November 22, 2018. He was born in Shanghai, China to the late Chi Chen and Wang Si Ying on August 2, 1934. He was also preceded in death by his brothers, Benito and David Chan and wife, Lilia Alfabeto Chan.

He is survived by his children and grandchildren, Deborah Christina Chan, husband, Christopher Clark Ogilvie and children, Ian Ogilvie and Alexandra Ogilvie, of Silver Spring, Maryland; Jacqueline Chan Divino, husband, Caesar Solomon Divino, and children, Katherine Divino, Kristin Divino and Isabella Divino, of Little Rock; and Joyce Bernadette Chan Jenkins, husband, Harry Stephen Jenkins, and children, Sara Jenkins and Daniel Jenkins, of Kempton, Pennsylvania; and his sister, Jenny Lee of Manila, Philippines.

His family moved to Manila, Philippines in 1938 during the Japanese invasion of China. During the Japanese occupation of the Philippines in WWII, his father was captured as a guerrilla leader and killed by Japanese military in 1944. His father's body was never found. He was then raised by his mother, a physical education and kindergarten teacher, with his siblings, in Manila.

He received his Undergraduate Degree in Business Administration from The University of the East (UE) in Manila in 1956. He worked as an accountant while attending medical school and received his Medical Degree in 1962 from UE. He moved to the United States, where he completed a Medical Residency and Fellowship at George Washington University in Washington, D.C., from 1963-1965. He then began what would be a lifelong career as a gastroenterologist, specializing in liver disease, for the Veterans Administration (VA) Hospital System.

His career spanned nearly three decades of service at VA hospitals in Washington, D.C. (1965-1978); Louisville, Kentucky (1978-1980); Little Rock, Arkansas (1980-1990), where he also worked for the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS); Johnson City, Tennessee (1990-1993), where he also worked for East Tennessee State University; and

Indianapolis, Indiana (1993).

He met Lilia Arcenas Alfabeto, a nurse, when he was a medical student. Lilia moved to the United States and worked as a nurse in Park Ridge, Illinois, a suburb of Chicago. They were married on April 20, 1968 in Niles, Illinois. They settled in Annandale, Virginia, and started a family of three girls.

The majority of his career was spent in Washington, D.C., and Little Rock, Arkansas, where he was Professor and Chief of Hepatology for the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, mentoring both Residents and Fellows. Many of these former students went on to become successful physicians, some even treating him during his hospitalizations the last few months.

He retired in December, 1993, to Miramar Beach, Florida, near Destin, which had been a favorite family vacation spot. He and his wife Lilia enjoyed frequent visits from children and grandchildren. They traveled often to the Philippines to visit relatives, as well as to Canada and Australia. He enjoyed most seeing his grandchildren, and looked forward to all their successes, whether in academics, sports, dance, music or art. He particularly looked forward to seeing one of his grandchildren follow in his footsteps as a doctor, with his oldest grandchild planning to attend medical school next year.

The family would like to give special thanks to:

His niece and her husband, MJ Cunanan Upshur and Jack Upshur, of Abercorn, Quebec, Canada; his neighbors Ricardo and Mae Maula of Miramar Beach, Florida; the many doctors and nurses who treated him, especially at CHI St. Vincent Heart Clinic, St. Vincent Infirmary and St. Vincent Rehabilitation Hospital; and Chaplain, Father L. Warren Harvey.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in memorial to the American Heart Association.

Link to AHA:

http://www2.heart.org/site/TR/FunRaiser/General?px=11822271&pg=personal&fr_id=3930

Funeral services will be held Monday, December 3rd at 3:30 p.m. at Christ the King Catholic Church in Little Rock, AR.

Arrangements by Little Rock Funeral Home, 8801 Knoedl Ct., Little Rock, AR 72205 (501)224-2200. Dr. Chan's online guestbook may be signed at www.littlerockfuneralhome.com.

Comments



“ Jackie,
I was so sorry to hear of your father's death. I consider myself fortunate to have met him at Church s few weeks ago. I could tell in that short time that he was a true gentleman.
Dr. Bunny Brown

Dr. H. F. Brown, III - December 03 at 09:59 AM



“ JR, Evan and Scarlett purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Dr. Chao Hung Chan.



JR, Evan and Scarlett - December 03 at 09:55 AM



“ I am very sorry for your loss and wish you all strength through this difficult period.
From Paloma (Tita Aida's granddaughter in Brisbane, Australia)

Paloma - December 02 at 07:58 AM



“ I will miss a very good friend and a perfect gentleman.

agosto divino - December 01 at 06:52 AM



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November 30 at 04:09 PM



“ Chao Hong Chan, affectionately known to his close friends and classmates as Raymond Chan, was my classmate in pre-med as well as in medical school. We had so many fun memories as well as so many academic challenges together. The members of our medical class (1962) are very close knit and we have had several class reunions over the last 55 years since our graduation. The last time I saw him was Feb. 2017 during our alumni homecoming and the last time I talked with him was several weeks ago. One of my fondest memories was having a joint August birthday celebration with him and a few other classmates in 2007. One of the photos I will share will show us in front of a birthday cake with my right arm over his shoulders. Raymond had all the attributes of great doctor, a dear friend, an outstanding father and an exemplary grandfather. We mourn his passing, pray for him and family and extend our profound condolence to his family. And we will certainly celebrate his life as we recall and post some of our class reunion photos, and as we celebrate our Feb. 2019 class reunion, a gathering he expected to attend and for which we already reserved lodging for him.

In closing we'd like to share this quote with his family:

"Life is for the living and so we must go on.

Trusting God to see us through when our loved ones are gone.

But those who have departed now claim their sweet reward.

Exchanging life on earth for eternal life with the Lord.

Tiny seeds fall to the ground and bring forth beautiful flowers upon the earth.

What seems to have passed away has in truth been given an entrance to new life."

With our prayers and condolence,
Ernesto and Gloria Chua

Ernesto and Gloria Chua - November 30 at 02:18 AM



“ 32 files added to the album Memories Album



Ernesto and Gloria Chua - November 30 at 01:30 AM



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November 29 at 10:38 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Dr. Chao Hung Chan.



November 28 at 10:01 PM



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November 28 at 07:39 PM



“ Dr Chan was very kind and always a pleasure to see in the gym. He will be missed.
Cardiopulmonary rehab Miramar Beach, Fl

Angela Arnett - November 27 at 12:11 PM



“ Our heartfelt condolences and prayers to the kids and family of Dr.Chan.we will surely miss him,he is always been like an older brother to us.Rest in peace po in the kingdom of our Heavenly Father.God bless

Jun and Elvie and Honey Olis - November 28 at 07:29 PM



“ Our family was deeply saddened when we heard the news of your father 's death last week. We are sending you our sincerest condolences and know that you will be in our thoughts and prayers. Your father's abundant kindness, constant passion for life will live forever in our hearts and we will miss him greatly. Your father had always provided us

valuable medical information when we needed his advice. We hope that we can return the favor and give you strength and comfort during this difficult time. There are no words that can take away the pain in your heart right now, but know that we are always here for you and praying for you.

Sincerely,

Teresa and Ben Lim

Benjamin and Teresa Lim - December 03 at 01:03 AM