

# In Memoriam: Wong Hin-Shing Memorial File

## 王顯誠君哀思錄

Compiled by Yu Fong-Ying ('61), March 10, 2024

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R.I.P. - Hin Shing Wong 王顯誠 ('61)



(May 17, 1944 – February 7, 2024)

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Wong Hin Shing ('61) passed away in Sunnybrook Hospital, Toronto, on February 7, 2024 (Wednesday). Wah Yan College lost one of her most loyal sons, and WYKAAO one of its founding members. His classmates, the '61 Grads, lost a true friend, the pillar and hub of the community, "the glue that kept the '61 group together", in the well-put words of one classmate.

He had worked tirelessly to bind the community together, compiling over 30 In Memoriam files for deceased fathers, teachers and classmates and uploading them periodically to refresh the collective memory (You can find these using the Search box on the WYKAAO website). Being a classical and traditional music lover, he liked to provide friends with well selected quality music that suited special occasions like Easter and Chinese New Year. He cared about and kept in touch with the teachers who were in Toronto: Mr Choi, Mr Ho, Mr Tam, Mr Hsieh and Mr Mui. He will be greatly and irreplaceably missed. May he rest in peace.

(Announcement of his passing)

The above was posted on the website WYKAAO

<https://wykontario.org/index.php/articles-index/rip/3730-r-i-p-hin-shing-wang-xian-cheng-61>)

## A Brief Profile of a Life 一生簡歷

Born in Hong Kong on May 17, 1944

Address in Toronto for decades:

#401, 47 Thorncliffe Park Drive, Toronto, ON M4H 1J5

### 1 Family 家庭成員

- Dr Wong Shing-Hang and Mrs Pansy Wong – parents 王盛衡醫生及夫人
- Wong Ho-Kok – elder sister 王可掬
- Roy Wong Hin-Pang – eldest brother (in Australia) 王顯鵬
- Wong Ho-Yin – second sister 王可嫻
- Wong Hin-Nang – second brother 王顯能
- Margaet Wong – Nang’s wife (in California)
- Wong Hin-Shing – third son 王顯誠
- Wong Hin-Kong – younger brother 王顯剛
- Mei Wong – Kong’s wife (in Hong Kong)
- Rick Mak – cousin (in Mississauga)
- (Note – The order of the siblings is from first to sixth. There are other members in the extended Wong family, but the above names were the main ones Hin-Shing mentioned in our conversations.
- Hin-Shing compiled a long “In Memoriam: Dr Wong Hin-Nang 敬悼四哥哥王顯能” and uploaded it onto WYKAAO, Nang being a WYK boy before switching to DBS for his matriculation. HS also produced a memorial CD for Sister Ho-Kok “Ms. Ho-Kok Wong (Mrs. Kohler) Jan. 12, 1938 – Feb. 16, 2016”. Both files have detailed sets of family photos. – FY)

## 2 Education 學歷

- ☐ Tak Yan Primary School (1953 – 1955)
- ☐ Hin-Shing's friendship with some '61/'63 grads stretched back to his primary days in Tak Yan School on Nelson Street. They are Wu Homun, Chiu Hai Kaw, Cheung Cheuk Hung, Chu Cho Ham, Chan Ching Sang, Lee Tat On, Jacob and Tony Chow etc.
- ☐ Wah Yan College Kowloon (1955 – 1961)
- ☐ 1955/56 - P. 6D
- ☐ 1956/57 – F.1D
- ☐ 1957/58 – F.2D
- ☐ 1958/59 – F.3D
- ☐ 1959/60 – F.4C
- ☐ 1960/61 – F.5B
- ☐ Diocesan Boys' School (1961 – 1963), matriculation classes
- ☐ Hong Kong University (1963 – 1966) - BA Honours, Department of English (English literature - 6 papers), Dept of History (Western history - 3 papers)
- ☐ York University, Ontario, MBA
- ☐ Qualified CGA

## 3 Career 事業

- ☐ Bishop Hall Jubilee School, Teacher of English and Form-Master (1966 – 1969)  
Accountant in firms and then freelancing, after immigrating to Canada after parents in 1969 and further studies  
Financial investment

#### 4 His Social Groups 社交圈

Family, Tak Yan, Wah Yan, Classical Music Lovers Association members, DBS, HKU May Hall, HKU English and History Departments teachers and students and other college friends, HKU Folk Dance Club and Astronomy Club, Bishop Hall Jubilee School former students, St Mark and Ying Wa Colleges former students of Sister Ho-Kok, Toronto '61 Grads, WYKAAO+past WYK teachers and si-moes, York University former college mates and professors, University of Toronto College of Education college mates, friends through business, etc.

#### 5 Some of the Things Hin-Shing Did for '61 Grads and WYK 任勞任怨

- collected and created a bank of email addresses of '61 grads to facilitate general broadcasts of news of common interest
- created spreadsheets to locate classes, teachers, years and locations of '61 grads
- founding member of Wah Yan Kowloon Alumni Association of Ontario (WYKAAO) at Mr Ho's request and supported it by contributing news and articles to its website and attending its functions
- announced visitors to Toronto and attended welcome dinners when he could
- wrote and sent holiday greetings and get-well cards to fathers and teachers on behalf of '61 grads
- created over 30 In Memoriam files for fathers, teachers and classmates and uploaded them periodically to refresh the collective memory
- on festive occasions provided sources of appropriate quality music
- caring for old WYK teachers and si-moes by driving them, telephoning them and having meals/coffees with them
- acted as archivist by storing in his computers pictures and documents relevant to '61 grads
- shared music and film "goodies" with friends
- contributed to Classical Music Lovers Association Fund for WYK musical activities



## B Photos 圖片 - 歷史形影

### 1 Tak Yan School Days 德仁 - 慈母型良師頌



德仁書院小四班主任馮綉華老師是我們的支柱，每年過年、過節都圍繞着這位“主角”，同學們都約同去拜訪她。直到 1967 年 - HK.

Madam Fung Sau Wah, class mistress of Primary 4, was like a mother to her students, among them Hin-Shing.

## 2 WYK College Days 九龍華仁 - 豐盛的筵席, 一生的友誼

### 2.1 P. 6D, 1955, Form Mistress Ms Wong Kit Kwan



(HS - 1st standing row from front, 5th from left)

### 2.2 F. 1D, 1956, Form Master Mr. Lee Hoi Chow



(HS - 1st standing row from front, 2nd from left)

### 2.3 F. 2D, 1957, Form Master, Fr. T. Doody, S. J.



(2nd standing row from front, 3rd from left)



2.4 F. 3D, 1958. Form Master, Fr. J. Mallin, S. J.

Hin-Shing respected Fr. Mallin deeply for his love of music, playing the flute and piccolo, and as a friendly form master and teacher.



