



Tsu Yin Soong

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Tsu Yin Soong, 92, has been called home by our Heavenly Father on May 27, 2023, peacefully in his sleep. Born in Kaifeng, Henan, China, to Tung Soong and Yu Hsui Lee. He came to pursue advanced studies at the University of Missouri, USA in 1951. He worked two summers on the construction of the Greater New Orleans Mississippi River Bridge. After graduation, he worked at the company Modjeski & Masters Consulting Engineers . He was promoted to Senior Associate and designated a “Corporate Fellow”.

Some of his notable accomplishments during his career include the physical layout of the master control survey for the entire Baton Rouge area Interstate System, the Carrollton Interchange design, the US190/1-110 (Ild) Interchange design, the Scotlandville By-Pass System, the 1-10/1-310 Interchange, the Lake Hamilton Bridge, the Luling Bridge approach and many, many other fixed and movable rail road and highway bridges. He designed Ramp E2 over I-10 in Baton Rouge before there was a code for curved girders and designed curved, trapezoidal steel box girders without the aide of modern calculators or computers. He was instrumental in the widening project of the Huey P. Long Bridge, completed in 2013.

He loved travel and enjoyed cultural diversity. In addition to many trips to many different parts of China, he and his wife , Tina Lew Soong, , visited 7 nations in Western Europe, 6 nations in Eastern Europe, 5 nations in Northern Europe, Spain, Portugal, Ireland, Scotland, Australia, New Zealand, Fuji, Japan, Canada and more. They also covered many major cities and historical and scenic sites within USA. Both loved ballroom dancing, they took dancing lessons for 20+ years.



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He participated in many civic activities. Among many other things, he served as President of the New Orleans Chinese Association(NOCA), as well as a member of the NOCA Choir. He was a member the New Orleans Civil Engineers Association, Chinese American Civil Engineers Association, among others. He represented the local Chinese American community at Asian Pacific American Society, and more.

After his retirement, he enjoyed teaching Chinese calligraphy at the Academy of Chinese Studies, exercising at the EJ Health Center, playing Mahjong, bridge, reading, yard work, and continued traveling .

Most of all, he loved and was loved by his family. In addition to his wife Tina Tien Lew Soong, of 65 years, he left to cherish his memory a daughter, Vera Soong, two sons and daughter in laws, Raymond and Gail Soong, Herman and Connie Soong; 4 grandchildren, Joshua Soong, Caleb Soong, Gabrielle Soong and Matthew Soong Hamrick, and 3 great grandchildren, Jack Soong, Caroline Soong and Eli Soong. He also left to cherish his memories, Tsu Teh Soong, brother and sister in law, Yenling Tsai; Tsu Jin Lin, sister, and Ching Yung Chang, sister in law, a host of nephews, nieces, grand nephews and grand nieces, as well as a host of cousins, and relatives.





Events


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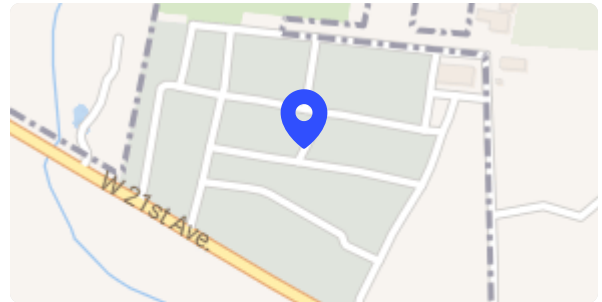
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Graveside Service


 **Saturday**, June 3, 2023

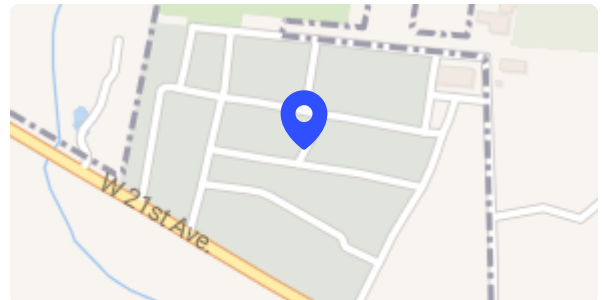
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 **Pinecrest Memorial Gardens Cemetery**
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Gail Soong posted:

Norman (we called him Yeh Yeh) was a wonderful father-in-law to me and a wonderful grandfather to my children. He was good to my parents when they were alive, and he was good to all of us. He was a generous man and a great conversationalist. I'll miss him.

June 5 at 5:02 PM



Heidi McNair sent a virtual gift in honor of Tsu Yin.

He was a very nice person and awesomely smart may he be one with the creator

June 1 at 9:45 PM



Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Soong family.

June 1 at 8:53 AM



Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Soong family.

June 1 at 6:11 AM



Anonymous sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Soong family.

June 1 at 5:03 AM



Barney T Martin posted:

It has been said that the true greatness of a man is not measured by the lands he holds, the wealth he has accumulated or the recognition of his accomplishments, but rather in the number of lives he positively impacted. By that measure, Norm was truly a great man. I thank God that I was one of those lives. Barney Martin

June 1 at 4:57 AM



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Bruce E. Peterson posted:

Norm was a great teacher and mentor to myself and all of the young engineers that worked under his supervision. In an era where the only computer was in the main office and there were no fax machines, the data input for the available programs had to be mailed to the main office and the results mailed back. I remember him teaching me how to be able to continue working on the design while waiting for results by designing the girders based on increases in stress based on the anticipated section properties and their location in the structure. Also as Modjeski and Masters normally was awarded difficult projects to design and had challenging problems to solve, one of the key skills I learned from Norm was problem solving techniques for the unique challenges that the projects presented. Finally, he also always emphasized the importance of the project's geometry. I remember early in my career him describing the special horizontal geometry conditions of the steel box girder interchange in Baton Rouge in which due to the curvature and the superelevation of the roadway, the centerline of bents and the centerline of the bridge do not coincide in the curved portions of the roadway. When the design of the Huey P Long approach spans was done 30+ years later, the same conditions existed and due to his teaching we knew exactly how the layout of the geometry had to be done.

May 31 at 11:17 AM



Anonymous sent a Sentiments of Serenity Spray to the Soong family.



May 31 at 10:23 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Tsu Yin by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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