



Timothy Young Fong

December 29, 1955 - February 2, 2021

Timothy Fong (Tim), age 65, passed away February 2, 2021. Born in Chicago, IL, he was the much-loved son of Chester and Helen Fong and the beloved younger brother of Glen Fong, all of whom preceded him in death. Tim is survived by his loving nephews, Nick, his wife Rocio, Brent Fong, Christopher Fong and sister-in-law Brenda Fong. He is the beloved Great Uncle of Rocco and Sienna Fong and Godfather to Myalisa Miroballi and Michael Hoy. Tim is the much-loved Stepfather to Dr. Brant (Melinda) Hulsebus and Cory (Aaron) Park and to seven step grandchildren. Raised in Chicago's Chinatown, with his lifelong friend Ron Hoy, he then graduated from Lane Tech and then attended Northern Illinois University. Tim pledged Sigma Chi Fraternity, where Joe Miroballi was his pledge father and where Tim next became pledge father to Perry Miroballi whose friendships and family ties have extended through the years. Tim was known and loved as a compassionate, loyal and giving friend to all. He became a member of so many of the families that a holiday or celebratory dinner without Tim was not the same. While Tim hated crowds, he did often help restaurant friends provide their services at Taste of Chicago because Tim was just this kind of friend. He truly did love the Chicago Botanic Garden and the Summer Tuesday night concerts on the Esplanade. A true Chicago fan, he always watched the Chicago Bears, groaning and cheering as the game dictated. It was his life dream to relocate to Cabo San Lucas to spend his retirement years with two of his nephews who live in that area. An entrepreneur at heart, Tim at an early age embraced the two "R's":

restaurants and real estate. He was involved in a number of successful restaurant ventures from exquisite Chinese restaurants to elegant dinner/dancing establishments in the Gold Coast and Rush Street. The restaurant business brought out Tim's inner chef: he was a first class cook and was the "go to guy" for cooking questions. On the real estate side, he brokered a large number of real estate deals and ultimately settled into providing management consulting expertise to emerging businesses ranging from technology to PPE manufacturing. The consummate networker, Tim had a gift for connecting business professionals to their mutual benefit.

Due to governmental restrictions on public gatherings, the service is strictly limited but can be observed via video. On Line viewing is available at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, February 9, <https://memorialslive.com/register.php?id=fong>

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to

IL Restaurant Assn (IRAEF Restaurant Employee Relief Fund:

<https://secure.affinipay.com/pages/ira/iraef-relief-fund>. Under additional

details, when they ask for first and last name, enter Timothy Fong. Remaining information can be ignored.

Chicago Food Depository. <https://www.chicagosfoodbank.org/tribute-memorial-giving/>

Previous Events

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Carbonara Funeral Home
1515 North 25th Ave
Melrose Park, IL 60160

Tribute Wall



“ Uncle Tim knew how to make everyone even complete strangers feel like good friends. I will share just one story. Decades ago, when I was in college, I and my friend Pete landed some free tickets to the Chicago Symphony. Northwestern had a deal where you could get super cheap tickets, but the drawback was that you were way up in the front so what you mostly saw were the shoe and pant legs of the musicians on stage. In row one and dead center were Uncle Tim and his ex-wife Candy who was a returning grad student. I hadn't seen Uncle Tim for a while. We caught up after the concert and told him we had to catch the el back. He and Candy were like no way. We are giving you a ride home. Before taking us home, he said, are you guys hungry? Let's go to Chinatown. It was big-time fun for us. Tim seemed to know everything. He spotted an unmarked police car. He said you could tell that they were hiding a radio by the placement of a kleenex box. I thought it was one of Uncle Tim's wild stories. We then went into the House of Fong restaurant. Uncle Tim ordered Cantonese style snails in garlic sauce. My friend Pete, a Jewish guy from New Mexico, had never seen one, much less tried one. He went ape over them and gorged himself. Uncle Tim had a look of glee, as though he had converted another non-Chinese into a snail eater. When we left House of Fong, police cars were everywhere. Evidently, Uncle Tim wasn't telling a wild story. There really was a drug bust. Uncle Tim, say hi to my dad in heaven. I'm sure you will be telling each other stories, cooking up a storm, and making friends everywhere.

Christina Fong - February 05, 2021 at 10:41 AM

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R.I.P. Timothy .

Our family's deepest condolences for your loss.

He was one of the original Member(s) @ our SouthH LooP Costco's, he always made a point to say hello 🙌, when he came in, very approachable, always a smile, quick wit..

Rest In Eternal Peace

andrew toy - February 06, 2021 at 05:42 PM

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My condolences to the Fong family. I met Tim growing up in Chinatown. Later work with his mom Helen and married a my wife Lilian Fong . We met again at various Fong family gatherings. Peace.

Godwin wong - February 09, 2021 at 04:46 PM

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On behalf of Lilian and I, my deepest condolences.

Godwin wong - February 09, 2021 at 04:48 PM