(1st standing row from front, 3rd from right)

2.5 F. 4C, 1959, Form Master, Fr. A. Farren, S. J.

Hin-Shing admired Fr. Farren greatly as his form master and teacher and for his leadership as principal of WYK



(1st standing from row from front, 2nd from left)

## 2.6 F. 5B, 1960, Form Master, Fr. P. Finneran, S. J.



FORM V B, 1960-1961

*Top row:* Ho Sau Yip, Man Yan Lok, M., Lam Wing Cheung, S., Au-Yang Siu Lee, Leung Po Man, J.,  
Chan Kwok Wai, M.  
*3rd row:* Leung Tang Chu, F., Mak Cheuk Bong, L., Harry Aitken, Wong Yuk Lung, J., Chan Chi Kong, J.,  
Chau Yiu Matt, Chan Shiu Kwong, Lau Ping Yuen, M., Lam Kwong Yu,  
*2nd row:* Luk Chung Man, D., Ng Joy Chiu, P., Ching Yat Bin, C., Mak Wai Kei, G., Wong Pak Cheung, D.,  
Lee Ying Shing, G., Lam Yuk Ming, Wong Hin Sing, To Hin Leung,  
*Seated:* Chia Ling Fai, P., Yu Ming Lun, Wong Hak Yee, H., Chai Shing On, P., Fr. P. Finneran,  
Choi Chik Ming, J., Ng Siu Kim, Leung Siu Tat, C., Ching Kung Sun, P.,  
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FORM V B, 1960-1961

1. Aitken Harry	焦 哈 利	18. Lee Ying Shing, Gordon	李 應 盛
2. Au-Yang Siu Lee	歐陽兆里	19. Leung Siu Tat, Carmelo	梁 少 達
3. Chan Chi Kong, Joseph	陳 玉 剛	20. Leung Po Man, John	梁 保 民
4. Chan Kwok Wai, Michael	陳 國 惠	21. Leung Ting Chu, Folia	梁 廷 柱
5. Chan Shiu Kwong	陳 韶 光	22. Luk Chung Man, Daniel	陸 仲 文
6. Chan Yiu Man	陳 耀 民	23. Mak Cheuk Bong, Lawrence	麥 焯 邦
7. Chang Kung Sun, Patrick	張 君 新	24. Mak Wai Kei, Gregory	麥 偉 基
8. Chia Ling Fai, Peter	謝 靈 輝	25. Man Yan Lok, Michael	文 仁 樂
9. Ching Yat Bin, Clement	程 一 彪	26. Ng Joy Chiu, Peter	吳 莊 劍
10. Chou Cheh Ming, Jimmy	周 哲 民	27. Ng Siu Kim	吳 小 倫
11. Choy Chan Chiu	蔡 鎮 潮	28. To Hin Leung	杜 顯 亮
12. Chue Shing On, Patrick	朱 永 安	29. Wang Hak Yee, Harry	汪 克 義
13. Ho Sau Yip	何 守 業	30. Wong Hin Sing	王 顯 誠
14. Lam Kwong Yu	林 光 宇	31. Wong Pak Cheung, David	黃 伯 翔
15. Lam Wing Sheung, Stephen	林 永 豪	32. Wong Yuk Lung, John	黃 玉 龍
16. Lam Yuk Ming	藍 玉 明	33. Yu Ming Lun	余 明 倫
17. Lau Ping Shing, Gabriel	劉 炳 元		

## 2.7 The Staff of WYK 1960-61



(Fr. A. Farren, Principal 1961)



# The School Staff 1960-61

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 杜高道育南神父

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### 3 D.B.S. Days 拔萃時光

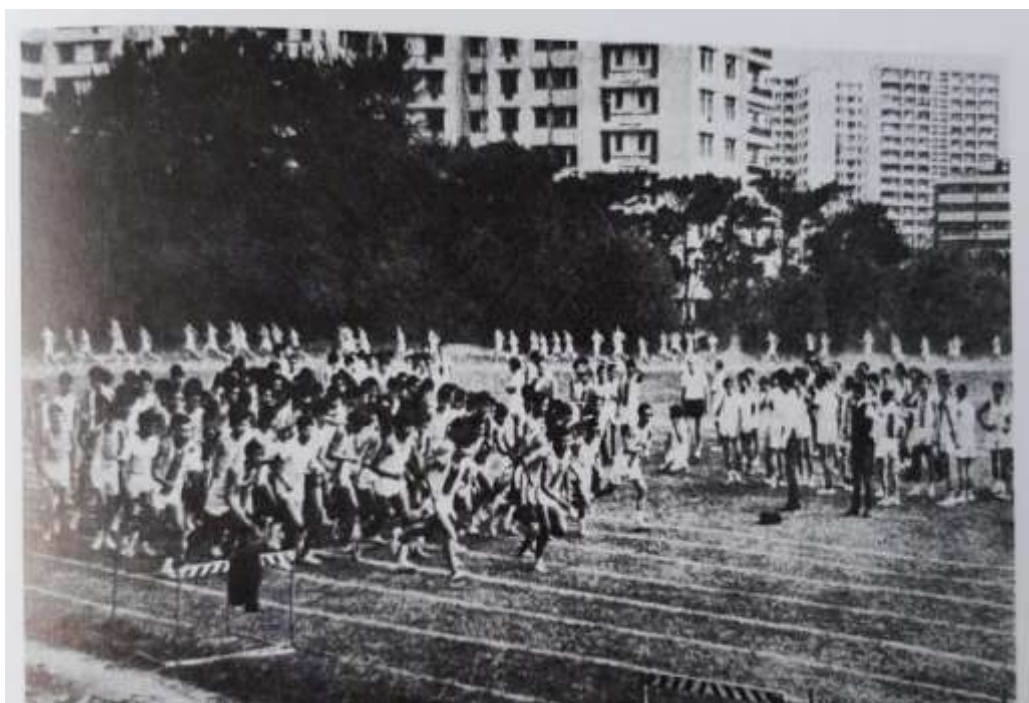
Hin-Shing's father, Dr. Wong Shing-Hang and eldest brother Roy were both educated at D.B.S. Nang also went there for his matriculation classes. Hin-Shing was strongly influenced by his English teacher Mr. Thomas Lee who was also very knowledgeable in history.

(HS and I shared the notes of our teachers, so we had double tips.)

#### 3.1 Mr James Lowock, Principal, 1961



#### 3.2 Round the School Race



#### 4 Activities in the 60s 少年遊

The following is a tiny selection of photos showing Hin-Shing's activities in the 60's



(Partying at York Chen's home, with Classical music, and whiffs of Peking operatic songs coming from the room of York's dad)



(在九華讀書時，60 年代，顯誠參與聖誕聚會，在尖沙咀同學家中的聖誕聚會之一。後排有周錫,余明倫, 起蛟等。-- HK)





(Hin-Shing an above-average Chinese chess player. His other passions playing marbles, football, music, film viewing, picnic.)



(A Day in Hok Tau)



(Seeing Yu Chi Hung (front, 3<sup>rd</sup> from right) off at Kai Tak in Aug 1961)



(Seeing Jerome Shih (2nd on the ladder up, left side) off for further studies)





(Visiting Bobby Chen's parents, Mr. and Mrs Chen, Dicken Chen, right, entertaining us)



(Andrew Tseung Visiting HK in 1964 July. Touring the beautiful Lily Pond at HKU with Cheng Shu Yung, left most, and Hei Kaw and Fong Ying, HS took the photo)

## 5 Hong Kong University Days (1963-1966) 明德格物 致知交友

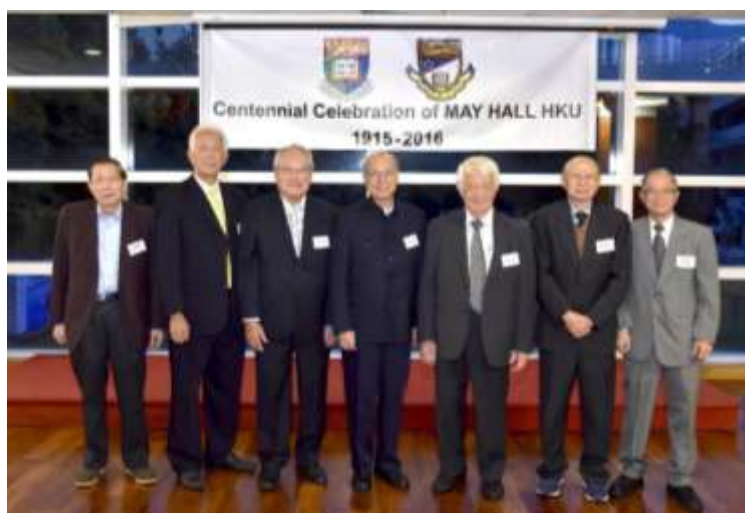
### 5.1 Residence at May Hall (1963-1966)

1963 Oct May Hall Open Day. Touring the hall with co-host Homun, Hai Kaw, Fong Ying and York guests



### 5.2 2016 May Hall Centennial Celebration, Hong Kong. Hin Shing not present

Madam Fung's son, Wah Yam Fook, was instrumental in introducing Hin-Shing to the residential hall. The photo below shows Hin-Shing's contemporary seniors at the Centennial Celebration (1915-2016) of the Hall in which Wu Homun also took part.



