



Charles Chow

August 6, 1925 - May 7, 2025

Charles Chow, age 99, passed away peacefully on May 7, 2025 in Columbus, Ohio. He was born in Tientsin, China in 1925 as Chun Wai Chow, moved to Hong Kong to live with his grandpa, Sir Shouson Chow, during World War II and graduated from Wah Yan College. In 1947, he left Hong Kong to attend Arkansas College and Washington University in St. Louis, hoping to become a dentist. Obtained a bachelor's degree & master's degree from Bradley University in Illinois. Taught Industrial Arts at Ashville High School in Ohio. Married in 1956 to Francine L. Ming. Graduated from OSU Dental School in 1963 and has been a Columbus, Ohio dentist for 40 years. Many years were spent researching his grandpa's family history, resulting in the book, "The Grand Old Man of Hong Kong" with authors Victor Zheng and Charles Chow. After retiring from dentistry, Charles continued to enjoy life by traveling to Hong Kong, California & New York and teaching lapidary & tai chi at the Janis Senior Center. Other pastimes included attending jewelry classes at the Columbus Cultural Arts Center, adopting stray cats and flea marketing. Preceded in death by his grandpa, Sir Shouson Chow; his parents, Yat Kwong and Rose Lee Chow; two brothers and one sister. Survived by his wife, one brother in Hong Kong, a daughter & son-in-law, two grandchildren and many relatives in Hong Kong and Canada.

There will be no local service as he will be buried in Hong Kong. The loving and respectful Charles will be sadly missed by family and friends. To send condolences please visit www.rutherfordfuneralhome.com

Tribute Wall

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“ *Deepest condolences from myself and all of us at OCCS, it was a pleasure to know Dr. Chow and his generous spirit. We will miss him.*

Daniel Hausman - June 07, 2025 at 03:11 PM

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“ *So very sorry for your loss. We always enjoyed seeing both of you whenever you would stop into Wing's. We will miss Dr. Chow. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. Wishing you peace and sending you love and our deepest sympathy.*

*Kim Yee
Kenny Yee*

kim yee - June 02, 2025 at 08:03 AM

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“ *Lonnie, you sure kept him going for a long tie. I think of you often.
Keith*

keith - June 01, 2025 at 07:16 AM