



**In Memoriam Carmelo Leung Siu-Tat**

**September 1, 1944 – February 8, 2009**

*He was my North, my South, my East and West*

**-- W. H. Auden**

## A. Photographs



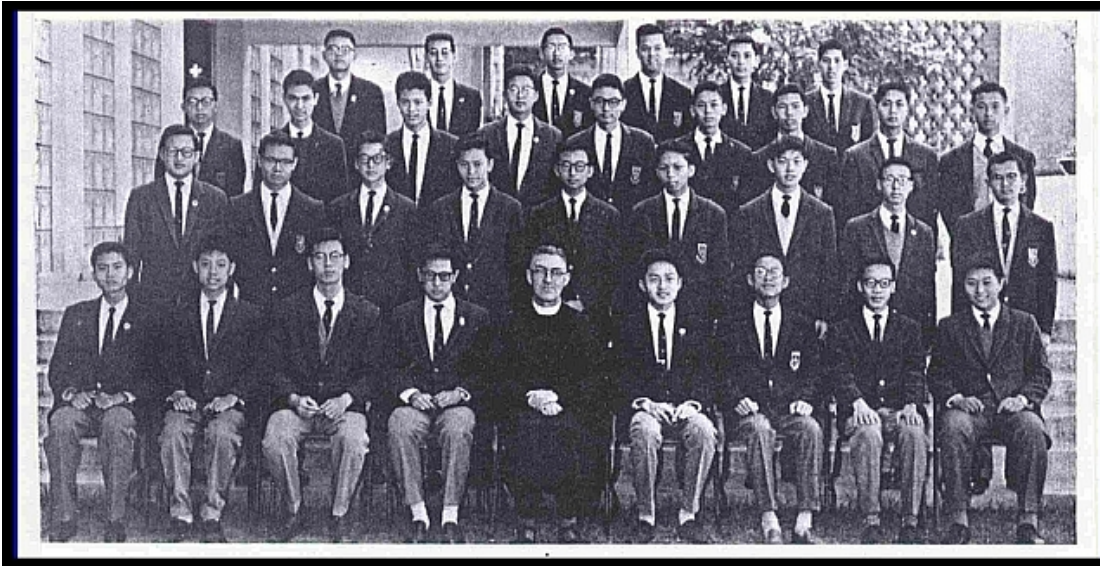
*From Tak Sun to Wah Yan*  
Carmelo and seat-mate  
Ho Kar-Wing in 1956 (F1B at WYK)



*Basketball and ping pong – twin sport passions*  
Junior Basketball Team, WYK (F3D, 1959)



*Second year in Wah Yan, still without glasses*  
Class photo of F2D (1958) – Carmelo 5th right, 2<sup>nd</sup> bottom row, Fr. Doody class master



*Graduation year, with five years of Wah Yan behind him and one more ahead*  
**Class photo of F5B (1961) – Carmelo 2<sup>nd</sup> right, bottom row, Fr. Finneran class master**



*Honing his financial skills; one of many reunions to come*  
**1966 summer reunion picnic, HK**





***Strong bonds: religion, school, classmates, teachers, family***  
**Group photo with Father Farren – 1999 75<sup>th</sup> Wah Yan College Jubilee reunion in Toronto**



***With Teachers Tam, Ho and Hsueh: once a teacher ...***  
**2001-03, Toronto reunion**



***If you're happy and you show it***  
**2004-05, HK reunion**



*Timeless bonding in action*  
**2004-11, HK, Wah Yan International Conference 2004**



*Relaxed, genial, a typical pose*  
**2004-12, HK reunion**



*Sun, friends and wine – all mellow*  
**2005-08, Toronto reunion (wine tour)**



*Happiness is among friends.*

**2008-05-23, HK reunion dinner organized by Ho Ping-Kwong**



問天下友情為何物? 梁兄最深知。

**2008-10-10, HK, one of the last reunion dinners attended**

## **B. Brief Autobiography**

### **Carmelo Leung**

A year ago last October, I took retirement from Agilent Technologies, a spin-off company of Hewlett-Packard, after a combined tenure of 25 years served successively in Hong Kong, Beijing, Toronto, and finally, Hong Kong a second time. Since leaving Wah Yan after completing Lower Form 6, my entire work experience had been in finance and related functions.

