

GABRIEL PING YUEN LAU

July 17, 1942 April 16, 2013

Peacefully with his family by his side, on Tuesday, April 16, 2013, Gabriel Ping Yuen LAU passed away suddenly at the age of 70. He will be lovingly remembered by his wife Ho Lin of 39 years; daughters Deborah (Dan) and Cynthia (George); son Joseph; grandchildren Steven and Tristan; sisters Yip Chee and Yip Kam; and many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his parents Lin Tai and Fook Cheung; and brothers Ping Wing, Ping Foo and Ping Wah.

Gabriel was born in Hong Kong. A proud graduate of the famous Wah Yan College in Kowloon, he began his career with the Hong Kong Police Service in 1963 as a Police Interpreter. He moved to Canada in January 1965 and began an honourable and distinguished career with Citizenship and Immigration. Working in various roles of increasing responsibility across the country (including Alberta, Saskatchewan and Quebec), he decided to settle in Winnipeg to raise his family. After over 40 years of service, he retired in 2004 as Assistant Manager / Operations Coordinator at the Citizenship and Immigration Centre at The Forks.

Gabriel was known for generosity, always helping others, his intelligence, and keen sense of humour. He enjoyed spending his free time taking care of his grandchildren, playing with electronics and computers, watching NBA basketball and poker tournaments on TV, taking dance lessons with his wife, and going for Mall walks later in life. One of his passions was traveling to exotic locales such as California, Las Vegas, Columbia, Panama, Costa Rica, Belize, Mexico, Cuba, Macau, Cambodia, Vietnam, Singapore, Taiwan and all over mainland China.

Special thanks to the wonderful staff at Mercy Hospital in Devil's Lake, North Dakota and Altru Health System in Grand Forks, North Dakota for their care and compassion.

Viewing will be held at 9:30 a.m. with a Funeral Mass to follow on Saturday, April 27, 2013 at 10:30 a.m (St. Vital Catholic Church, 1629 Pembina Hwy).

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Gabriel's memory to Winnipeg Harvest.