

# Memorial/Life Celebration

10:00am, November 4, 2017

Tiffany Chapel, Cypress Lawn, Colma, CA

The family wishes to thank all the friends, colleagues and relatives for coming, and for holding C. C. in their hearts. Special thanks go to **Joe Spinelli** for once again rising to the occasion of 'family priest', and **Margaret Yen** and **Paul Hsieh** for help with the photo presentation.

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Please join us for lunch (12:30p) directly after the visitation:  
**Zen Peninsula** 1180 El Camino Real, Millbrae, CA

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In lieu of flowers, we ask that you consider a donation to the American Cancer Society; a memorial webpage for C. C. is at:

<https://tinyurl.com/y8zyeqb>



C. C. Wang

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February 10, 1936 - August 22, 2017

## In memoriam

C. C. Wang (王正中) was born on February 10, 1936 in Beijing, China to a family of educators. War dominated his early childhood, but he and his family found refuge in Taiwan. As a young student in Taiwan he studied chemistry at National Taiwan University, then came to the University of California, Berkeley for graduate studies in biochemistry. On completing his training, C. C. joined the parasitology division of Merck with the aim of helping develop cures for parasitic disease. His work to identify the mechanism of action of the drug ivermectin was a fundamental insight into this key tool in the global battle against parasites. He joined the faculty of University California San Francisco in 1981, leading a research group, mentoring graduate students and postdocs and teaching lecture courses for more than 30 years. C.C.'s work at UCSF was the fulfillment of a lifelong desire to teach, in the family tradition. He received numerous teaching awards, and was a popular lecturer. C.C.'s contributions to the field of molecular parasitology also included the founding of a high-profile journal (Eukaryotic Cell), and the endowment (in conjunction with his wife Alice) of an annual award given to an outstanding contemporary researcher in the field.

C. C. was gregarious; he made friends easily, and had an astounding array of friends, ranging from elementary school classmates to the new friend he had just met on an international trip. He was an unfailingly generous host, and loved nothing more than a lively party with stories, jokes, and great food. He loved to engage in political debate, and was always current on the latest news from Taipei, Beijing, and Washington DC. He and Alice traveled extensively, and C. C. documented these trips assiduously in an extensive series of photo albums. His favorite composer was Mozart; he was a long-time supporter of the San Francisco Opera.

He was intelligent, rigorous, disciplined, kind. A natural leader, a bundle of energy, the life of the party; or at the center of the scientific or political debate. A beloved husband, father and grandfather, an esteemed colleague, a faithful mentor. He was a loving father to his late son, Felix Yang-Yang. He leaves behind his wife Alice, daughter Charlotte, son-in-law Shawn, grandchildren Mitchell and Alicia, brother Peter and nephew Rex. We will all miss him terribly.

## A Celebration

Celebrant  
**Joseph S. Spinelli**

**“Some High Points”** - A short slide show

**Welcoming Remarks** - Joseph Spinelli

**Tributes: The Many Lives of C. C.**

1. As a student: High School, Nat'l Taiwan Univ., and Berkeley  
Presented by **Sidney Chen**
2. At Merck  
Presented by **Norman Jensen**
3. At UCSF  
Presented by **Margaret Phillips**
4. Extramural pursuits:  
Bay Area parasitology seminars, NIH, Woods Hole, journals...  
Presented by **John Boothroyd**  
Reading of Tribute from **Alan Sher – John Boothroyd**  
Reading of Tribute from **Paul Englund – James Bangs**
5. Collaborations in Taiwan:  
Yang Ming, Inst. Biomedical Sci, Inst. Molecular Biology  
Presented by **James Wang**
6. As a friend  
Presented by **Andrew Wang**
7. As a family man  
Presented by **Phillip Tham**

**“教我如何不想他 (How can I not think of him?)”** sung by **C. Y. Wang**

**Closing Remarks** - Joseph Spinelli

**Visitation of C. C.'s resting place (optional)**