

CHIU WONG



CHIU MING WONG On October 27, 2014, Dr. Chiu Ming "C.M." Wong. He leaves to cherish his memories his wife and constant companion of over 54 years, Elsa, his son Tony (Bina), daughter Stephanie (Bill Ogolin) and two grandchildren Amanda Wong and Mac Wong. He was preceded in death by a son, Derek Wong in 1988. Born July 8, 1935 in Guangzhou, China he fled to Hong Kong in 1949 where he first met his neighbour, Elsa Ma Mo Fong, who became his best friend and wife for over 54 years. C.M. received his Ph.D in Chemistry in 1964 at the University of New Brunswick then completed his post doctorate studies at Harvard. Over the course of 27 years, C.M. taught chemistry at the University of Manitoba with enthusiasm and vigor to thousands of students while also conducting valuable research in, and helping develop anti cancer medicines. He was widely published and cited for his research in the Journal of the American Chemical Society, Canadian Journal of Chemistry and Journal of Organic Chemistry. He was a consultant to many companies and was invited by the government of China for ten years to teach and he was able to spend many summers with his family in various parts of China. He was nominated twice for the Nobel Prize in Chemistry. The passing of his son Derek in 1988 led to an earlier than planned retirement in 1993. C.M. was passionate about traveling and for many years, his family would take frequent trips with other families to Caribou Falls. After his kids grew up, he traveled in a motor home with Elsa making multiple trips to Alaska and Yukon. They also traveled to Europe, South America and a memorable visit to the Silk Road in China. His grandchildren carved a special place in his heart and he and Elsa spent every summer and Christmas with them and took them on many of their travels including an Alaskan cruise in 2012. C.M.'s children and their families were able to gather in Vancouver and celebrate memorable moments in his life including his 70th birthday in 2005 and his 50th wedding anniversary in August 2010. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Canadian Cancer Foundation or the Canadian Blood Services. His work ethic, concern for people and drive in life, were lessons he continued to impart on others well after his retirement. Chiu, dad, ye-ye, C.M. you have created enduring and indelible memories for us to treasure forever.