The Jesuits seemed to have had significant influence on me and my family over the years. In 1956, I entered Form 1B in Wah Yan when I met 40 other boys from various primary schools in Hong Kong participating in the Joint Primary 6 Examinations. Several years after graduating from secondary school, I had the opportunity in getting to know the then Conductor of the Wah Yan St. Ignatius Chapel Choir, who had eventually become my wife. In the mid-80s when HP asked me to assume a temporary assignment in China, our two boys had chosen boarding schools in the U.K. run by Jesuits.

The decision to accept the job transfer back to Hong Kong in year 2000 was indeed an easy one. It had enabled me and Jennie to be re-united with our children who had since returned to start their career.

I have enjoyed tremendously the global re-union event held in Toronto recently, and look forward to the next gathering in Vancouver in 2008. Meanwhile, I hope to see my fellow WYK 61 Grads periodically, in Hong Kong and other parts of the world.

October 17, 2005

(Note: This brief autobiography was written two months after the Toronto Reunion in 2005, in response to a call from Wong Hin Shing who tried to collate the autobiographies of '61 grads and make them available to classmates. The project failed miserably. Carmelo's was one of the few that Hin Shing received.)

## C. Condolences, Memories and Eulogies

Lee, Daniel (09-02-09), Melbourne ('60 grad)

I have to break this sad news to you with a heavy heart: that Carmelo has passed away on Sunday about 4:00 AM in Hong Kong, with his wife, Jennie, and his children by his bedside. I know he was in the hospital for a month during Christmas, 2008 for chemo-treatment . He was suffering from pneumonia before he died (peacefully). I have lost a good friend. We came from the same school, worked in the same company, sang in the same church choir and we partied hard in our younger days. His wife was our choir-conductor.

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Wong Hin-Shing (09-02-10), Toronto

Carmelo was one of my most admired classmates. Throughout all these years, I'd always relied on him for his leadership regarding our '61 classmates' activities. I'll miss him.

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Li Ping-Hon, Martin (09-02-10), Hong Kong

Let's all pray to the Almighty for his resting soul.

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Mr. Ho Chun-Yuen, Anthony (09-02-10), Toronto

Very sorry to hear the passing away of Carmelo. I remember him well, a true gentleman of the class of '61. May he rest in peace.

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Ho Kar-Wing (09-02-10), Vancouver

I am very much saddened by the loss of my childhood schoolmate. Carmelo and myself used to be sitting next to each other on the front row seat facing the blackboard when we started our secondary school years in Form 1B. I cannot withhold my tears upon learning the sad news. I am sure we all miss him.

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Yu Fong-Ying (09-02-10), Vancouver

It is something I have feared for some time, since the news of his strong reaction to the last chemo. I visited him last with Chiu Hai Kaw in Aug 08, I remember. We went up to his house and he was in good form. Despite his own illness, he listened patiently to some personal problems Hai Kaw and I posed to him. He analyzed them in a way that is both rational and



compassionate. I really admired him then, and that only adds more to my long-held admiration of the man. I had two more telephone conversations with him since then, the last time on Jan 3, 09 when I left HK back to Vancouver; each time he said he was not well enough to see visitors. But he made a final effort to join some WYKers' gathering when they met and both Martin Lee and Martin Li were there. He was a devout Catholic and he was reading "Jesuits in Hong Kong, South China and Beyond" by Fr. Morrissey some time before he went to the hospital the last few times. Carmelo, I know you will rest in peace in God's lap. My most sincere condolences to Jennie and Gabriel and Michael!  
Please know that Carmelo will be alive in my memory as long as I live.

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Chan Do-Ming, John (09-02-11), Hong Kong

That dinner you <Martin Li> hosted at the Golf Club was the only time I met Carmelo after school. That he came at all on his condition astounded me. I'm very impressed by his bravery and calmness. We all have a lot to learn from him.

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Li Ping-Hon, Martin (09-02-11), Hong Kong

He was quite a guy and well liked by all of us.

