



## Mr George Yee

July 8, 1924 - July 14, 2015

Mr George Yee passed away peacefully on 14 July 2015.

Beloved husband of Mo Chun Yee.

Adored father of Sandra, Albert and Andrew.

Respected father-in-law of Helen.

Loved grandfather of Kai-Ming, Alison, Maggie, Hannah and Taylor.

Aged 91 years. Will be sadly missed and forever in our hearts.

Funeral Wake will be held at 1:00 at Crystal Seafood Restaurant, Strathfield.

# Cemetery Details

## Rookwood Memorial Gardens (South Chapel)

Memorial Ave  
Rookwood, NSW 2141 (AU)  
+612 9746 8945  
<http://www.rookwoodcrem.com.au>

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

JUL 21. 10:30 AM - 12:15 PM (AEST)

Rookwood Memorial Gardens (South Chapel)  
Memorial Ave  
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## Graveside Service

JUL 21. 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM (AEST)

Rookwood Anglican & General Cemetery  
Hawthorne Ave  
Rookwood, NSW 2141 (AU)  
<http://www.rookwoodcemetery.com.au/>

# Tribute Wall



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**Galaxy Funerals** - October 05, 2015 at 10:06 PM

“ Tribute to my father- George Yee by Andrew Yee

*Thank you all for coming here today to help us say goodbye to my father. He would have been happy to see each and every one of you, whether he knew you or not. He was that type of person.*

*Today I like tell you a few things about my father and share with you some of my fondest memories with you.*

*First and foremost, my father was a kind, gentle and generous person. He would help anyone, friends, relatives, anymore.*

*He would always be buying treats for us when we were children and loved to spoil his grandchildren. I remember when we were kids he used to always take us to the movies on his day off and at the movies he would buy us choc tops and chips. I remember watching a lot of James Bond movies when I was a kid, because he liked the action movies.*

*Sometimes he would take me to the greyhounds or the trots on the Friday night to Wentworth Park or Harold Park, and then I would sit there and eat hot dogs and hot chips. With that wonderful healthy food, I was chubby kid in those days. When we leave the track he would have his own taxi driver waiting for him to take us home. So I thought that was pretty special, my dad must be a VIP.*

*My father was friendly and liked everyone. He did not judge people and did not have a bad word for anyone. He never held grudges and always taught us to treat people how you would want to be treated. My father lost his left eye as a child due to a childhood prank caused by his younger brother, Arthur. But he forgave Arthur and continued to love him as a brother and never ever carried any ill will towards him.*

*My father had an even temper and rarely got angry. I remember when I was young and we walking in the city,.a couple of young*

*guys across the road called us names and told us to go back to China. My father blew his stack and shouted back a torrent of F words. I was shocked but also impressed and proud with my father that day. That was the first and last time I heard him swear.*

*As a father he was always kind and supportive of his children. He never liked to punish us or discipline us. On the very rare occasion that he got angry with Albert as Albert was the naughty child and had to smack him, you could see in eyes that it hurt him more than it had hurt Albert.*

*Everyone liked my father too because he was calm, friendly and easy to deal with. That's why he had so many customers waiting for him at the shop. He provided them with great customer service. Working alongside him at the shop taught me a lot about client service and how to treat customers.*

*My father worked really hard in his lifetime. He always had to work hard for everything he had as he wanted to provide for his family and he always made sure we were well taken care of. It was mixed emotion when we closed the shop because on one hand it was the sad end of era, but on the other it was happy because finally we get to see more of our father in retirement.*

*My father was happy in retirement as he was able to kick back and relax and watch sports and read the papers, sleep in and spend time with the grand kids.*

*My father also loved to travel and I cherish the overseas trips when I went with him and Mum especially back to village in China. My father loved to spin yarns of the great life in the Gum San meaning Gold Mountain to the local villagers.*

*Sadly my father developed many heath issues later in life. But because he was so strong and such a fighter he was able to overcome any obstacle to came his way. Anyway my father lived a long and happy life, passing away after watching his children raise*

*families of their own and being able to watch his grand kids grow up.*

*His last remaining goal was to reach and celebrate his 91st birthday. He did that on 8 July this year so he passed away a contented man with no regrets.*

*Father may you rest in peace and I know you are watching us from above as we continue to live your values and make you proud.*

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**yee\_andrew** - August 01, 2015 at 07:59 PM

“ EULOGY OF GEORGE YEE to be read by his nephew – Norman Yee

*My Uncle George was born 8 July 1924.*

*He was the second eldest child of his family. He had 4 brothers and one sister.*

*He was born in Australia. In fact except for my father, who is the eldest child, all the other children were born in Australia. So they were called “ABCs” or Toh Sung”, As was common during the 1920s, ABCs were sent back to China to be educated, so Uncles George sent back for schooling.*

*Uncle George went back to the family village, Wan Kwong, which was situated in Yuet Shan or “Moon Mountain” in the county of Hoi Ping of the Canton/Guangdong Province. Here Uncle George met his future bride, Aunty Mo Chun and became engaged.*

*Uncle George and his brothers then experienced a period of turmoil and uncertainty with the outbreak of World War 2 and the occupation of China by the Japanese. The brothers decided they should return to Australia. Because they were born in Australia, re-entry to Australia was not too difficult.*

