



## Moon Fong

April 29, 2012

Fong, Moon Lan of Minnetonka, and mother of noted Bloomington restaurateur David Fong, passed away peacefully, surrounded by family, on April 26 of natural causes. She was 97. Moon Fong was born on August 16, 1914 in a small village of Tai Shan, Guangdong Province, China. In 1949 her husband, Lee Fong, came back from the U. S. to bring her and their children to Minneapolis. Together they managed the family's restaurant, Moy Café, in north Minneapolis. For several decades Moon kept an open house for extended family members and friends as they arrived in the Twin Cities from their home village in China. A self taught Chinese poet and calligrapher, she nurtured generations of Chinese Americans in the Twin Cities in their cultural heritage, dispensing encouragement and providing a role model of duty, volunteerism, quiet understatement, and elegance. The 2009 publication of her book, *Reflections*, was the culmination of her lifelong learning and distillations of Chinese philosophy and practices. For the last decade of her life she lived with her daughter and son-in-law, Patti-Yin and Scott Simpson, and kept an open house. Her delicious cooking, radiant smile, and joyful company lifted the spirits of everyone who stopped by. Preceded in death by her husband, Lee Fong, Moon is survived by her three devoted children and their spouses, David & Helen Fong, Patti-Yin & Scott Simpson, and Stephen and Kirsten Fong: 11 grandchildren and their spouses, Edward & Blanche Fong, Donald & Wendy Fong, Amy Fong & Bob Howard, Barbara Fong & Rody Portier, Cindy & Leo Le, and David Jr. & Amy Fong, Ben Woodson and

Stephanie Ellstrom, Stephani & Dan Scheuermann, Alex Woodson, Corey Simpson and Todd Chamberlin, and Heather Simpson and Trey Whitecotton; and 18 great- grandchildren and their spouses, Christopher Fong, Daniel Fong, Ricky & Stacey Fong, Bobby Fong, Mia Howard, Helena Howard, Haley Portier, Gerrit Portier, Hannah Le, Abby Le, Cameron Le, David Fong III, Elizabeth Fong, Max Woodson, Bella Ellstrom, Claire Woodson, Grant Scheuermann, and Leela Simpson; and numerous nieces, nephews and friends. Visitation will be on Sunday, May 6, 2-5 PM at Washburn McReavy Funeral Chapel, 2300 W. Old Shakopee Road, Bloomington, MN 55431 (952) 884-8145. A celebration of Moon's life will take place at Washburn McReavy on Monday, May 7, 10 AM, followed by interment at Lakewood Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family has requested that donations be made to either the Chinese Senior Citizens Society or the Chinese Heritage Foundation.

# Tribute Wall

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“ Dear Patti and Family, It was with great sadness that I learned of your Mother's passing. Kristie joins me in hoping that your family's grief passes quickly, leaving only happy memories of such an incredible person.

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*Kyle Oshima,*

*Minneapolis, Minnesota*

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**Kyle Oshima** - May 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MJ

“ Dear Family of Fong Moon Lan. We are sorry for your loss, however, we celebrate the legacy of your Mom and Grandmother as a beautiful person who embraced two cultures and triumphed in both. - The Charles Yim James Family (Jodi, Walter, Anthony)

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*Mrs. Charles Yim James,*

*Richfield, Minnesota*

*Contact Me*

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**Mrs. Charles Yim James** - May 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

IK

“ Yin, I'm a friend of Shirley Cavallaro; we met a few times at the Marsh. I wanted to share my condolences as you grieve your Mom's passing. Shirley has spoken of her so lovingly and while I never met her, feel like I know a little piece of her. Take good care ... how wonderful to have lived such a long and productive life ... and now be at peace. Love, Irene

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*Irene Kelly,*

*Minnetonka, Minnesota*

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**Irene Kelly** - May 04, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ David, Yin and the Fong family, Sorry for the lost! Mrs. Fong, Moon will be remembered of her graceful smile, her strong support of community events and participation with her children despite of her age. Le (Ha-Truong family) -Little Canada, MN