圖右 2 是華任復先生。當年得華任復先生介紹之下，顯誠在大學獲錄取入住 May Hall。華先生是馮綉華的兒子 -- HK (Mr. Wah Yam Fook 2nd from right)

5.3 1966 June Photo of the Arts Faculty BA and MA Graduates of 1966.



(Hin-Shing is in the top 3rd row, 7th from the left)

5.4 1966 June Thank-You Teachers Dinner organised by the English Society. Hin-Shing not present



(The photo shows the teachers Hin-Shing held in respect, especially his tutor Dr Amelia Sun (seated, 5th from left). Professor Alan Green was seated front middle looking up.)

## 6. Teaching Days in Bishop Hall Jubilee School and After 亦師亦友

### 6.1 “Wong Sir” as Form Master of 4B Class



### 6.2 Picnic, Music, Student-Friends



(2<sup>nd</sup> from left)

*'Some of my most precious memories at BHJS are the class picnics are during 1966-1969. My students planned everything, including destination, lunches & games. I usually brought my cassette recorder along, with some of my favorite music ... Such as: Happy Wanderer and Whatever Will Be. As we started our journey, I would play the music from the recorder. Many of us would sing along or whistled while the music was being played. Many of the picnics were with*



*the F4B classmates when I was form-master 1966-1967. Sometimes I invited Mr. Dennis Lin (another teacher, in dark glasses), to join us. We had great fun! Joint picnic (F5A & F5B) as shown in this group photo. The ladies were also having great fun! Boating ...THOSE WERE THE MEMORIES !!!"*

Hin-Shing made and captioned a 2.5 minutes' video of a picnic with F.4B class with The Happy Wanderer in the background and gave a copy to the students as a keep sake. It was provided to me by a 4B student Juh Nam Ho 何祝南 who said, "he is always in our heart." One sign of that is that a wreath was ordered to be placed at the graveside of HS on burial day.

### 6.3 Keeping In Touch with Former Colleagues and Students

Hin-Shing kept up the contact with BHJS colleagues as well as students to the end of his life.



Left photo: (1972 Summer Toronto – Meeting with former colleague Ms Ng Shiu-Fong)

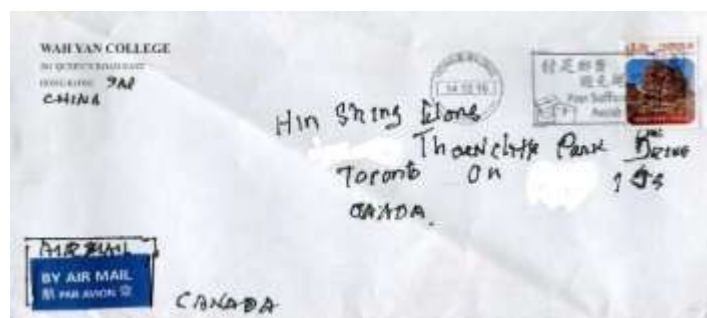


Right photo: (1996 Oct The Tse's Visit - Seated Hing-Cheung & Shiu-Fong, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> left, Hin-Shing, 3<sup>rd</sup> right)

## 7 Hin-Shing Writing to Teachers and Fathers on Behalf of '61 Grads - Two Examples 關懷備至

### 7.1 Father Mallin Replying to '61 Grads' Photos and Well Wishes via Hin-Shing, 2016

《Hand written Letter from Fr Mallin》(To 61)



8 December 2016

Dear Hin-Shing

Just a short note to thank you for the 2 messages and photos that have recent<sup>ly</sup> arrived with its various names of those who attend your local gatherings of past students of Wah Yan College.

I hope Mr Ho has pulled through his recent fall and is as well as can be expected at his age.

As I am confined to a chair it is difficult for me to write properly. I never had really good handwriting.

Good wishes for 2017 to all your classes. Thank you for the photos; they are good resemblances of them.

Yours sincerely,  
Fr. Joseph Mallin SJ  
Wah Yan College, 281 Queen's Road East, Hong Kong

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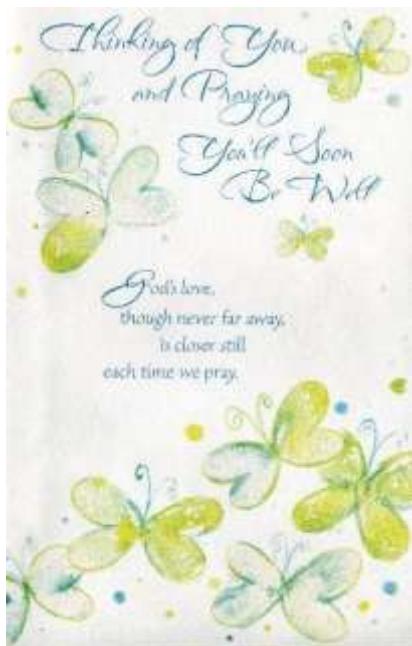
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Yours sincerely

J.M. Mallin - Scresani O Meallain

## 7.2 To Mr Anthony Ho, Birthday Wishes and Get-Well Card, 2018



Dear Ho Sir:

Our '61 classmates all wish you a Happy Birthday and wish you good health and speedy recovery.

Below are the many well-wishes from all of us.

Love and warmest regards,

Hin-Shing (on behalf of all '61 classmates)

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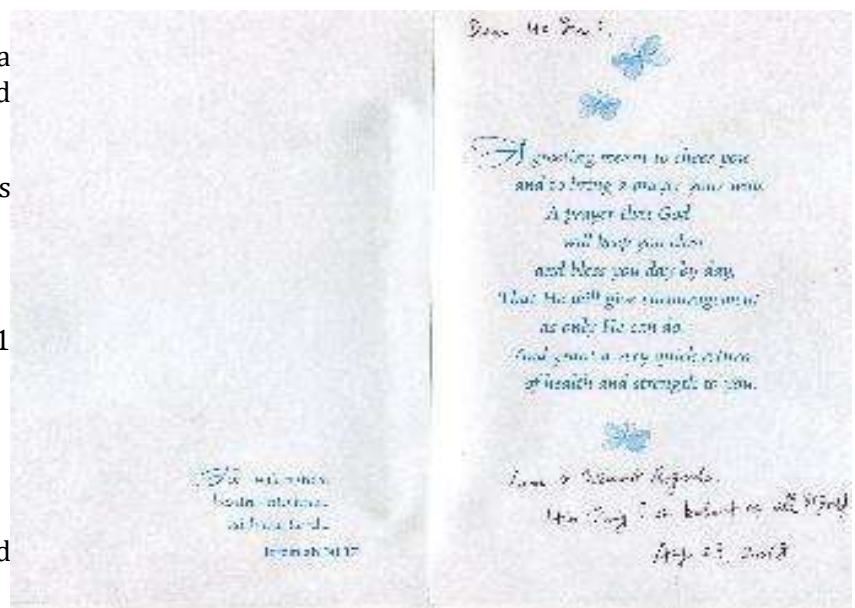
Dear Ho Sir:

All of us '61 Grads wish you well and hope you will recover soon.

Please take care!

Warmest regards with love,

Hin-Shing (2018-08-15)



8 2012 Some Members of the Classical Music Lovers' Association Signing an Agreement with the Principal after Presenting a Fund to WYK, to which Hin-Shing contributed. 願音樂教出真善美

With part of the fund was bought Yondani Butt 畢澤翔 ('62)'s conducted works. Yondani could come back to WYK only the next day. For information about CLA please see "[The Classical Music Lovers' Association \(CLA\) Fund](#)" on WYKAAO.



