

Henry Fong

FONG, Henry April 15, 1927 June 4, 2009 Henry, loving husband, father and grandfather, surrounded by family, peacefully passed away at Glengarry Hospital on June 4, 2009. Henry leaves behind his wife of 54 yrs, Sylvia, daughters Debi (Mike Paget) Marisa (Jim Snowden), 4 grandchildren, Darryl, Michelle, Sean and Stephen, his younger brother Roy and nephews Vincent and Quentin and their families. He was predeceased by his older brother Joe. Henry, known to many as Hank, was born in Victoria and lived his entire life here. He was a graduate of the Chinese Public School and Vic High School, President of the Chinese Students Athletic Society and later was on the organizing committee for the Tri Celebration of 115 years of the Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association, 100 years reunion of the Victoria Chinese Public School and 15 years of the Chung Wah Mansion. He was a long standing member and past President of the Hook Sin Tong and Chinese Benevolent Society. He worked all his years in Chinatown, primarily for the Morley Co. Ltd as an import/export shipper and worked part time for with Capital Freightways and many years as a part time bartender with was then the Chinese Village Restaurant. Knowledgeable of any of the products he handled and well known to his regular customers, he was always friendly and willing to advise on how to prepare the goods he sold. His strong personality had an effect on everyone, whether it was his quick wit, knowledge of Chinatown and history of Victoria, outgoing personality, impressive master of the Cantonese dialects or loyalty to friends and family members, Henry was undoubtedly an honorable man and a well respected member of the Chinese community whose life impacted all who surrounded him. Quoting a friend: Often imitated but never duplicated, that's Hank Fong. Meet him once and you'll never forget him. The family would like to thank Dr. Kier MacMillan, all the excellent caregivers at Glengarry Hospital Chandler floor, and Royal Jubilee Royal 2. Your kindness, care and patience with Dad meant so much and has been greatly appreciated. A memorial service is to be held on Saturday, June 13/09, 2:00 pm at First Memorial Chapel, 4725 Falaise Dr. The family gratefully declines flowers and asks instead that donations be made to the Heart and Stroke foundation or charity of your choice in memory of Henry. Published in the Victoria Times-Colonist, (06/09/09)