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May 04, 2012 at 12:00 AM

AH

“*"Remembering Moon"Who could ever forget Moon's splendor and beautiful smile? Or her undeniable zest for life? Impossible. For everywhere Moon went, the sun shone. She imparted great lightness, brightness and warmth.Who could ever forget Moon's vibrant art? No one! For just like herself, her art was both dainty and bold. She blessed nature when depicting scenes of tiny flowers with 'Big' color; Birds in flight and fluttering butterflies.Her spectacular style was shown through patiently penned calligraphy, and her heartfelt words graced the pages of her book "Reflections", where Moon wrote of life, family, truth, loyalty, appreciation and 'a cheerful attitude'.So, who could ever forget Moon? No one. For her boundless presence has embraced our lives, and for all of us fortunate enough to have known her, Moon will be wonderfully remembered forever!*

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*Arden Harrison-Bushnell,*

*Shorewood, Minnesota*

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**Arden Harrison-Bushnell** - May 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ *Yin & Scott, Jenny and I send our best your way. What a special woman you had as a mother, Yin. And she living with your family all these years... David and Jenny Buck*

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*David Buck,*

*Mpls, Minnesota*

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**David Buck** - May 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *Sorry for your family lost. Alan & Christy (Sui Yen) Morgan  
mother. Jeanette*

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May 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM



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*Jeanette Mlmin,*

*Brooklyn Center, Minnesota*

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**Jeanette Mlmin** - May 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *Yin and Scott. We are so sorry for your loss. May your family be blessed with sweet memories of your mother. Helene and Denny Konn*

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May 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *Steve, Patti and David, Our condolences to you and your loved ones. Memories of your beautiful mother touched so many of us growing up in the neighborhood. It's heart warming to see her picture and know that she was blessed with a good life and devoted family. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Joe and Maureen (McLennan) Glover*

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*Maureen Glover,*

*Edina, Minnesota*

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**Maureen Glover** - May 02, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SW

“ May 1, 2012 Yin, I was sadden to hear of the loss of your Mother and sadden to know that the loss of Mrs. Fong was a loss to this world. From what I have read, she was a woman who gave much to make this world a warm and welcoming place to live. When I saw your Mom at some of our MIA functions, a smile would spread across my face. She conveyed a sense of elegance, peace and joy. Thank you for sharing your lovely Mother with us. She is in the hearts of many! Sandra Wethers - St. Paul - MIA

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*Sandra Wethers,*

*St. Paul, Minnesota*

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Sandra Wethers - May 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Yin, Scott and Family: We are so sorry to hear of Moon's passing and I'm sure you take solace in the fact you had her a long time and were extremely kind and good to her. You have many wonderful memories and we have some too. Love to all of you and blessings.  
*Bob and Barbara Wilson*

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April 30, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BO

“ *What a beautiful picture of your mother, Yin. It reflects the love given and extended in your family and its practice of hospitality.*

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*Brenda Olsen,*

*Minnetrista, Minnesota*

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**Brenda Olsen** - April 30, 2012 at 12:00 AM

GK

“ Yin, Scott and family. I feel privileged to have known her just a bit through your loving description during the legacy exercise at Focus Financial. Take every care as you mourn.

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Gerry Kegler,

Plymouth, Minnesota

[Contact Me](#)

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Gerry Kegler - April 30, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *Patti, Steven and David: One of the honors of growing up on Bryant Ave N was knowing your mom. I remember her as kind, sweet and very beautiful. I am happy to learn she lived so long. I am impressed to learn of her talents. What a wonderful difference one life has made. Be kind to yourselves. Hugs.*

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*Carol Rucke*

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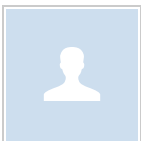
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“ *Our lives have been enriched by knowing such a wonderful person. Our hearts are sad to have to say goodbye. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family during this time. The Kobayashi Family*

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April 29, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *Condolences to the family. The north Minneapolis, Moys was my mom's most favorite restaurant. Even after the family moved to the suburbs, my mom would trek down to Broadway and always be greeted with a familiar, friendly greeting.*

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April 29, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KL

“ Moon, I missed your radiant smile and your warm friendly hands holding mine whenever we were together, not to mention the beautiful calligraphy and painting you have graciously and generously given to me over the years. May you rest in peace and in God's grace.

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*Ken Lau,*

*Minneapolis, Minnesota*

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**Ken Lau** - April 29, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ *Hi, bak bak, I love you very much, and I also miss you very much, as does everybody else! I will never forget you, Love, Max*

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*Max Woodson,*

*Chaska, Minnesota*

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**Max Woodson** - April 29, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *Yin and family: our heartfelt condolences go to all of you! Moon was a wonder and we know how close you were to her. Love and prayers to you during these difficult times. Love Tom and Sharon frederick*

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