



Ching S. Woo

April 20, 1936 - October 7, 2020

CEDAR FALLS – Ching S. Woo, 84, of Cedar Falls died Wednesday, October 7, 2020 at his home.

He was born April 20, 1936 in Xiamen, China, son of Simon and Yu-chen Chen Woo. On August 29, 1972, he was registered and married in Hong Kong to Susan Lim. They celebrated their wedding with a ceremony on December 30, 1972 in Cedar Falls. He earned his BA from Cornell University in Ithaca, New York, MS from University of Michigan, and Ph.D. from University of Kentucky, all in Chemistry. He was a Professor in Chemistry at University of Northern Iowa for 32 years, retiring in 1998.

Survived by: his wife, Susan L. Woo; two daughters, Lynn L. (Pat) Cicerchi of Brecksville, OH, and Leslie L. (Nate) Kieffer of Newton, MA; five grandchildren; a brother, Woo Ping of Taipei, Taiwan; a sister, Portia Su of Fresno, CA; nieces and nephews.

Preceded in death by: two sisters and two brothers.

Private services will be held. Richardson Funeral Service is assisting the family. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to a charity of donor's choice.

Tribute Wall

DG

“ I had the privilege of learning Quant and P-Chem under Dr. Woo at UNI and have never forgotten his fine instruction. Too many years ago to consider. I then had the honor of knowing Dr. Susan and even being taken care of by her as a patient. My heartfelt condolences to you both. Doug Ganfield

Douglas Ganfield - October 23, 2020 at 04:41 PM

MH

“ Dr. Woo, I am so sorry to read of the death of your husband. I remember all your kindness to me with the loss of my husband. You and your family are in my prayers as you go through this valley. May God give you peace and comfort in your journey.
Marty Halupnik

Marty Halupnik - October 12, 2020 at 09:14 PM



LeAnne
Sabo-
Pfadenhauer

“ Hello Dr Woo,

I am so sorry to hear about the passing of your husband. Sending many thoughts and prayers to you and your family.

LeAnne Sabo-Pfadenhauer

LeAnne Sabo-Pfadenhauer - October 12, 2020 at 05:45 PM

AL

“ Dear Susan, and family,
My deepest sympathy for your loss.

Ann Renee Lighter - October 10, 2020 at 03:48 PM

KM

“ I met Ching in 1986 when I first came to Cedar Falls. He was a good colleague and a good chemist. I enjoyed working with him. May he rest with God.

kirk manfredi - October 09, 2020 at 08:08 PM

CU

“ Dear Susan, Lynn, and Leslie (and family)

Ching suffered a disease that was I am sure hard to watch as he went from a strong, healthy man to a state that he required care. Susan, you made him so cared for, with your experience in medicine, but mostly as his loving wife. As your nurse at Medical Associates and following you to your practice on Rainbow Dr., I had the privilege to get to know your family ~ watching Lynn and Leslie grow up. I remember Ching as a kind person who loved his family. You are all in our thoughts and prayers. May you feel God's comfort in the days ahead.

Carolyn and Ron Ubben

Carolyn and Ron Ubben - October 09, 2020 at 08:08 PM

DH

“ Susan, Lynn, and Leslie - Please know that my thoughts are with all of you as you go through this most difficult time. Love, Donna Hall

Donna Hall - October 09, 2020 at 04:23 PM

LP

“ Susan, Lynn, and Leslie,
I am so sorry for your loss. I believe I was in one of the first classes Dr. Woo taught when he came to UNI. That was many years ago but I remember it well, Quantitative Analysis. Ching and Susan came to the visitation when my husband David passed away and I was so grateful for their presence and the sympathy they extended to me and to my family. As a long time member of the support staff in the Chemistry Dept., I am happy to have known such good people.

Linda Paar

Linda Paar - October 09, 2020 at 12:38 PM

SC

“ Susan, Lynn, Leslie, my deepest sympathies on your loss. Ching was a valued colleague and a supporter of our student club at UNI.

My most vivid memory of him is from the Halloween costume contest fundraiser the student club did in about 1996 or 1997. Each professor was assigned a beaker and people would put money in the beaker of the professor they wanted to see in costume for Halloween, with the top 3 (\$ in the beaker) required to come in costume. As the deadline approached, Ching was actually writing checks to put in other professors' beakers in order to not have to come in costume! But others were stuffing his beaker with checks also, and he ended up as one of the three to dress up (along with Russ Wiley and Ira Simet). The students took in about \$400 from that fundraiser! Ching arrived on Halloween in a very dashing sheik costume, and he wore it all day. He was a great sport about it.

--Shoshanna Coon

Shoshanna Coon - October 09, 2020 at 11:50 AM

JB

“ I am very sorry to learn of Ching Woo’s passing. He was a senior member of the Department of Chemistry at the University of Northern Iowa when I arrived in 1995. He made me feel welcomed and helped me “settle in” to my new department. He was a valued friend and colleague. John Bumpus

John Bumpus - October 09, 2020 at 10:57 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Ching S. Woo.



October 09, 2020 at 10:38 AM

LS

“ I send my deepest condolences. Laura Strauss

Laura Strauss - October 09, 2020 at 10:04 AM

RV

My deepest sympathies in your loss. Hope you and your family are comforted by each other
From your long ago receptionist at Medical Associates,
Ruth Vilmain

Ruth Vilmain - October 10, 2020 at 05:36 PM

RB

Sending sympathy and prayer for your loss of your husband and father.
Rosalie Burger

Rosalie Burger - October 10, 2020 at 11:05 PM

ER

I taught with Ching for a number of years. I was always impressed with the innovation he brought into the classroom. I enjoyed Ching as a teacher and a friend.

Erwin Richter

erwin Richter - October 11, 2020 at 11:04 AM

RB

Our deepest condolences on the loss of your husband/father. Your family will be in our thoughts & prayers. Rick & Donna Barta

Rick & Donna Barta - October 11, 2020 at 01:18 PM

LA

I was so sorry to read of the death of your husband and father. You will remember me from your days at medical Associates in the x-ray department. It was a joy working with you and I feel for you in your time of sorrow. Hugs to you, Lois Brandt Asche

Lois Asche - October 11, 2020 at 06:17 PM

AF

Dr. Woo- Your acts of kindness when Lorin fought cancer will always be in my memories. Now I pray for you and your family as you face difficult days. Arlene Fleming

Arlene Fleming - October 20, 2020 at 01:57 PM