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Chen Chia-Hua, Bobby (09-02-11), Acton

The news comes as a shock to me, because I didn't know of Carmelo's recent struggles. The last time I met Carmelo in person was in Toronto, many years ago. It was also the last time I met Wong Hin Shing and other old friends. We have lost a true friend, generous, loyal, forgiving. He will always be remembered fondly, by so many of us who have been recipients of his gentle kindness.

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Lee Chuen-Kam, Martin (09-02-11), Toronto

Carmelo was the main force to hold our class of 1961 together both as one of the founding members of our group and as an organizer in Hong Kong and Toronto for all our activities. I saw him 3/4 weeks ago at a dinner hosted by Martin Li. He did not look too good then. I was amazed that he still attended the gathering. Any lesser person in his condition would have skipped the dinner. This only shows how important such events with his Wah Yan friends meant to him. I am glad that he came and let me have the chance to see him and talk to him for the last time. Tears are welling up in my eyes now. He was a good person, a good friend and a good schoolmate. May his soul rest in peace.

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Li King-Hang, Richard (09-02-11), Hong Kong

I must salute Carmelo for his courage and calmness during his last days. He was still quite active in organizing and participating in the Wah Yan '61 schoolmates' functions. We knew he was not feeling well, but he hardly showed it nor did he make any complaints. He was just as cheerful the last time I saw him just a few months back. I am sure we will forever remember him, his helpfulness to friends and his devotion to the class/schoolmates. He had a happy family and his children are grown up and achieving well. He lived a full life of no regrets. May he rest in peace.

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Chang Pai-Tak, Peter (09-02-11), Toronto

I share my deep condolences to Jennie and Gabriel Leung. We used to live in North York and attend Blessed Trinity Church.

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Chen York-Lung, York (09-02-11), San Diego

I remember many events when we played together in the WYK days, and post-WYK years. Even though we didn't see each other much since I'm in USA and he was either in HK or Canada, we had opportunities to exchange emails. The last meeting was in the Toronto's reunion 3 years ago. We missed him much in the Vancouver reunion and was very moved when he called us during the party from his hospital-bed. My deepest condolences to Carmelo's family.

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Lee Shiu-Lun, Philip (09-02-11), Winnipeg ('60 grad)

While I was one year ahead of Carmelo throughout my high-school years in Wah Yan Kowloon, I always treated Carmelo as a very close friend and school-mate. Carmelo was a member of my team in the Sodality of the Blessed Virgin Mary as well as the Altar Service Group at the school chapel. On many an occasion, we did serve Mass together. He was a wonderful colleague, a scholar and friend. I still cherish the occasion when I visited Hong Kong in early November, 2008 for a very short duration of four days; Carmelo came to my hotel with Peter Lee and Patrick Yeung. Both Peter and Patrick were graduates of the 1960 class but nevertheless have been friends with Carmelo for many a year. Our brief reunion was extremely memorable in that it was filled with laughs and reminiscences. Carmelo was wearing a cap but he was in good spirits. That morning breakfast was indeed the last time we met with Carmelo. I told him that I was organizing a small reunion of the 1960 boys with whom he was well acquainted. I was hoping that he might come through with a remission and would be able to join us. He simply responded with a smile and that was the last smile that I will never forget. Let us all remember Carmelo in our prayers. May God bless you and your family.

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Wong Ka-Kee, Peter (09-02-11), Toronto

Sad to hear that Carmelo passed away. My condolences to the family and may God be with him always.

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Yu Fong-Lun, Philip (09-02-11), Bellevue

I met with him personally, together with a dozen or so classmates in Hong Kong for a dinner gathering in Hong Kong several years back. The gentle way he behaved, and the very genuine smiles spoke volumes about his inner compassion and interest in people. He will leave an everlasting memory in my mind as a hero of faith - and surely there will be a reunion! My heart sighs for the brevity of this life - but surely the next one in Heaven will be joy and harmony, one with perfect peace and love, that I am anticipating to spend with these 3 men of faith <Harry Wang, Mr. Wilson Hsueh and Carmelo> that have come into my life as models of Saintly examples. My best regards to Carmelo's family members. I salute them with remorse but heartfelt respect!

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Cheung Po-Kay, Andrew (09-02-11), Foster City

It's with profound sadness to hear that we lost a great friend, Carmelo. Just not too long ago, about a year ago, I had the honor of having lunch with him and a few other WY friends in HK. What a fond memory. May he rest in peace. My deepest condolences to his family.

