



Ted Woo

January 4, 1928 - November 26, 2020

Ted Woo, 92, of Bourbonnais, passed away peacefully Thursday (Nov. 26, 2020) in the presence of his beloved wife of 58 years, Shuet Fong Woo.

Ted is the father and grandfather to: Son, Wesley (Missy) and his children Austin (Meeghan), Kyle (Allie), Alex (Stephanie), Joey, Jesse, Jacob and Jamie; daughter, Naomi (Jeff) Altmyer and her children Alina and Alec; son, Stanley (Cari) and his children Nena, Samantha and Trenton (Sydney); son, Bradley (Pam) and his children Sirena (Josh) and Madison; and daughter, Jeannie (Rob) and her children. Ted has one surviving sister, Marie Chan. Preceding him in death were his parents; and four siblings, Kwan Wu Yin-Chee, Eva Gwan, Henry Yong and Mae Brenmark.

Ted immigrated to the United States in 1955. He went back to Hong Kong and married Shuet in 1962, who was able to join him in Chicago's Chinatown the following year. While working in the restaurant business, Ted found an opportunity that would permanently move the family to Bourbonnais. In 1969, he partnered with Art Sanor (the entrepreneur who brought Chinese food to the Kankakee area) to become the head chef of Art's Cliff House in Bradley. Art has since passed away. In 1980, Ted and Shuet bought the business, renaming it South China Restaurant and Lounge. In 1987, Ted moved South China to Kinzie Avenue in Bradley, and it was a huge success. In 2002, the family decided to close South China, allowing Ted and Shuet to enjoy retirement.

Over the course of Ted's career, he cultivated a unique authentic American

Chinese dining experience by supplying the area with their famous homemade egg rolls, sweet and sour sauce, appetizer plates and Hong Kong steak, just to name a few. People drove in from all over becoming loyal customers and lifelong friends. The Woo family is grateful to the dedicated employees who became the extended family that supported and helped them assimilate to life and business in a small American town.

Ted was a model of hard work and dedication. He took great pride in his business. He knew the measure of commitment and persistence. He instilled an impeccable work ethic into his children who continue to live his legacy. Ted spent his retirement adoring his wife who was his center, foundation and life partner. They enjoyed a quiet retirement and much deserved rest watching Chinese TV, cooking, gardening and spending time with their family.

Due to COVID-19, a memorial and graveside service will be at a future date in Mount Auburn Cemetery, Stickney, for all family and friends.

Memorials may be made to the wishes of the family.

Funeral arrangements are by Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home, Bourbonnais.

Tribute Wall

MB

“ So sorry to hear of your families loss. Teddy was a great father and Great person in every aspect of his life. His legacy will always be remembered by everyone that knew him. My prayers go out to the whole woo family. You all have been great friends my whole life. May God Bless all of you in this sad time!
Mike Burnett



Michael Burnett - January 13, 2021 at 08:26 PM

LB

“ Much sympathy to all the family.
We had many good meals at the Cliff House.
Thinking of you, Naomi, at this hard time.
Lorraine Baron

Lorraine Baron - December 06, 2020 at 05:52 PM

MR

“ So sad to hear of your fathers passing. A special prayer to you all.

Mike Ratcliff - December 04, 2020 at 03:45 PM

VR

“ My deepest sympathy to Mrs. Woo and family. Many great memories from the Cliff House days. Best Chinese food anywhere!

Vicky Ryan - December 03, 2020 at 09:13 PM

MS

“ You are in our thoughts and prayers with deepest sympathy.



Marvin and Denise Schrum - December 03, 2020 at 07:07 PM

TH

“ Always loved going to his place great food with great friends Ted was a master of the egg roll never found one better. You just want to go back in time and talk with again. He was a great man with his children who were my friends

todd higgins - December 03, 2020 at 06:48 PM

KT

“ Kim Talamantes lit a candle in memory of Ted Woo



Kim Talamantes - December 02, 2020 at 10:48 PM

KT

My heart goes out to you in this time of need, many blessings and prayers...

Kim Talamantes - December 02, 2020 at 10:51 PM

MS

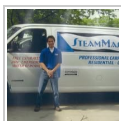
“ We are mourning with you all! What an incredible life he lived! He and Mrs. Woo raised amazing, hard working, loving children! What a beautiful legacy he leaves behind. So many wonderful memories we had at South China; our kids running around in there and sneaking in the kitchen to watch the master chefs!;) We love you all and will continue to pray that you find great comfort from the Lord and your precious memories! Mary and Max Schmid

mary schmid - December 01, 2020 at 10:14 PM

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“ I worked for the Woo family for 6 years best people ever to work for. Treated me like family and they are a beautiful family. So sorry for their loss

Sherry McCartney (Flowers) - November 30, 2020 at 08:51 AM



Thank you Sherry, those were good times !! I hope your doing well. Thanks for your nice comments ❤️

Brad Woo - December 01, 2020 at 09:25 PM

Nancy Baron Anderson

“ My condolences to you all. What a wonderful obituary and what a great life he made for himself and his family. I remember him from even before I became friends with you all. My dad used to take us to Art's Cliff House all the time and they were friends. Great memories.

Nancy Baron Anderson - November 29, 2020 at 09:18 PM



Thanks for sharing your memories Nancy. We've been Blessed with great friends over the years.

Brad Woo - December 01, 2020 at 09:31 PM

TB

“ Our Deepest Sympathy to Ted's Family for their loss of a great person. He will be deeply missed. Sending hugs & prayers from your friends. Ted & his wife & family are wonderful, caring and hardworking people whom are glad we have crossed paths with.
RIP Mr. Woo. 🕊️❤️



Tim & Vickie Bertrand - November 29, 2020 at 11:00 AM



Thank you Tim & Vickie. We appreciate your Condolences.

Brad Woo - December 01, 2020 at 09:34 PM

CS

“ I am so sorry for your loss. I worked at the Cliff House back in the 70's when Margie was the head waitress. Mr and Mrs Woo were nice to work for. My sister Kathy worked for the Woo's too. You will be greatly missed Mr. Woo (Teddy). Sincerely, Charlotte Stewart.

Charlotte Stewart - November 29, 2020 at 03:28 AM



Thanks for you nice comments Charlotte, I was really little then but I remember you and Kathy. Thanks for sharing.

Brad Woo - December 01, 2020 at 09:39 PM

TB

My deepest sympathy to the Woo family. I'm sorry I did not have the pleasure of knowing Ted but I can see he must of been a good husband,father and grandfather knowing some of the Woo family for many years. I see now what I have read and seen he was a wonderful man.

God Bless your whole family

Terry Bertrand - December 02, 2020 at 08:35 PM

DB

“ Dawn Douglas Baig lit a candle in memory of
Ted Woo



Dawn Douglas Baig - November 28, 2020 at 11:21 PM



Thank you Dawn !

Brad Woo - December 01, 2020 at 09:41 PM