(Standing, from left to right: York Chen, Terri Chen, Richard Li, Chan Yiu Man, Andrew Man  
Seated left to right: Joseph Chan, Principal Dr. John Tan). CLA members are among HS's best friends.)



## 9 Selected Reunion Photos in the Last 25 Years with Hin-Shing Present (1999 – 2024) 有朋自遠近來, 不亦樂乎

The following few photos were chosen to represent Hin-Shing's presence in reunions with classmates in the last 25 years. It is somewhat arbitrary. The intention is to show his concerns for teachers and '61 grads. For a full picture please go to "[A Partial Pictorial History of the Reunions of '61 Grads](#)" and "[Addendum to 'A Partial Pictorial History of the Reunions of the '61 Grads](#)" on WYKAAO, Your Class, 1961.

### 9.1 1999 Toronto, WYK 75th Jubilee Anniversary Celebration (Visitors: Fr. Farren, Augustine and Martina Lam)



### 9.2 2001 Toronto Reunion (Visitor: Carmelo Leung) with Three Teachers present). HS cared about his teachers a great deal.



9.3 2005 Toronto, 44th Anniversary Reunion with many classmates present. A very happy occasion for HS to meet so many old friends.



9.4 2012 Oct. Toronto Reunion (Visitors: Gabriel Lau, Michael Lee, Yu Fong Lun)



9.5 2013 Toronto Reunion (Lunch with Ho Sir) – Hin-Shing had a particularly close relationship with Mr Ho, having meals with and phoning him often.





9.6 2018 June Toronto, Dinner with Bishop Hall Jubilee School old students, the '67 grads



9.7 2019 Oct. Toronto, Dinner Gathering (Last group dinner meeting with Toronto classmates, the core group then, with Michael Chan and Peter K K Wong)



9.8 2023 Oct. Toronto. Mini reunion coffee meeting with Jacob Chow and visitors Yu Fong Ying & May (Last mini reunion meeting)



## C Memories 思念悠悠

Ivo Zivkov (Toronto) to Yu Fong Ying's App (Vancouver), Feb 8, 6 a.m. Vancouver time

Hello, I am Hin-Shing Wong's friend in Toronto. I got your contact from his phone. I have some sad news –

Hin-Shing passed away yesterday. He had a heart attack. Contact me to discuss.

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Yu Fong Ying, Feb. 8, 2024 ('61 Grad) to Stephen Lam in Toronto, to Wu Homun and Chiu Hai Kaw in Hong Kong

老友王顯誠星期日心臟不適,自行入院.星期一 40 多年朋友 Ivo 探望他.半醒.星期三早上醫院通知他王已逝世.現有一社工跟進.我已留言,希望和她通話.

(Translation – Our old friend Wong Hin-Shing felt his heart was unwell on Sunday and went into ER by calling Emergency himself. His 40-year-long friend

Ivo Zivkov visited him afterwards and he was semi-conscious. On Wednesday morning, the hospital told Ivo that Wong had passed away. A social worker is

dealing with post-death matters. I have left her a voice message hoping to talk to her.)

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Harry Aitken, Feb 8, 2024 ('61 Grad, London)

Dear Fong-ying

It's 3:30am here in London. Just read your message with the sad sad news, which I hope and wish is not true.

With a heavy heart, I'm praying for him.

Regards, Harry

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Stephen Lam, Feb 8, 2024 ('61 Grads Chairman, Toronto)

Hi, All,

A very sad news forwarded from Yu Fong-ying about our dear classmate Wong Hin-shing.

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Message received from Peter K.K. Wong who used to organize our reunion gatherings and bring food to Hin-shing. The problem is that we don't know much about Hin-shing's family or relatives in Toronto. Please circulate and update to Toronto classmates.

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Peter KK Wong, Feb 8, 2024 ('62 Grad, Toronto)

Learned of the sad news this afternoon. HS suffered a massive heart attack and left us. May this good man RIP. Let us know of any new developments.

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Ivo Zivkov Feb 9, 2024 (Toronto)

Hello Roy, Stephanie and Fong,

Just wanted to put you in touch with each other.

**Roy Wong** is the brother of Hin-Shing Wong in Australia

**Stephany Wong** is the Social Worker handling Hin-Shings matters.

**Fong Yu** is an old friend of Hin-Shing currently residing in Vancouver.

Regards,

Ivo

(Note – Ivor was trying to connect us. The email addresses and phone numbers are omitted here. – FY)

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Yu Fong Ying to Ivo Zivkov, Feb 9, 2024

Dear Ivo,

Thank you for your great work.

I was so glad to hear that you and your wife met Hin Shing in his last 2 to 3 days and that he told the doctor he was happy and appreciated your coming. I know how much he valued the link of friendship at this and other times of his life.

It meant so much to him. Take care and if there's anything more I can do let me know. Our friendship stretched to almost 70 years.

Fong ying

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Shen Chi Hung, Feb 9, 2024 ('61 Grad, Detroit)

I just got the news that our beloved friend had a massive heart attack and passed away on 2/7/2024.

He has dedicated himself wholeheartedly and served untiredly our group for the last several decades.

I am sure he will live in our hearts and memories forever.

Shen Chi-Hung

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Wu Homun, Feb 9, 2024 ('61 Grad, Hong Kong)

It is so sad to hear that Hin Shing has just left us. He had been contributing so much in keeping up the bondage among our WYK schoolmates with his almost regular emails and now we will hear from him no more; but I am sure the memory of him will stay in the hearts of us all. May he rest in peace. Richard Li has posted your message in the WYK Whatsapp group in HK and I have relayed the same to the May Hall group as well. Please keep well and wish you and your family a Happy Chinese New Year in spite of this sad news.  
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Patrick Tai, Feb 9, 2029 ('61 Grad, Somerville, Massachusetts)

Hello Wah Yan schoolmates,

The news of Wong Hin-Shing passing is so sad, even among all the other sad news that is happening in the world right now.

I conversed with Wong Hin-Shing many many times. Because of his untiring effort to unite the Wah-Yan community, we "talked" often on-line.

I actually did visit him in Toronto a couple of times. He was generous with his time to organize meetings and helped me around the city.

Wong Hin-Shing was a good organizer and kept us Wah-Yan boys together. He posted news of our classmates as well as the school. He spared no occasion to get us involved in common interest activities, whether of general interest or those specific to Wah-Yan. He kept us up-to-date with our schoolmates and news about our school.

Not only that, on the rare occasions that I voiced comments to the conversation, he was always very kind to respond and take up my contributions. He always made me feel like an important member of the community. I really appreciated that.

He will be sorely missed. I don't believe anyone can take up his role.

SAD.



**Patrick Tai 戴振樑**

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Cheng Kwok Ming, Feb 9, 2024 ('61 Grad, Hong Kong)

給然王顯誠各家人節哀順變

一生在神的手中凡事禱告

完全交托

凡事感謝

完全信任

願顯誠安息永在主的懷抱

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Noel Hui Tak Cheung, Feb 9, 2024 ('61 Grad, Loma Linda)

Hi classmates

I last met Hin Shing in Toronto in 2005

We have communicated quite a few times since then through E mails and understood he had given up traveling due to medical issues

We all understand and recognize that He is the pillar of our class 61 community  
He is a good and kind man

May he rest in peace

We will miss him dearly

許德祥

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Cheung Po Kay, Andrew, Feb 9, 2024 ('61 Grad, Foster City)

Indeed it's sad to hear the passing of Hin Sing. I saw him in Toronto many years ago and since have communicated with him on and off. He is a kind man and has devoted much to WY classmates. May he rest in peace.  
Andrew Pokay Cheung.

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Alex Mak, Feb 9, 2024 ('62 Grad, Hong Kong)

Oh oh so sudden and so sad! My beloved HS, may you now rest in peace painlessly in Heaven where you belong! You are my opposite number looking after the 61-ers and me the 62-ers. Who is going to do your memorial now - or did you have one already done resting with FY ? You are sorely missed and forever remembered, RIP, my Old Dog, my Friend!