*When he returned to Australia, Uncle George tried a few jobs and ventures and even said he was going to buy the Chequers Restaurant.*

*However he decided to work with my father in the family business of Kai Yuen in Campbell St. in Haymarket.*

*Kai Yuen was one of the first and most famous of the Chinese shops that sold Chinese groceries, butchery and cooked meats to the Chinese community and supplier to the Chinese restaurants.*

*Uncle George was then able to bring his fiancée, Auntie Mo Chun from China back to Australia, via Hong Kong. She had not been able to come to Australia during the turmoil in China between the National Party and the Communist Party and the resulting Land Reform Policy, where land owners had their land taken away from them.*

*After marriage and settling down, Uncle George and Auntie Mo Chun soon had 3 children, Sandra, Albert and Andrew*

*Things changed dramatically in the 1960s, My father passed away prematurely. Then my grand father passed away. Uncle George took over the management of Kai Yuen*

*By this time Uncle George had worked hard and secured his financial future by purchasing the house they rented in Surry Hills.*

*In the 1970s, the family moved to the current family home in Strathfield. To cater for his growing children, Uncle George then extended the house by adding another level.*

*Also during this time, Kai Yuen started to flourish with the increasing number of Chinese migrants to Australia and the business expanded opening another shop in Sussex Street. In the 1980s. the Chinatown and Asian community grew with Australia's more liberal immigration policies and the influx of refugees from South East Asia and mainland China.*

*In 1985, Uncle George went back to his ancestral village in China with Auntie Mo Chun accompanied by their youngest son, Andrew. This was the first time he set foot back in China in 30 years. It was culture shock for them as they had become used the clean and modern western society whereas the village had not changed much since he left. Toilet paper was like gold.*

*On 15 February 1993, Uncle George at the ripe old age of 68 retired and Kai Yuen was sold. It was young person's business and the next generation had other careers. I don't know how the business*

*would have fared if Uncle George was not involved it. He was definitely the heart and soul of Kai Yuen.*

*After retirement, Uncle George became a father in law to Helen and a grandfather to Kai Ming, Alison, Maggie and Taylor.*

*In 2009, at age 85, Uncle George made another trip with his son Andrew and his family back to his ancestral village in China.*

*I will always remember Uncle George to be kind and generous person who not looked after his own family but would always help his brothers and sister and their families if they needed help. He would never say no.*

*Thank you Uncle George may you rest in peace.*

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**yee\_andrew** - August 01, 2015 at 07:46 PM

“ Eulogy to dad by Albert Yee

*Before I say a few words about my dad*

*I would like to thank my cousin Karen Young travelling down from Queensland and my Uncle Gee Poon and his family from Victoria to farewell my dad, Fung Sum's daughter in law for preparing the Chinese ceremony, my brother Andrew organising putting this all together and my sister Sandra and sister in law Helen.*

*My dad was kind, thoughtful, trusting and generous person, my early days as a child I remember dad walking me down Campbell St to the grocery shop Kai Yuen, we stop by the newstand between Campbell and Pitt St, dad would buy his paper.*

*I would look at the shiny comic books on display, I didn't have to say a word, dad would ask me which comic book I liked and bought it for me, we didn't have much money in those days, I will always cherish the thoughtfulness about dad.*

*My dad relished working in Kai Yuen; his customers trusted his recommendation on which produce was fresh to buy, when dad's regular customers came in and dad wasn't around to serve them, they either wait or my cousin Norman or Uncle Raymond would serve them.*

*The customers bought more produce when dad was serving them.*

*Dad loved the hustle and bustle of the business working alongside his brother Uncle Raymond, my cousins Norman and Gordon, myself, my brother Andrew, and his colleagues from the front and back end of the business. dad was an icon of Kai Yuen.*

*The shop closed, but his customers still remember my dad when they see him, only a few months ago I took my dad to get a haircut in Burwood, I parked on the street and helped my dad into the car when he finished his haircut, once he was in the car this European*

*guy was raising his voice to say I was parking in a loading zone, I said can't you read this is not a loading zone after 3.00pm, the man was still arguing, out of the blue this 6 foot 2 chinese guy came out of the cafe and tried to stop the argument, when the European guy saw this intimidating chinese guy stare at him he went away*

*The chinese guy said is this your dad George from Kai Yuen, I replied "yes" do you know him, his reply was , "my dad have been shopping in Kai Yuen for a long time and took me along to buy produce for his Restaurant in the old days, George served my dad", we got to chat and he knew David, Norman's brother from the old days we exchanged number and he wanted to catch up with David, I went to shake his hand it was like a vice grip, I told this story to Norman, Norman said this guy was a bouncer in the Kings Cross night clubs, don't mess with him, I said "yes" agreed, still gave Norman his number.*

*When my dad went for his visits to the see his specialist he would buy them a Roast duck or Soya Chicken, dad was generous to a fault, to say thanks for taking good care of him.*

*My last thoughts of dad is his resilience, after many health issues that my sister, brother and I witness at first hand ,he fought his way back to be with us.*

*Thank you dad, rest in peace.*

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**yee\_andrew** - July 30, 2015 at 07:40 AM

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“ *Dear Father.*

*We think of you everyday. You are forever in our minds and hearts.  
Rest in peace, Baba.*

*Andrew*

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**yee\_andrew** - July 25, 2015 at 03:44 AM