



Harriett Ma

April 5, 2008

CEDAR FALLS~HARRIET KIN HAN MA

Harriet Kin Han Ma, 84, died Saturday, April 5, 2008, at Allen Memorial Hospital, in Waterloo.

Harriet was born July, 7, 1923, in Guangzhou, China, the daughter of James San Fong and Lee Mo Tak. She was educated in China at Zhong Shan University receiving an advanced degree in education administration with a music minor. She worked as a school principal at Guangdong Elementary School and taught music there as well. She was united in marriage to Fred Yiew Min Ma in Guangzhou, on October 10, 1947. He died July 23, 1996. The couple immigrated to the United States after the 1949 Communist takeover of China. Harriet had been an adjunct professor of Chinese language at the University of Northern Iowa for 13 years and had also been employed by Woolverton Printing in Cedar Falls.

Surviving Harriet are three daughters, Vivien M. (Roderick W.) Anderson of Powder Springs, Georgia, Laurinda M. (James G.) Romportl of Hopkins, Minnesota, and Symone K Ma of Cedar Falls; seven grandchildren; and two great grandchildren; one brother, Kin Chuen of China; two sisters, Kin Sheung of San Francisco, and Kin Nor also of China. Preceding Harriet in death were her daughter, Sylbie Blau; and 2 brothers and 2 sisters.

Services are scheduled for 11:00 a.m. Friday at First Presbyterian Church with burial of cremains at a later date in Fairview Cemetery. Friends may call at the Richardson Funeral Home on Thursday from 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. The family will be present from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and at the church on Friday for one hour prior to service time.

Memorials may be directed to The University of Northern Iowa School of Music or the church.

Online condolences may be left at www.richardsonfuneralservice.com

Tribute Wall



“ Dear Vivian, Laurinda and Symone--I used to know your sister Sylbie--she and I graduated from high school together and spent many hours together in chorus, shows, plays, etc. I remember you three as little girls...Symone, you were just a little tiny girl then...I also remember your mother and father very well. Such lovely people they were. I live in Decorah now, but was visiting my sister a few weeks ago in Cedar Falls when I saw the notice in the Waterloo Courier of your mother's death. It brought back memories of your home on the other side of what was then Hiway 57 I think...I was pleased to see your names listed, saddened to be reminded of Sylbie's all-too-premature death, but glad to have the memories of your family. My best wishes to you three! Warmly, Jennifer

April 18, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Laurinda and the Ma family: I just read the news about the loss of your mother and wanted to express my sympathy. May God bless your mother.
Sincerely, John Hayes (NUHS Class of 1977)

April 13, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Auntie Harriet was every golden thought, every touch of kindness , every glittering gem of love and compassion - all wrapped up into the sweetest person one can imagine. More than anyone we ever have or will ever know, she personified compassion, understanding, grace and strength. We loved her dearly, and as much as we mourn her passing, we celebrate the joyous reunion with Uncle Fred she most surely is having! Each and every one of her wonderful daughters are so very much their mother's daughter, and this is perhaps the greatest compliment to be given and testament to the wonderful woman who was our beloved Auntie. We treasured her, we miss her, and we are so much the better for having known and loved her.

April 10, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Symone; You have been a saint taking care of your mom so faithfully during her illness the last few months. It sounds like she was a very interesting and fun lady. I wish I could have met her. I will be at the book store tonight during the visitation but know that I will be thinking of you. We have missed you and hope you will be back soon. Pat Bagnall

April 10, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Symone, I'm sorry to hear about the loss of your Mother. You and your family are in our prayers. Take care, Mike Sell

April 09, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ *Symone and family -- I wanted to let you know that you are all in my thoughts during this time of mourning. I did Harriet's hair for a good amount of time at LaJames and really enjoyed her company from week to week. I always looked forward to hearing her stories and doing her puzzle books with her. She could always make us all smile. I'm now teaching there and it seems like every week somebody asks "Where's Mrs Ma? Is she coming back soon?" She will be greatly missed by not just me, but her entire LaJames family.*

April 08, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ *To Vivien
Prayers & Blessing unto you and your family.
May your dear mother slumber in peace.
No bond is as great as that between a parent and child. May your hearts soon be filled with wonderful memories of joyful times together as you celebrate a life well-lived.*

*Your Sister in Christ ,
Charise*

April 08, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ *Our Dearest Vivien:*

It was a pleasure to see that beautiful picture of your sweet Mother, because now we know how gorgeous you will be at age 84. You are the image of her sweetness, her goodness, her love and her spirit. Dan and I greive with you and your family, Vivien. The Lord is with you all. It goes without saying that we will be here for you if ever you need us. We love you..

Dan and Ilene

April 07, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ *Viv -*

I wanted to let you know that you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. With Lee's mom recently passing, I understand all too well what you are going through. I know your faith will see you through as you celebrate the blessing of your mother's life and now her entrance into Heaven! Abide in Christ now as you always do. Please let Lee and I know if there is anything we can do to support you and your family. Love, Renee & Lee Raines

April 07, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Vivien, I wanted to take a moment and offer my heartfelt condolences to you and your family. I did not have the pleasure to meet your Mother, but I feel I know her when I look at her picture. She appears to be a beautiful person who overcame many obstacles in her life; and managed to raise three wonderful children with the help of your father. I know this, because I know you !! You have been a motivating force for the Kia Regional office for many years. When things are tough, I know that I can always count on Miss Vivien to cheer me up and make me appreciate what I have today. Your belief in God has given you the strength to accept each day as a blessing from God and pass that strength on to everyone who comes in contact with you. It is my belief that your Mom and Dad instilled many, many , positive Ideals into you and your family which contributed to your wonderful personality and outlook on life. I believe that you Mother is with God and looking down on her family with Happiness !! May God Bless you and your family during these difficult times.

Love, Gary & Family

April 07, 2008 at 12:00 AM