Alex Mak WYK62  
Hong Kong on CNY Day

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Leonard Leung, Feb 9, 2024 ('61 Grad, San Mateo)

Hi all,

My deepest condolence to Hin-sing 's family for his passing. It is so sudden and I hope that did not inflict too much pain to him. We owe much to him to contain us as an intimate group!

He is tenacious of life and throughout the years he had suffered many lapses of serious body malfunctioning. He once mentioned he could not take aeroplane flights because of his medical condition—meaning physically confined to the Greater Toronto Area. His contribution of music helped us to enlighten our spirits in low times. I especially appreciate the disc that he burnt for me that I played during my son's driving me and Ivy to Yellow Stone Park.

My association with him dated many years ago to the time when we were in University of Hong Kong. I resided in Elliot Hall which is just below May Hall where he and Fong-ying very often went for lunches. He is a good friend of Chan Sai Kay, who resided in May Hall. Sai Kai was my Electrical Engineering classmate. Also Shen Chi Hung of Mechanical Engineering lived there. Hin-sing was of a cheerful character and was getting along very well with his Arts classes.

I had not met him again after that year when me and Ivy flew to Toronto to join the Gogo Tour group for the Balkan tour. He was so good as to arrange for us to meet with local classmates in a dim sum gathering like other passing classmates. It was a wonderful and memorable reunion.

He is devoted to the selfless work of getting us more close. We have for our retirement a good list of 'wanting to do ' and I am sure he possibly has his list. However he was limited by condition of his health such as visiting Fr Farren in Ireland. Many of us had this done when they had the chances. Through the numerous emails, Fr Farren must have taken him as one of his most appreciated students.

May he rest in peace and he will be in our memory all the time!

Leonard

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Yu Ming Lun, Feb 9, 2024 ('61 Grad, Fremont)

It is really sad. While we have not met since he left Hong Kong, he was my link to my past in Wah Yan. His unselfishness in devoting his time and energy to keep us together is exemplary. We all lost a great friend.....Ming Lun

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York Chen, Feb 9, 2024 ('62 Grad, USA, Hong Kong and Zhuhai)

Hin Shing was in the same class in Primary six . We graduated in Wah Yan College Kowloon.

We played soccer all the time in school

He was a dedicated classical music in our CLA(classical music association formed by several classmates that we meet every Saturday in homes), He always prepared each night for the entire evening

He has been a great host

Each time when I visited his home at Nathan Road, he always asked me if I wanted to have a dish which he would order from the ABC restaurant across the street.

His brothers all graduated from WYK.

After I left HK, he came over to my home to make recording of all my LPs.

One year, when I was in Ohio, he and my younger sister drove all the way to visit with me. I think that was the longest drive he ever took. Normally he drove less than 30 miles one way

I visited with him approximately ten times in Toronto and he always drove me enthusiastically around to meet with my sister and friends.

He will always be in my mind.

May he rest in peace with his parents and siblings.

York from US, HK and Zhuhai

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Ching Yat Biu, Clement, Feb 10, 2024 ('61 Grad, Toronto)

It was indeed sad to receive such bad news, right before Chinese New Year. It appeared that he did not suffer before passing, which is a blessing.

I haven't seen him for a while but spoke on the phone occasionally. He was the glue that kept the 61 group together. I will miss him.

Clement

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Gilbert Chinn, Feb 10, 2024 ('61 Grad, Vancouver)

So sad to know Hin Shing has left us. It is so sudden and unreal. That is the greatest lost to WY College and entirely all of us.

Fong Ying was the one last visited him in Toronto last year from Vancouver. Hin Shing is always fondly in our hearts.

Gilbert

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Patrick Tai, Feb 10, 2024 ('61 Grad)

Hello Wah Yan friends and music lovers.

Among the emails from Wong Hin-Shing that I really appreciate are those on music. I will sorely miss those.

The death of conductor Seiji Ozawa (of the BSO for 29 years) will, I think, prompt Wong Hin-Shing for a memorial post. I do not presume to take up his job, but here is my faint imitation for this particular occasion:

Seiji Ozawa

Attached is Ozawa conducting the BSO performing Beethoven's Symphony #8.

Enjoy.

**Patrick Tai 戴振樑**

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York Chen, Feb 10, 2024 ('62 Grad)

Chan Yiu Man was the first one when he discovered Ozawa while he was in HK in the late 1950s.

Yiu Man bought Ozawa's whole set of Beethoven symphonies when he conducted the Japan Symphony

Orchestra (Japan Radio Philharmonic?)

We were admirers of Toscanini, Walter, Furwangerla, Karajan, European and US conductors.

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(Note – "We" refers to members of the Classical Music Lovers' Association.)

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Tony Chow, Feb 11, 2024 ('63 Grad, Vancouver)

Hing Shing was the glue that kept us together since he left WYK, not only the 61 grads but also students from other years. He was also in constant contact with his friends from DBS, HKU, York university as well as his teaching and accounting friends. I knew Hin Shing since I was in Form 1 through my brother. We shared many common interests such as classical music and tai chi. We hanged out a lot at each other's family. Our families knew each other well. My father was his father's patient. In later years, even when he was in poor health, whenever he could, he sent out classical music recordings. I remember once I told him that I actually listened to some of the

pieces he sent out. That made him really happy. He was a warm and caring person and spoke always from his heart, dedicated to his teachers, classmates, friends and classical music. We will sorely miss him and he will always be in our hearts. May he Rest In Peace.

Tony Chow (63 grad)

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Andrew Tseung, Feb 11, 2024 ('61 Grad, Auckland)

Some years ago Molly & i came to Toronto for the class reunion, Hing Shing picked us up from the airport and looked after us. He worked tirelessly for us. He is the one who keeps WYK 61 alive and thriving.

May he rest in Peace !

Andrew Chun Hin TSEUNG

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Harry Aitken, Feb 11, 2024 ('61 Grad)

Dear Fong Ying,

This morning I attended the Sunday Mass at the Westminster Cathedral in London to pray for our beloved Hin Shing.

On behalf of the 61 Grads, I took the opportunity to arrange a Holy Mass to be offered for the repose of his Holy Soul, at the Cathedral. May he rest in peace.

Attached please find photographs of the Westminster Cathedral.

Best regards,  
Harry Aitken



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Bartholomew Tsui, Feb 12, 2024 ('60 Grad, Gold Coast, Australia)

I grieve for the passing of Wong Hin Sing. I was also friendly with Wong Hin Nang, his brother in our school years. Attached are two photos of their visit in 1959 (?) to the house of Peter Tsui, the founder of Wah Yan Colleges, Hong Kong and Kowloon.

Bartholomew Tsui



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Chan Yiu Kwok, Feb 12, 2024 ('65 Grad, Ottawa)

Very sorry to hear that.

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Jacob Chow, Feb 12, 2024 ('62 Grad, Toronto)

Thanks. Keep me informed. May he rest in peace.

Jacob

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Ivor Zivkov, February 12, 2024 (written Feb 11, 2024 at FY's request, revised Feb 12)

(a)How I knew Hin-Shing Wong

We met about 40 years ago. I had freshly graduated from Engineering, and was working in a computer store, while looking for a better job. Wong came to the store, needing help with his computer setup, and that is how we met. We discovered that we had many similar

interests. Slowly, we started discussing all kinds of topics: from politics, to investment, and health. My wife is also Chinese, and we started going to Chinese restaurants with him, and sometimes with his mother as well. He was always available to talk, and we had long phone conversations, and sometimes arguments, at almost any time of day and night. Behind his slight eccentricity was hiding a wonderful, caring, intelligent human being. I learned a lot from him, and I will really miss him.

