



## Margaret Kao Hsing

October 17, 2023

Today our family celebrated the life of Margaret Kao Hsing. A beloved Wife (妻子), Mother (妈妈), Grandmother (婆婆), Great Grandmother (太婆) and Friend (朋友).

The original Dragon Lady, she was a force in which to reckon. Vivacious, direct but always charming, impeccably styled to the nines with perfectly coiffed hair, full makeup and well accessorized, she ran the show. Born December 13, 1928 in Fujian, she studied in Shanghai where she met her husband James. They emigrated to Taiwan in 1949. A natural entrepreneur, she ran successful businesses in Taipei. Gifted at languages, she spoke six: Fujianese, Sichuanese, Mandarin, Taiwanese, Japanese and English. In the late 1970's she, James, their three daughters and her parents emigrated to the United States to join their eldest daughter and her husband. It was Pittsburgh, PA that became their new home.

It was in Penn Hills that the Jade Garden restaurant became a landmark for 20+ years. It was here that she and "Jimmy" became fixtures in the community. It was here where she spent countless hours demonstrating true grit exhibiting strong work ethic that has since been instilled throughout her family. Restaurant business is not for the weary. It was also here that her daughters, sons-in-laws and grandchildren also had the opportunity to learn the business - several of whom went on to start their own.

Margaret instilled in all of us strength, perseverance, a sense of adventure, how to bargain, how to feign lack of understanding of mahjong and then rake in the winnings, stunning opponents. She traveled the world, loved her family and we loved her. She leaves behind four daughters and sons-in-laws, 11 grandchildren and their spouses, 13 great grandchildren and one on its way. We were blessed to have her and will miss her.

# Tribute Wall

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“ I did not know Margaret personally, but did frequent the Jade Garden when in Penn Hills. She always looked so beautiful and had a friendly smile to share with the patrons. What a legacy she left behind with wonderful memories of a life well lived. May she live forever in your hearts! God grant you peace and comfort as you reflect on her memories. Paula Hall



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