



Jonathan J. Lu

May 5, 1927 - February 9, 2023

Jonathan J. Lu, 95, of Cedar Falls, died Thursday, February 9, 2023, at his home.

He was born May 5, 1927, in Puli Village, China, the son of Lu Yong Fu and Yang Bao Cong. He came to the United States in 1956 attending the Asbury Theological Seminary, the University of Wisconsin-Madison, Ohio State University, and earning his PhD in Geography from the University of Washington. On September 1, 1961, he was united in marriage to Sayoko Utagawa from Japan. He began his career teaching at Humboldt State College. The family moved to Cedar Falls in 1973 where he taught Geography at the University of Northern Iowa and co-founded the Biblical Geography section of the American Geographic Society. He retired from UNI in 1992 and accepted the position as president of Holy Light Theological Seminary in Taiwan where he became an ordained minister. He continued to teach and preach the gospel until the age of 93.

Jonathan is survived by his wife, Sayoko; three children: Alice (Tom) Pei of Cedar Rapids, Caroline (Doug) Keiser of Cedar Falls, and David (Mary) Lu of Firestone, CO; grandchildren: Andrew, Susan, and Emily Pei, Erin (Jonathan) Haverdink, Brian (Rebekah) Keiser, Abigail Keiser, Kristina (Tate) Williams, Morgan (Zach) Carpenter, and great grandchildren Mara Haverdink and Cody Keiser.

He was preceded in death by his sister, Huiliang Lu.

Visitation will be 2:00-4:00 p.m. next Sunday, February 19, 2023, at Richardson Funeral Service. Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. next Monday, February 20, 2023, at Trinity Bible Church in Cedar Falls.

Memorials may be directed to the family where they will be sent for a church plant in Taiwan.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **19**. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Richardson Funeral Service
615 Main Street
Cedar Falls, IA 50613
(319) 266-3525
richardsonfuneralservice@gmail.com
<http://richardson.funeralplan2.com>

Funeral Service

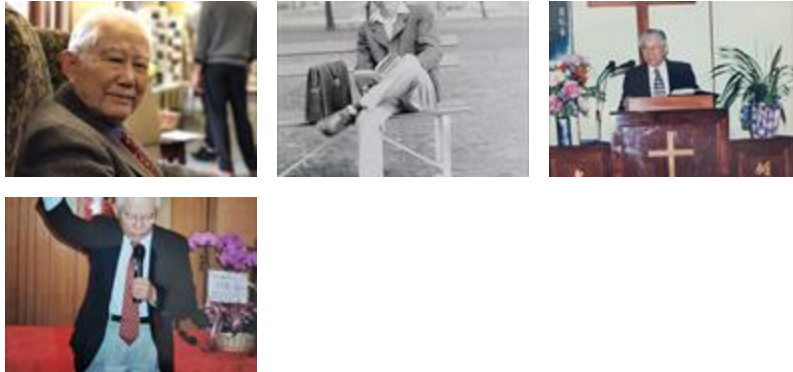
FEB **20**. 10:30 AM (CT)

Trinity Bible Church
125 Orchard Drive
Cedar Falls, IA 50613
(319) 277-1377
<http://cedarfallstrinity.org>

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“ 4 files added to the album Jonathan



David Lu - February 20, 2023 at 10:16 AM

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“ Errors in try #1. Bev and I first met Jonathan when He was president of Holy Life Theological Seminary in Kaohsiung, Taiwan, and we came on staff as part-time workers. Little did we know we would meet he and Sayoko again 14 years later at Trinity in Cedar Falls! He was a wonderful man of God and a good friend.

Wayne M Worthley - February 19, 2023 at 03:38 PM

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Wayne M Worthley - February 19, 2023 at 03:33 PM



“ *Love's Journey was purchased for the family of Jonathan J. Lu.*



February 17, 2023 at 02:38 PM



“ *Mike Wang and Family purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Jonathan J. Lu.*



Mike Wang and Family - February 16, 2023 at 07:52 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Jonathan J. Lu.*



February 16, 2023 at 09:00 AM



“ *Jonathan & Yueting Campbell Family purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Jonathan J. Lu.*



Jonathan & Yueting Campbell Family - February 14, 2023 at 11:20 PM



“ From Jennifer Lange purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Jonathan J. Lu.



From Jennifer Lange - February 14, 2023 at 01:29 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Jonathan J. Lu.



February 12, 2023 at 02:24 PM