(b) Wong, Final Days Recount

I had the great privilege of accompanying Hin-Shing Wong, a friend of over 40 years, in his final days. On the evening of **Feb. 4th, 2024**, our plans to meet for lunch the next day were interrupted when Wong, barely recognizable over the phone, mentioned he felt very sick and had called an ambulance. I asked him to bring his phone to the hospital and call me, but I did not hear from him that night. On the next morning, **Feb 5th**, with no updates, I reached out to hospitals in the area to locate him, only hearing from Sunnybrook Hospital in the evening, where Wong had been admitted to the ICU.

Upon visiting him the next day, **Feb 6th**, Wong was semi-conscious. Dr. Sheldon Singh revealed that Wong had suffered a massive heart attack, his heart was very weak, and his condition grave. Wong expressed a desire to contact his brother in Australia, but contact details remained elusive. Returning to the hospital the following morning, **Feb 7th**, Wong's condition worsened, leading to his passing shortly after noon. I had a chance to spend some silent moments alone with my friend to say my final goodbye.

I later learned that Dr. Singh had an extended conversation with Wong during the previous night, addressing the severity of his condition and his wishes. Given his awareness of the circumstances, I can only admire Wong's remarkable courage.

In the following days, as I reached out to those close to him, I realized the great impact Wong has made on so many people.

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Dear Fong,

I updated the documents. If you have already sent them, please re-send them.

I can't help thinking about the extraordinary lucky string of events that made us aware of the situation so quickly:

1. If we did not arrange to have lunch with Wong, he probably would not have called me that night. We meet once every 2-3 months these days, so the fact that we were going to meet the next day was quite extraordinary.

2. As I said, I called the hospitals in the area the next day to locate him, and they all said there is no such person. I was not sure what my next step would be. Luckily, Wong had my number in his wallet, so Sunnybrook called that night. Even after going there, initially they said there is no such person. As it happened, one of the administrators in the reception decided to go above what was required of her and search for people that were admitted around that time, and the registered name partly matched Wong's real name. So they located him.

3. Even after finding him, I had no idea how to contact his family and friends. First, luckily, he brought his phone with him. He usually never brings it with him. We were looking for the phone for a long time, and only after I called it, we were able to locate it while I was there. Battery was almost drained, but enough to ring. If I left before finding the phone, it would be very difficult to get a hold of it, since I am not even a relative.

4. Finally, his phone was locked. Only by sheer chance, it was me that helped him buy and set up the phone, including the lock combination, and the same lock pattern still worked. That is how I got a hold of his contacts, including you.

Amazing...

Regards,

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Shen Chi-Hung, Feb 13, 2024 ('61 Grad)

I actually got the sad news from an UMich friend (Ng Shui-Fong) on 2/8/23 and I so posted the news to our '61 group right away. Talk about coincidence and a small world, she only recently (about X'mas time last year) found out that HS and I were WY and HKU classmates. She was very excited and informed me that she and HS were old classmates in Tak Jing (?) in HK.

(Note – HS went to Tak Yan before coming to Wah Yan College. Ng was an English teaching colleague of his in BHJS for two years.)

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Stephanie Wong, Social Worker following HS's post-death matters, Feb 15, 2024 (Toronto)

Hello Everyone,

Thank you for your involvement with Mr. Wong. My condolences again to you all during this difficult time.

The next step would be that Mr. Wong move to funeral home for cremation. I have been informed that Mr. Wong would have preferred to go with Ogden Funeral Homes for this: <https://www.ogdenfuneralhome.com/> 416-293-5211. Once the funeral home has been contacted, the funeral home will contact the hospital to arrange for transfer of Mr. Wong to their facility. From there, I have been informed that Mr. Wong would prefer to be laid to rest alongside his immediate family (sister and parents) at St. James Cemetery: <https://stjamescemetery.ca/> / 416-964-9194.

Please let me know if you have any other questions or concerns - I am more than happy to discuss.

Wishing you all well

Sincerely,

**Stephanie Wong, MSW, RSW (she/her/hers)**

Social Worker, Schulich Heart Centre

Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre-Bayview Campus

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Lam Yuming, Feb 18, 2024 ('61 Grad, Vancouver)

Please convey my condolences to the Wong family.

Yuming

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Godfrey Chan, Feb 16, 2024 (D.B.S. '65, Toronto)

It was in the late 80s I first came to know Hin Shing at a photocopy shop in Toronto. We were strangers lining up waiting for self-service printing. We somehow started up a conversation. By coincidence we both photocopied different articles on the same subject "Classical Music". Despite our different opinions, we eventually became very good friends who shared the same common interests in classic music and financial investment.

Rarely have I found a man of great integrity like Hin Shing. In this age of uncertainty and confusion, he unselfishly offered much-needed help to his friends on many occasions. I shall always remember him as a good buddy indeed. You never know how much you have shared with someone until that sharing ends. Wish we could accept the inevitable with grace. Hin Shing's departure also concluded a memorable chapter in the history of the WYKAAO. May he rest in peace.

Godfrey Chan (DBS, '65)

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Yu Fong Ying, Feb 20, 2024

### Hin-Shing's Last Years

As many of us know, Hin-Shing suffered a great deal of physical pain in his last years from sciatica, bone spurs and spinal cord problems, causing him to walk with difficulty and sometimes getting cramps on back and feet. It was excruciating and he took painkillers liberally to combat it. His "normal" life was lived outside those spells of devastation. Day and night were often reversed; he had to take a nap after a bout of pain. Mobility was limited because he did not know when pain would come. He preferred to stay home rather than join a lunch or a coffee meeting.

He became really confined to his flat after he had a minor car accident which wrecked his old car, maybe in 2022. He gave up his licence. There were friends, among them former students who helped him to get groceries and prescribed drugs. One pharmacist he knew drove him to a supermarket at a reasonable rate. On the whole, he managed.

He communicated with friends by phone, email and app. He kept up with current affairs. In telephone conversations, he was clear in voice and mind and interested in many topics, especially old Hong Kong and WYK days. He had a prodigious memory of the last category, and could quote essay titles and readers set by Fr. Doody in Form 2.

It was not a vacant life he led. On good days, he would exercise on the treadmill some 20 minutes. He had his large collections of music and film discs and TV programmes. He forwarded "goodies" to his friends: Classical music, Civil War (including Stephen Forster) songs, early Chinese pop songs, Chinese choral and instrumental songs, Buddhist recitations, Gregorian chants, golden oldies, 61 Grads Reunions 2005 and 2011 videos etc. He also enjoyed reading some detective stories, slight stories of murder in the Lake District, the Swedish dragon girl trilogy, a Peter Robinson, Christie. But reading was tiring; he preferred TV drama series like Foyle's War and old films. He recommended to me The Shoe of the Fisherman, The African Queen. The Guns of Navarone, From Here to Eternity. He had a special liking for horror books and films – Hitchcock, Vincent Price, Dracula, M.R. James. Conan-Doyle.

Against the adversity of illness, one task he accomplished with supreme efforts was the documentation of memories of deceased classmates and '61 grads reunions. He had declared that the efforts were too much for him. Yet in 2021, he compiled an In Memoriam for Lee Wen Hao shortly after his death. In 2023, he just could not help but compile one for Roderick Auyang Siu Lee, 7 years after his death. (One done for Brendon Lai Tat Chung was 15 years after his death.) In 2018 he had the bright idea of putting together in chronological order most of the photos of '61 grads' reunions starting from the formation of the Association in 1958 to 2018, followed by an update in 2023.

Because of his sincerity, honesty, respectfulness and generosity of spirit, he drew people to him and kept them as friends for decades. A friend took him into his home to nurse him after his cardiological surgery. Another friend rang him every day in the past year just to see how he was. An aged York professor and his wife took him out for a meal in late 2023. Even his elder sister's students took him out for a meal. But he would not call uber to get to places himself. He would take one or two painkiller pills beforehand to sustain himself for up to two and a bit more hours.

He chose to live a largely independent life with freedom and dignity, and to suffer stoically. He would not consider moving into an old folks home; that would mean too many restrictions and rules and a loss of privacy.

