



Mrs. Christine Lai 賴蕭嘉麗女士

November 8, 1959 - October 25, 2024

Mrs. Christine Lai 賴蕭嘉麗女士 passed away peacefully on 25th October, 2024.

Beloved Wife of 【 Phillip Lai 】

Adored Mother of Matthew Lai

Loved Daughter of 【 Anna Siu 】 , Albert Siu

Aged 64 Years. Will be sadly missed and forever in our hearts.

Should any family and friends would like to send their condolences through floral tributes, the family has selected the Open Spray Arrangement with options of style (ranging \$200 - 350 +GST). The color theme has already been selected as pastel color with hints of blue.

Please find Open Spray Arrangement style options in link below, and contact Christine's sister Kerrie to order flowers at 0414 891 638.

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Cemetery Details

Macquarie Park Cemetery and Crematorium (Magnolia Chapel)

Delhi & Plassey Rd
Macquarie Park, NSW 2113 (AU)
<https://nmclm.com.au/locations/macquarie-park/>

Previous Events

Funeral Ceremony

NOV 8. 11:00 AM - 12:45 PM (AEST)

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Tribute Wall

JC

“ *Christine, my dearest elder cousin
尊敬的大表姐,*

Although we are separated in two places and haven't seen each other for many years, we often whatsapp chat, sent cute greeting pictures, especially Snoopy. We talked about everything and shared shopping, eating, traveling, and even cooking. It turned out that we all had similar hobbies. One day in June, we shared lots of photos and talked about old days, we even chatted from early in the morning until midnight. I will keep these precious moments in my heart and listen to your advice and pay more attention to work-life balance.



Christine, may you rest in peace. we will meet again in heaven one day.

Jennie Chan - November 07, 2024 at 07:38 PM

HE

“ *In memory of dear Christine who brightened our days with her presence. Your laughter, kindness, and warmth will be dearly missed along with our many chats of Matthew , you were such a proud mother. May you rest in peace. Farewell, dear friend.*

Helen

Helen - November 07, 2024 at 06:33 PM

SU

“ 永遠懷念您❤️ *my dearest Christine* □□
相識32年，永遠都會記得您嘅笑容同笑聲😊
昨晚又回憶起好多同您嘅舊片段，可惜您走前未能多聊天.....一切在
♥中!
願您在天家一切安好、繼續開開心心、自在無憂🙏🙏🙏 *Rest in
peace*
HBD🎂

Suki Anthony Derek and Gin Gin 💕
8 Nov 2024

Suki - November 07, 2024 at 06:31 PM

KC

“ It has been an absolute privilege to have known and been friends with Christine. We got to know each other as colleagues and although she would bring me system problems/questions I would always have questions for her regarding finance and accounting. She taught me a lot and always took the time to explain things - she had a great deal of patience for me.

I will remember her as always having a smile on her face and along with that was a great deal of wit, wisdom, spirit, pragmatism, kindness and a sense of humour.

Although my father was from Hong Kong the things I know from him are always a bit vague as he did not really know the culture aspect and it was nice that she was always keen to enlighten and educate me on such things, especially where it came to food and traditions.

To me she had a great sense of style and taste. From her sleek bob down to her (very hard to buy for smaller-size-than-me) shoes, she always carried herself with an air of assuredness and was always impeccably turned out usually in bright colours and bold patterns.

She always had an eye and appreciation of aesthetics and beauty.

She always liked to show me photos of lovely and beautiful things

she had seen or sought out, like Jacaranda trees in full bloom. What gave her a great deal of delight was seeking out food and delicacies that were presented or styled in an unusual or striking way.

Although she appreciated incredible and lovely looking cakes and desserts she was never keen on how much sugar might be in them,

I do recall cakes she experimented with in a bid to perfect them

where she would inform me she had halved the sugar to better suit her tastes (and mine) and hoped it still worked. She would however,

always reserve the most effusive praise for the creations that

Matthew put together, usually a blend of appealing to the minds eye as well as having hidden nutritional benefits as well.

