



William Wai-Lam Ko

September 24 1926 – April 5 2015

Obituary

On Easter Sunday April 5 2015, William Ko passed away peacefully in Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre following complications from an accidental fall. Born on September 24 1926 in Hong Kong, he was the oldest son of George and Rose Ko; and now joins his sister Milly—welcomed into the arms of his Lord and Saviour. He is survived by his three younger brothers (Henry, Anthony, David), his loving and devoted wife (Evelyn) of 59 years, three children (Gordon (Annie); Joanne (Peter Csonka); John (Jeanne)) and eight grandchildren (Jordan, Jasmine, Emma and Aidan; Eryk and Nikki; Ryan and Kyle).

William immigrated to Canada in December 1953. He completed his Business Bachelor's and Chartered Accountant degrees at McMaster University (graduating in 1963). He worked for Confederation Life in Hong Kong and in Toronto until 1964. He then joined the Ontario Provincial Ministry of Transportation and Communication, where he worked for 24 years and served as the Division Head for the Finance department until his retirement in 1988.

He served as an elder (since 1966) for the Toronto Chinese Presbyterian Church (CPC). For several of those years, he was the Clerk of Session. His eldership then transferred to the Markham CPC where he played a key role in the church's construction. He was a lead bass soloist and sang regularly in the choir. His favourite songs were "Amazing Grace" and "How Great Thou Art". He enjoyed playing the piano and organ as well. In his youthful years, he excelled in swimming and badminton. This included winning the Confederation Life tournament in the 1960s. He was also exceptional even in his older years at beating his friends, children and grandchildren in playing table tennis, Donkey Kong videogames, and card games including Bridge.

During his life, William lived with consistency and integrity. As the head of the family, he ensured his whole family attended church every Sunday. He encouraged his friends in their walk with God. His life can be characterized by the Bible verses Isaiah 33:15-16: "He who walks righteously and speaks what is right.... This is the man who will dwell on the heights, whose refuge will be the mountain fortress. His bread will be supplied, and water will not fail him." He can now take refuge with our God in heaven.

FUNERAL: SATURDAY APRIL 18 10AM at the **Markham Chinese Presbyterian Church**. 2250 Denison St. Markham L3S 1E6 www.mcpc.ca. 905 946-1725

BURIAL at: **Pine Hills Cemetery**. 625 Birchmount Road, Scarborough M1K 1R1. 416 267-8229

RECEPTION to follow at **Century Palace restaurant**, 398 Ferrier St, Unit 168, Markham. 905 415-1988.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to: Markham Chinese Presbyterian Church or the Heart and Stroke Foundation.