In his last days, as narrated by his good friend Ivo Zivkov, there was a string of coincidences. I personally think that he knew what was coming and prepared -- calling an ambulance, going to a hospital with a note of Ivo's telephone number and his cell phone in his pocket. On Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> he met Ivo and his wife and told the doctor afterwards he was glad. I feel that he passed away secure and comforted in his knowledge of a link to family and friendship to which he had so completely devoted his life.

Hin-Shing, my dear friend, thank you for your friendship. May you rest in peace beside your beloved family members.

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Chiu Hai-Kaw, Feb 22, 2024 ('61 Grad, Hong Kong)

懷念我的老友王顯誠君。

顯誠是我小學時的同窗。回想在德仁書院小四(一九五三年)的年代，合賴班主任馮綉華老師，對我們每位同學的起居生活都關懷備至，令我們升讀九龍華仁書院後仍不忘師恩，有空總會約同探訪馮師。亦因此同學間加深了認識，友情更加牢固。

顯誠兄是其中一位我認識較深的同學。最欣賞他的直率，真摯，待人誠懇的態度。他大學畢業後，執教英文一段時間後就移居加國，每年總以電話問候馮師及本人，直至近數年來已用 **whatsapp**，更多機會互通消息，大家亦多了相互問安了。他“念舊”之情如此。

他多年來雖身處遠方，但仍心繫各中、小學時的同窗。在多倫多他早已用電郵發放舊同學們的訊息，連繫着每位九華六一屆畢業的同學，尤其是散居在美、加的舊日同窗，端賴此通訊，團結大家在一起，功勞至偉。(當然，余晃英在溫哥華一直“從旁”協助，共同編寫在 **E.mail** 發放的消息，功不可殁)。其中最難能可貴的神甫，師友的“哀思錄”，他們付出了不少心血去搜尋，輯錄資料。顯誠去世前仍不忘提點大家一些舊日神甫的生平資料，令我尚保存着這些往日的回憶，銘感之至。

顯誠兄自中學開始，與同窗共組“古典音樂欣賞”小組，共同分享古典音樂之美，他亦一直保持着此優雅興趣，在 Whatsapp 中常常與友人分享他的“藏品”，無論是貝多芬的交響樂，以至樂團演奏的聖誕歌曲，他都有收集，並公諸同好，從中可見他品味之高，興趣之濃厚，亦可見他處事之專注，心不旁騖，致有此豐富“藏品”也。

回想數月前，顯誠已因身體違和，兼大雪連連，已不再駕駛外出。我在農曆新年前，有多天晚上失眠，心情忐忑不安，心中已有所疑。豈料 2 月九日凌晨，獲知加國傳來顯誠去世的噩耗，心情更波動了多天。至今希望收拾心情，寫下一些記憶中的片段，記念去世的老朋友。匆匆寫來，恐未能充分表達對老朋友的哀思也。

二〇二四年二月廿二日。趙起蛟書。

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Kar Wing Ho, Feb 25, 2024 ('61 Grad, Vancouver)

Dear Fong Ying,

In fact I am quite depressed after learning the passing of Hin Shing, No word can describe my sorrow. I would like to say something

so that you can include this in your In Memoriam.

I was in the same class F3D as Hin-Shing. Fr. Mallin was our classmaster. We occasionally played ping pong. I lost contact with him

when he went to Diocesan Boys School during his matriculation years. We were reconnected in the early 80s through Martin Lee.

I met Hin Shing again in 1982. During the summer of 1992 he was very kind in driving me around the Toronto area in his huge sedan.

I still remember the dinner gathering as guests in the house of the late Carmelo Leung. Through Yu Fong-ying I have learned a lot

about his career and daily life in Toronto. Occasionally Hin Shing called me on the phone and had chats. In fact, email communication

has always been the norm. He was our main liaison person in brining all our schoolmates in virtual connection at all times. I really miss him.

May he rest in peace.

Is anyone attending his funeral in Toronto?

Regards,

Kar Wing

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Jacob Chow, Feb. 26, 2024

I know whs since grade 3 in Tak Yan for about 60 years. We are pretty close including my brother Tong. We listen to classical music and hold rotating meetings at different families at week ends. We also have other activities together. I left Hong Kong in 1964 and haven't seen him for ten years until I move to Toronto. I know he has got an MBA from York University and a qualified CGA accountant. He is not happy in his career path because I think he is too outspoken.

We used to meet quite regularly for lunch or dinner. But as I am on a special diet, we cut down our gathering and

instead have coffee in Big Mac near my house. The staff there hate us because we spent hours talk about the good days and just drink coffee. He always complained about the pain on his back but there is nothing he could do about it in spite of trying to find relief. Recently both of us don't be able to drive because of personal reasons but we still communicate regularly by phone. I talk to him on phone a week before his death and he seems to be ok. I was surprised he passed away so soon. He is a good friend and I really miss him. May he rest in peace.

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York Chen, Feb 28, 2024

The brother who lives in Australia is 王顯鵬

南加州是顯能

顯鵬可能是唯一生存的

王医生以前是我的医生

我家在林光宇家楼上

王顯誠在他家隔壁

地下是診所

他妈及姊是護士

York Chen

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Chiu Hai-Kaw, Feb 28, 2024

今早匆匆看了一遍顯誠兄的哀思錄 (草稿)，有傷感，但站在他的健康立場去看，是替他慶幸，他近年的苦痛，是極度難受，以短暫的心臟病解決了無了期的身體傷患，是最好的解脫。願老朋友永離塵世的煩惱在天上得享安寧。他日我們亦會駕鶴西往，瑤台再逢！

(Translation by FY: I skimmed your draft memorial file this morning. I felt sad. But from the angle of his health, I felt happy for him. The pain he had suffered in recent

years were extremely intolerable. An abrupt heart attack eliminating the long-term physical injuries and pain could be said to be the best way out. I hope he has left all the worries of his earthly life behind him and enjoys peace and rest in heaven. We will meet him one day – riding the crane and going west to the land of happiness to join him!)

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Harry Aitken, Feb 29, 2024

Noted (the dates of cremation and burial), I will remember our dear Hin-Shing in my prayers on both days.

Best regards,

Harry

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Bobby Chen, March 3, 2024 ('61 Grad, Somerville, Massachusetts)

Dear Fong Ying and Wah Yan classmates,

I received word of Hin Shing's passing in early February, and ever since have been wanting to respond in some way, yet have not penned anything until now.

Paradoxically,

while I have felt an intense wish to express my sorrow at losing a beloved friend and -- much more than that -- my appreciation of him as an uplifting and helpful friend,

that very intensity has prevented me from expressing myself, because I feel so inadequate to this task!

In the end, I can only confess my inadequacy and just do my best.

My friendship with Hin Shing started in Primary 6 in Miss Wong's class, where as the second-shortest student (next to Kenneth Ma, "Ma Zai") in the class and (in my view) as the (physically) weakest weakling and non-Cantonese outsider, I was glad to receive the sympathy of Hin Shing and Wu Ho Mun and Yu Fong Ying. After we all completed Form V and (after Lower 6) I went to the U.S., I corresponded enthusiastically with Hin Shing, learning about his experiences teaching English with his characteristic idealism and commitment.

Later still, after he emigrated to Canada,

he wrote to me about our shared interest in classical music;

and in subsequent years I learned about his struggles with health problems.

Through all these years, what always impressed me was how he lived life with utmost sincerity and total engagement, and the high value he placed on family and friends.

As other classmates have written, by his love and dedication



Hin Shing has become the strongest glue that binds us to our Wah Yan classmates and teachers,  
and in so doing has also contributed strongly to each of our lives.  
We collectively owe him a great debt,  
and I am sure we will all remember him fondly, and miss his presence.  
May he rest in peace!