Indeed anyone who knew Christine would know her as a proud and devoted mother to Matthew. Anytime she spoke about him her demeanor would change and she would light up, I do not think there is anything in the world that she would most prefer to think and talk

about other than Matthew really. She would speak about him often and share what he may be studying and learning and putting into practice, his achievements and what he was doing in his work. But it was to his character that she most wanted you to get a sense of, that he was a caring, kind and upstanding young man who thought of others was always something she was the most appreciative of. You definitely got a sense of the close relationship they shared and my thoughts are with Matthew, as he has lost a loving mother and a close confidante.

It is definitely family that was closest to Christine's heart. Through work I know Kerrie very well and came to know Annie too. As the eldest in my family of sisters I saw a great deal of that fierce protectiveness, love and care in Christine that I identified and related very much with. My heart goes out to Kerrie and Annie as the close sisterly bond they shared was definitely a special one and it will be so strange to them to no longer have their big sister around that they have grown up with and known their whole lives.

It has taken me a while to put the above together because I keep breaking down in tears. I will miss her dearly. It is sad to think I will never hear from or get advice from her again. The good thing is that earthly suffering cannot affect her now, she is free of that and I will reflect and cherish the lovely time it has been to have known one another. Dearest Christine, may you rest in peace.

Kar Yee

Kar Yee Chiu - November 07, 2024 at 12:32 PM

CT

“Christine was a lady of deep compassion, of genuine kindness, of profound wisdom. To her friends, Christine was a treasure—a true friend who stood by you through thick and thin. Her friendship was a gift, one that offered not just joy but comfort and understanding.



My dear friend, thank you for the privilege of knowing you for more than 20 years, during which we shared our time, joys, and the shopping fun.

Rest in peace, dear Christine. You will always be remembered, always be missed, and forever be treasured. Enjoy your new life in heaven that is full of love, without grievances and harassments.

Catherine

Catherine Tang - November 07, 2024 at 03:58 AM

LH

“Christine, my beloved friend, your radiant smile and unwavering spirit will forever be etched in my heart. I treasure the memories of our gospel-sharing ministry through our sushi-making class at SCGC, where laughter, joy, and the love of Christ overflowed. Your courage in battle with cancer, zest for life, and generosity inspired me to live more boldly and love more deeply.

Rest in peace, dear Christine. Your memory will be a blessing to me forever.

Matthew, Kerrie, and Annie, I'm praying for you. May Christine's love and faith sustain you.

*With love,
Lily*

Lily Hong - November 07, 2024 at 03:56 AM

CW

“Christine's smiles, chattiness, friendliness, bubbly personality, ... will always be remembered and greatly missed.

Cynthia Wong - November 07, 2024 at 02:41 AM

“ It must be one of those Asia Pacific meetings/trainings when we were in the same conference room that I formed my first impression of Christine - a petite, pretty and friendly lady from our Australia office. Then, from the questions she raised – I knew her to be a smart, very articulated and competent Accountant who had solid technical skills and understanding.

Over the span of twenty some years, during those precious times when we were together for meetings in Cary USA, Hong Kong, Singapore, Sydney etc, our friendship formed and strengthened and nothing compared to being sisters-in-Christ, sharing the same faith proclaiming Jesus Christ as our Lord!

God has blessed Christine with many talents and an eye for beauty and skills to capture them, which could be seen in the beautiful photos she took, the flowers she planted and even the food she prepared... truly an amazing, talented and capable woman. What is even more remarkable was her love for her son, family and friends. When my husband was hospitalized a few years' ago, her text messages in WhatsApp and prayers were such an encouragement to me.

Thank you Christine for your love and prayers! You have been a faithful and caring friend. When you were fighting your cancer battle, you were still encouraging and strong and we prayed and trusted God for your healing and restoration as well as having the opportunity to create more fun and precious memories on earth but His ways are higher than our ways and His thoughts our thoughts....Nevertheless, where you are now is truly the desired Destination and we will surely meet in Heaven someday, rejoicing forever in unity with our Lord and all His saints.

David and I count it a blessing and privilege to have known you as a dear friend and spiritual sister. We continue to remember your beloved son Matthew and your dear sisters Kerrie and Annie in prayers. Our God is good all the time!

*With love till we meet again,
David and Whee Ling*

Whee Ling - November 07, 2024 at 01:04 AM

SW

“ I first met Christine in 1975. We went to the same high school together. Along with the other core members of our group (Gigi, Lily, Maria, Jun, Christine and myself) we formed the 500 Club. We'd spend every recess, lunch and free periods playing the card game 500. To say we were obsessed with the game would be an understatement.

