



Kwang Ik Chang

October 20, 1933 - December 16, 2024

Kwang Ik Chang passed away peacefully on December 16, 2024, at the age of 91, surrounded by close family in Lincoln, CA. Born in Hwanghae Do Province, Korea, on October 20, 1933, Kwang overcame great hardships, including surviving the Korean War, to build a life defined by resilience, love, and dedication to his family.

At 17 years of age, Kwang survived the bombing of his high school during the Korean War, endured the loss of his family, and held his beloved mother in his arms as she passed. Despite these hardships, Kwang forged a path of strength and service.

After serving in the South Korean Navy during the Korean War, Kwang married Jong Ran Lee, and they immigrated to the United States in 1972 with their children, Susan and James, in pursuit of a brighter future. Settling in Northern Virginia, Kwang used his skills as a mechanic for the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority. The family was completed when Jong Ran's daughters, Hee Jin and Hee Sun, joined them in the U.S.

In retirement, Kwang found a passion for golf, enjoying the sport until age 90. He considered playing at Pebble Beach to be one of his greatest joys and continued to play as he and Jong later moved to California to be near Susan and family. Kwang's final years embraced the California lifestyle, enjoyed time

outdoors, explored wineries, and shared memorable meals, especially those prepared by Paul, with the family dog, Teddy, by his side.

Kwang faced lung cancer in his final year. His wife, children, grandchildren, and extended family will cherish his life. He is survived by his wife, Jong; daughters, Susan Chang Bolton, Hee Jin Lee, Hee Sun Kim, and son, James Chang; grandchildren, Kyle, Weston, Elisa, Ellen, Leah, Jason; Conner, and Cameron; and great grandchildren, Solomon and Hosanna.

A memorial service to celebrate Kwang's life will be held on January 3, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. at the Morgan Oaks Eternal Preserve in Lincoln, California, followed by lunch at Catta Verdera Country Club. In lieu of flowers, donations in Kwang's memory may be made to the American Lung Association.

Cemetery Details

Morgan Oaks Eternal Preserve

421 Fleming Road
Lincoln, CA 95648

Previous Events

Graveside Service

JAN 3. 11:00 AM (PT)

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