Bobby Chen

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Yeung Sek Wai, March 5, 2024 (D.B.S. '61, Toronto)

I was shocked when I read about the passing of Hin Shing from your website. I felt compelled to write this,  
because Hin Shing had mentioned to me how much he loved the Wah Yan Old Boys group in Toronto.

I was from DBS 1961 class, Hin Shing joined our class at Lower Form 6 Arts. I didn't know about him at the time since  
I was in the Science stream. We became friends here in Toronto as he joined our class old boys for the occasional get-together.

I have come to treasure his friendship, and in fact was last talking to him on the phone on Jan 24, 2024. He called because  
he knew my wife was undergoing surgery.

I tried calling him on Feb 14 but did not get any response, which was unusual for him. When I asked if anyone had heard from  
him, I never expected to learn of his passing from another DBS classmate.

Sek Wai Yeung

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Jolie Tse (maiden name Ng Shiu-Fong), March 4, 2024 (English teaching colleague at BHJS, Cincinnati)

Isn't it amazing that thru Hin Shing, I have communicated with Ivo, you, and Juh Nam...? He had brought together his friends who

can now find comfort from our bondage. ...I have felt much better since February, as all Hin Shing's friends have cared so much of him.

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**In Memory of Mr. Wong Hin-Shing (王顯誠)**

**from Ng Shiu-Fong**

## A Friend Who had the Innocent Heart of a Child (赤子之心)

Hin-Shing sat diagonally opposite me in the staff room. Even though we had never taught the same classes or subjects, we shared

our fresh teaching experiences at BHJS for two years (1967-1969) before he immigrated from Hong Kong to Canada. He got

along well with his colleagues, with a very direct and open attitude in any discussion. No one would ever question his sincerity

and innocence (against worldliness and sophistication, so to speak), as clear as his name shows. Hin-Shing had always owned an

innocent heart of a child, and a kindness for everyone he knew, during the fifty odd years of the friendship that we both

cherished.

In the summer of 1972, when I first landed in North America, I met Hin-Shing in Toronto before I was settled in Ann Arbor,

Michigan. In the following fifty years, we had met again in the BHJS reunions and other occasions. We treasured the precious

moments of gatherings as if we were the same old jolly group in Hong Kong. During the last few years, I relied on the regular

WhatsApp chats to cheer and encourage Hin-Shing to overcome the sufferings of his medical problems.

The following is an excerpt of my letter to Hin-Shing in December, 2023 after he sent me his pictorial memoir of over-a-hundred

pages, which he originally planned to share on his 80th birthday in May, 2024. Even though we have been friends for over half a

century, it was the first time I learned more in depth about him as a person, his family, and his life in Canada. After missing our

communication for four days, on the morning of February 8, I received the sad news. I was totally shocked at his sudden

departure and inconceivably distressed at our loss.

“Hinshing, I read carefully the first part of your writing about a brief summary of your education and profession, etc. You have

received good education from Wah Yan College, Kowloon, Hong Kong University, and later York University; and after

immigrating into Canada, you have changed your career path from teaching to accounting, which might have been a good choice.

...I hope you have found satisfaction and fulfillment in the two careers.

I AM amazed at the volume of your collection of photos, including your family, relatives, teachers, classmates, friends,

colleagues, and student friends, with the coverage from your childhood to the present. I have not seen anyone who has ever

achieved a task like this. The way you remember your teachers, so thoroughly, in different schools, at different stages, is unique. I

must say you ARE a person who is sincere, faithful and affectionate towards the people you have encountered in your life.

You are a lucky immigrant in Toronto, in the sense that you are still in contact with your old HK classmates, teachers, relatives

and friends. Your friendship and past relationship have long lasted, while some other people's will not, all as a result of your

relentless efforts to remain connected. "

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Mr. Wong Hin-Shing was highly praised in the eulogy from Wah Yan College Kowloon Alumni Association :

...the pillar and hub of the community, "the glue that kept the '61 group together", in the well-put words of one classmate.

He had worked tirelessly to bind the community together, compiling over 30 in Memoriam files for deceased fathers, teachers

and classmates and uploading them periodically to refresh the collective memory ...

<https://wykontario.org/index.php/articles-index/rip/3730-r-i-p-hin-shing-wang-xian-cheng-61>

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Among his hundreds of pictures, I accidentally found four common friends with Hin-Shing, who were his classmates of different

times. And, his music teacher at Wah Yan College, Mr. Wilson Hseuh, happened to be my Music and Mandarin teacher in the

primary school 端正小學. I felt the unexpected joyfulness from the bondage between Hin-Shing and me.

Mr. Wong Hin-Shing has now been laid to rest in St. James Cemetery, Toronto, beside the graves of his mother and sister. He will

be dearly missed by all his friends, particularly the community of the BHJS Alumni Association in Canada, who has worked hard

and helped out through the years at the needy moments of his life. We will find the solace from the memories of love that

Mr. Wong Hin-Shing left behind.

(Note – This essay was written for and sent to the BHJS Alumni Association. It is reprinted here with the author's permission and blessing.)

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## Final Closure

Cremation – March 1, 2024, 9:00 a.m. ; Burial – March 4, 2024, 11:00 a.m. Both at St. James' Cemetery, Toronto, buried in family plot there

### Clement Ching, March 4, 2024

I went to Hin-Shing's funeral today with Sonny Sie and Michael Chan. The only other people there were Ivo and his wife.

A pastor conducted a short service and HS's ashes were put in the ground, and the old head stone of HS's father was put on top.

(Note - Three wreaths of flowers for HS were laid at the grave site: one with card bearing the following words,

"The Late Mr. Hin-Shing Wong/ Forever in Our Hearts/ Bishop Hall Jubilee School/ 4B Class Students 1966-1967" and the other

"Wah Yan Schoolmates". The third consisted of a wreath of heart-shaped roses, no name card. "Probably from St. James. Cemetery,"

Roy suggested. -- FY)



(From left, Michael Chan, Sonny Sie, Clement Ching, Ivo and Wife)

(The two photographs above, from the video of the funeral service taken by Hannah Gilbert, are reproduced with permission granted by Roy Wong.

Of the video, access granted by Roy and Hannah, Mrs Jolie Tse's response speaks for all: "The efforts to share the recording are greatly appreciated. I felt as if I had attended the ceremony in person and said farewell to our dear friend HS.")

## **D    Onward, '61 Grads! 再見, 再見面**

1    Stephen Lam, Feb 11, 2024 ('61 Grad) 節哀互勉

Dear 61 Grads WYK,

While we are all saddened at the sad news of our beloved schoolmate Wong Hin-shing, we should remember what he had done in the past so many years. Since a few of us started the 61 Grads WYk in Nov. 1965, Hin-shing was the one who connected us together across the globe through his broadcasting of news with emails and recently compilation of pictures and information with Yu Fong-ying in memory of our Jesuits, teachers and classmates. His dedication and contribution to us as a fraternity network of high school alumni are recognized. We will sorely miss him when we use the email broadcast he developed to continue communicating and bonding us together. May he rest in peace together with those who went before him. Please stay healthy and connected in the spirit of Wah Yan.



2 Most Recent Mini Reunion in Hong Kong, Feb 25, 2024 - “Let’s Get Together, Yah, Yah, Yah” 友誼長存



(左起：可滿，潘漢偉，漢偉夫人，文浩之子，及媳，起蛟，文浩之孫，文浩夫人(簡佩芬)。

地點：尖沙嘴 YMCA 4 樓 -- HK)

Long may the Wah Yan spirit and our tradition of reunions last!

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I alone am responsible for the editing and compilation of this memorial file and for any errors and omissions therein. My computer assistant Jan Siu handled the photos, formats and innumerable changes. The bracketed notes are added by me, except those marked with "HK", i.e. Hai Kaw. HS stands for Hin-Shing of course.

In compiling this file, I followed the tradition which Hin-Shing started of honouring and remembering deceased Jesuit fathers, teachers and classmates. May he find the record acceptable!

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