Our friendship continued when we went to university and beyond. Christine was my bridesmaid at my wedding. Even though by this time we were very busy with our respective careers and families, we made a point of catching up with each other once in a while.

About 32 years after we had graduated from high school, Christine and I decided to try reform the 500 Club. We tracked down the other members of the group and had our first game in over three decades. We had so much fun, it was just like old times. For a few hours we stopped being wives and mothers and became silly school girls again. We had enjoyed ourselves so much that we decided to keep the game going. Unfortunately we can only play once or twice a year when Gigi's in town. We would rent a serviced apartment for a day and played until the wee hours in the morning. All the while giggling and laughing our heads off.

Next year would've been the 50th anniversary of our friendships, we were planning something special to celebrate this milestone. Alas it was not meant to be. Even though we cannot play 500 anymore without Christine, I'd like to think that one day we can be together again in heaven and pick up where we've left off. Our game is definitely not finished yet.

So dearest Christine, on that day, I'll bring the cards, and you can bring the snacks.

Sandra Wong - November 06, 2024 at 04:29 AM

CL

Sandra, Thanks for sharing. What a beautiful friendship and touching story.

Christina Lee - November 13, 2024 at 06:15 AM

CC

“*Christine, rest in the Lord and don't worry about worldly things. Your beloved son Matthew will be a good boy as always. Your passing is a sudden blow to all of us, but we firmly believe that you are already safe in the hands of the Lord and living a happy life in heaven.*”

Carrine Cheung - November 05, 2024 at 08:42 PM

JA

“*Dearest Christine, thank you for being such a wonderful friend and always offering good sisterly advices to me. I will always remember those long WhatsApp chats we have. I will miss you dearly. Until we meet again. Rest in peace dear Christine!*”



Jackie - November 05, 2024 at 04:24 PM

ID

“My fond memories of Christine as a colleague. Her teaching philosophy—“to teach you how to fish rather than just give you the fish”—is a testament to her commitment to empowering others. She instilled in us the importance of self-sufficiency and resilience, guiding us not just through lessons, but through life. Christine’s unwavering dedication to her work was evident in her approach to ethics, where she often worked late hours to ensure that no one is held back. Her positivity in the face of challenges was nothing short of inspiring; she had a rare ability to believe that things would improve, even when the odds seemed stacked against her. One of the most beautiful aspects of Christine was the light in her eyes whenever she spoke of her beloved son, Matthew. The pride she felt for the fine young man he has become was palpable. Despite the demands of her career, she always cherished those moments with him, carrying the weight of her regret about not spending more time together. Christine, thank you for the countless smiles you brought into our lives, for your gentle reminders to take care of ourselves and my kids as time wait for no man, and for sharing the joy of the culinary creations you and Matthew crafted together. You will be deeply missed. As you embark on this next journey, we take comfort in knowing that you are reunited with Philip. Your legacy will live on through Matthew, who carries the love and values you instilled in him. I am grateful for the time we shared and will honor your memory by continuing to support one another, just as you taught. Rest in peace, dear friend. You will always hold a special place in my heart.

Idy - November 04, 2024 at 01:28 AM



“ *With love and fond memories, Christine would always be remembered as kind, fun and caring mother, sister and friend. We'll miss her dearly. May she rest in peace in God's heaven.*



Karen Leung - November 03, 2024 at 09:11 PM

SA

“ *Our friendship dated since our days in University of Sydney. We did so many things together giggled over silly matters while sitting in the front row of the lecture hall, visiting her home to cook and share meals, midnight suppers in Chinatown, chatting for hours on the phone on just about everything that came to mind Although we separated after I went back to Hong Kong, visiting and seeing each other in Hong Kong / Sydney was always a top priority whenever we have the opportunity.*

Over the past nine months, Christine has displayed amazing strength despite her battle over cancer. Her positive attitude, hope and joy are evidence of the perfect peace in her heart and submission to the sovereign control of the Lord. No doubt she is now safe in the arms of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour.

Pal, you were not just a friend but a shining light in our lives. You are dearly missed and will always be held in a special place in my heart. Farewell and until we meet again in heaven!

