



Joon Pyo Choi

November 27, 1946 - September 13, 2021

On Monday, September 13, 2021, beloved Supreme Grand Master Joon Pyo Choi, loving husband, father of 3 children, 88' US Olympic team coach, instructor, mentor, and friend to many, has left this world to join our Heavenly Father.

Born on 11/27/1946 in a war-torn Korea, he mastered and brought his love of Martial Arts to the US in 1971 with only \$25 in his pocket and set out to share his love of Martial Arts. Through his vision and tenants of the Moo gong Ryu system he created, over 25,000 students across the globe have been impacted for the better.

He is survived by his wife, Young Ja, his children; Jee-Young, Moo-Sung, Moo-Hyun, Anna, and grandchildren, Makayla, Aria, Clara, Kai, and several siblings, cousins, nieces, nephews, and countless friends and students.

Previous Events

Calling Hours

SEP 17. 12:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Rutherford-Corbin Funeral Home
515 High Street
Worthington, OH 43085
(614) 885-4006
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<https://www.rutherfordfuneralhomes.com/>

Funeral Mass

SEP 18. 10:00 AM (ET)

St John the Baptist Catholic Church
720 Hamlet Street
Columbus, OH 43215

Burial

SEP 18 (ET)

Resurrection Cemetery
9571 North High Street
Lewis Center, OH 43035

Tribute Wall



“ *Joon Pyo Choi*

January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ *My deepest sympathy to his family and close associates as well as the students of his school. I was a student and friend of SGM Choi back in the 1970s and his teachings have stayed with me since then and will be with me the rest of my life. He was a great man and my memories will be cherished.*

Ann (Boggs) Stratton

Ann (Boggs Stratton) - October 12, 2021 at 01:02 PM



“ *Our thoughts, prayers and condolences go out to his family, friends and students as we celebrate his life and our loss of Master Choi. He molded us for action, forethought, preparation and compassion as we traverse our path through life. He will be loved and missed...for many lifetimes.*

Frank Lowery - September 18, 2021 at 11:49 AM



“ *Kimoodo!*



Mary Palmer - September 17, 2021 at 05:14 PM

JE

“ My prayers, condolences and love go to Supreme Grand Master Choi and his family! I met your husband/father at a Battle Of Columbus Event a few years ago when my sister introduced me to him. He was a kind, loving person who took his love of Martial Arts very seriously! I had seen him a few more times since that event and he had a great loving personality! His accomplishments in his life were great!!! I'm so glad I had the chance to meet him!!! Please let me know if there is anything my husband and I can do in any way!!! He will never be forgotten!!! Rest In Peace Sir!!! Your now angel in Heaven!!!

Julie Evilsizor - September 17, 2021 at 11:00 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Joon Pyo Choi.



September 16, 2021 at 10:25 PM

KL

“ Our love, prayers, and condolences to the entire Choi family. Your Dad was an inspiration to the entire Lee family, and we are all sharing hilarious tales about the experiences we were so lucky to share with him. As kids, we used to think he could fly through the air! He was bigger than life! He will be missed by many people. But, most of all by you guys.

Please know we are thinking of you.

Tracy & Kristin Lee, Michael Lee, Steve Lee and Jenn Ferguson

Kristin Lee - September 16, 2021 at 10:01 PM

TL

“ *Tracy Lee lit a candle in memory of Joon Pyo Choi*



Tracy Lee - September 16, 2021 at 09:17 PM

KL

“ *Kristin Lee lit a candle in memory of Joon Pyo Choi*



Kristin Lee - September 16, 2021 at 09:15 PM

CP

“ *Master Choi was an inspiration to anyone that had the opportunity to know him and train with him. He talk me and hundreds of others how to be a better person.*



Chris Pilkinton - September 16, 2021 at 08:38 PM

AL

“ As a student of the ‘80s Master Choi was a part of my childhood as much as any family member. I remember his incredible smile, pinching my cheek, but also his intensity at moments to bring the best out of me. Even though I was a student with him as a young child, he remains an incredible figure in my life. May he be of blessed memory for his family...both for his immediate family and those of his students around the world. —Adam Lewin

Adam Lewin - September 16, 2021 at 07:24 PM

BM

“ Supreme Grand Master Joon P. Choi passed away this week and the world is a lesser place for his passing. He proved that a man can be kind and gentle and still be (very) strong. He left his mark on the world and touched both it's children and adults. With his "Mind, Body, Spirit" approach to life, he taught serenity as much as Martial Arts. My condolences to his family and his many friends. We will all miss him but easily recall his warm smiling presence and we will carry his legacy to the next generation.

Brian F. Griffin, MD

Joy L. Griffin, RN, BSN

Brian F. Griffin, MD - September 16, 2021 at 02:51 PM

DG

“ My thoughts and prayers are with your family. Love you all very much. SGM Choi meant so much to so many. I'm forever grateful to have had the privilege to be taught by him. Not only in Taekwondo, but in life. I will strive to remember all he has taught me and pass it on in his honor.



Debbie Green - September 16, 2021 at 05:21 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Joon Pyo Choi.



September 15, 2021 at 07:06 PM



“ SGM Choi a great force of good and always had a smile handy, Great teacher, Grate Roll Model But even a Greater friend

Jim Vallance - September 15, 2021 at 07:00 PM



“ I am very sorry for your loss. Know that you and your whole family are in my prayers.

SGM Choi was a major influence in my life. In many ways, his encouragement and support helped to make me into the man I am today. He will be deeply missed.

Jim Livingston - September 15, 2021 at 06:57 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Joon Pyo Choi.



September 15, 2021 at 04:58 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Joon Pyo Choi.*



September 15, 2021 at 04:28 PM



“ *This gentleman touched so many lives including mine and my daughter, Aurora. His smile and laughter were contagious. He was and is still loved by his family and OMAC family. His lessons were not necessarily taught in the dojang but, also by the way he walked his talk. We will miss him terribly but, he lives in our hearts forever.*



Lisa & Aurora Anderson - September 15, 2021 at 03:19 PM



“ *My condolences and prayers to the Choi family. SGM Choi will be in all our hearts forever!!! A truly amazing man!!!*

Judie Schoyer - September 15, 2021 at 01:51 PM



“ *The Hopkins, Shulls, and Tuckers of CTC purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Joon Pyo Choi.*



The Hopkins, Shulls, and Tuckers of CTC - September 15, 2021 at 01:13 PM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Joon Pyo Choi.*



September 15, 2021 at 11:40 AM



“ *My condolences to the Choi family, my second family. SGM was a truly amazing man. He will live on in our hearts for years to come. We will be praying for all of you in your time of sorrow.*



Jack Pistella - September 15, 2021 at 10:48 AM