Susan Au - November 02, 2024 at 10:59 AM

CW

“ I was very saddened to learn of the passing of Christine. I have very fond memories of her from our uni days. She was bubbly, popular and always wore a smile. Even though I've moved back to Hong Kong many years ago, we stayed in touch through Facebook. We had a happy reunion 5 years ago back in Sydney with some other uni friends. Little did I know that it was the last time I'd ever see her.

Dear Christine, I hope that you are now in peace and in God's good hands.

Camy Wan - November 01, 2024 at 09:59 PM

GW

“ We like Christine because one of the reasons is her nice personality. But she has a virtue which I'd like to share. As Christine's former uni mate and tax agent, I have an opportunity to find out how hard working she was. Since COVID, the ATO has introduced a method for taxpayers to claim home office expense deductions. A method entailed keeping a log book of work hours. I've found that Christine worked incredibly long hours 24/7, a timeline from 6 am till midnight was commonplace. Her employer was lucky to have such a devoted staff. Yet I believe that her over-exertion has been a cause of her demise. Christine, there's no more hard work for you now. RIP.

Gary Wong - November 01, 2024 at 07:14 PM

DC

“ I believe you are already in the arms of our loving Heavenly Father, where there is no more pain or tears, only laughter, joy, peace, light and the love of our Savior. We will meet again!

Desmond K C Chan - November 01, 2024 at 05:24 PM

CN

“ Dear Christine, one day we will meet in heaven, fulfill our promise and continue to see the unseen scenery.

Chris Ng - November 01, 2024 at 04:52 PM

WT

“ So privileged to have known Christine. Such a beautiful soul in face of life's troubles. Such a great mother to Mathew. We know of her struggles with her sharing in our cell group gatherings. Yet she always have a gentle smile. My best memory of her was our Sunday school teachers lunch at a waterside restaurant. She was wearing a smart looking baby blue jacket and looked so pretty. When we meet again in heaven, I am certain she will be unimaginably more beautiful, transformed by the love and grace of Jesus Christ.

Winnie TING - November 01, 2024 at 07:57 AM

JS

“ Christine our best friend has departed last week her smiles, her wittiness, her helpfulness and of course her strength and her faith in God. Her life was not one without challenges yet she had been living it with so much zest, hope, grace and gratitude - indeed a role model to all of us. The past nine months must have been difficult and painful but flipping back at all the messages and photos she sent in the chat group during her fight, I could feel the placidity and inner peace she had kept in her heart and mind. Perhaps God really wants to have this little angel back with him to sooth her, to comfort her and to give her a pair of beautiful wings to fly everywhere looking after all of us from up there I bid my farewell from afar now but I am sure one day we shall meet again. Missing you terribly Christine

Joyce (Hong Kong)

Joyce So - October 31, 2024 at 07:48 AM

CL

“ Remembering Christine – A very dear friend whom I will never cease to be grateful to and inspired by.

Christine and I have known each other since early 1980, when we started undergraduate studies in the University of Sydney, Department of Economics. Over the years, we got to know each other in a deeper and more personal manner.

While still at university, she demonstrated a level of maturity and perspicacity well beyond her years. Being the eldest sibling in the family, she was naturally authoritative and protective; she was serious but she could also be very facetious; she was cautious and prudent in her own spending, but very generous to others particularly to her family.

Over the past nine months, her courage, optimism and stoicism in the face of punishing medical treatments were truly admirable.

A few of us close university friends (Margaret Chan, Eva Lee, Anita Lee, Margaret Wong and I) are immensely thankful and lucky to meet up with her, on two occasions, just three weeks before her passing. She was in high spirits, engaging, sharp, focussed, humourous, and caring. I believe that's how she would like us to remember her. Surely, one day in another forum, we will meet again, we will chat again, we will yum cha again, and we will do karaoke again.....

It's not often we make friends and still keep in touch regularly for over 44 years. It's rare that they always make you feel welcome to their home anytime, invite you to all family gatherings, and take you as part of the family. I reiterate that I can never thank Phillip and Christine enough for their unreserved trust, generosity, and hospitality. They will forever remain in my heart.

Christine, we love you, we respect you, and we will always miss you. Rest in peace in God's grace.

Christina (LSL)
31 October 2024

Christina Lee - October 31, 2024 at 06:14 AM