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Lam Wing-Cheung, Stephen (09-02-11), Toronto

I am sure we all miss such a good classmate and lifelong friend like Carmelo. He and his family will definitely be in my prayers.

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Ching Yat-Biu, Clement (09-02-11), Toronto

Carmelo had a most successful journey in this world. I remember him to be always happy, positive, friendly, and so nice to be around. He was loved/liked by everyone who knew him, and we will treasure our memory of him.

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Fok Kee-Sau (09-02-11), San Bruno

This is indeed a sad day learning the passing away of Carmelo. He had such a great personality that it was always a pleasure to be around him. I am deeply saddened for missing my last chance to see him last December in HK. We owe him a lot in his efforts to help compile our mailing list and organize a lot of get-togethers, large and small. He will be missed a lot. My deepest condolences to his family.

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Loo Pok-Wing, Kenneth (09-02-11), Hong Kong

I first met Carmelo back in 1956 when I was admitted to WAH YAN as a Form One student. I recall that Carmelo was one of the shortest in the class. He was sitting on the second row on the right of the classroom and I the last row on the left. In spite of the geographical distance, our friendship grew as time went on. Carmelo was a good classmate, a valued friend, a fervent Christian and worthy of all the nicest things one can think of about a person. He will be sadly missed, I am sure, by all of us. I am extremely saddened to receive the sad news. I send my heart felt condolences to his family and all those who are close to him.

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Lee Wen-Hao, Clement (09-02-12), Hong Kong

Since Carmelo Leung returned to Hong Kong several years ago, he was the organizer of '61 classmates dinners. At first the attendance was few, three or four but it has grown to a good regular gathering of 10 to 14. I have been a good early supporter of Carmelo's calls and Carmelo had thanked me for this. Carmelo was always happy and he seldom made long speeches. Some of us are more noisy including Martin Lee, Stephen Cheng and myself. We all enjoy our partying & company. Carmelo will always be with us.

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Fong Wai-Kit, Freddy (09-02-12), Hong Kong

It is sad to learn that another one of our dear classmates has passed away at a relatively young age. Carmelo shall be missed by all of us. As one Wah Yan boy pointed out, Carmelo was out there connecting with old buddies even during the last weeks of his life. He was always friendly, considerate, warm; and now we know that he was courageous till the very end.

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Lam Sing-Kiu, Augustine (09-02-12), Vancouver

Carmelo was always hospitable and generous. At the Toronto WYK old boys reunion a few years ago, he and Jennie played hosts to us and Gilbert Chinn. We had a very memorable time. Whenever I went back to Hong Kong for a visit, I always called to meet him. He always obliged. I still remember the one time we tried to ask Ernest Choy Siu Ying to come out one evening. I did not know then that Ernest was not well, as he did not try to enlighten us about his health. I missed seeing him then, as I have missed seeing Carmelo one more time. I last spoke to Carmelo by phone only a few weeks ago, and he did not let on much. I shall always remember him as a true friend and excellent person.

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Seh Vee-Ling, Claudius (09-02-12), Fullerton

Although I don't know him well, from all the eulogies I received from E-mail, he is a kind, warm, sincere, considerate, and friendly man. My deepest sympathy and condolences to his family. For all the Wah Yan College graduates, we should take a moment and say a prayer for Carmelo Leung and his family. Our hearts and spirits will always be with him. (ALL FOR ONE; AND ONE FOR ALL, RIGHT?)

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Lee Sai-Cheung, Michael (09-02-12), Edmonton

With Carmelo's passing we have all lost a very dear friend. My friendship with him started a few days after he entered WYK when we met at the ping pong table. We lived close by and for many years we would walk back home together after school. One of the last times we did that was when we were in F6. While on our way home he showed me a letter from Richard Li written from California. We must have stood in the street for 15 minutes, getting emotional and trying to figure out what friendship really meant. Over the past 50 years he had been kind to me, ignoring my follies and immaturity and forgiving my missteps. His empathy and quiet support helped me go through some of the darkest days in my life. I think he knows how much his friendship meant to me. I should have said my "Thank You" more loudly to him. Carmelo's life has been a success by all kinds of measures. He was most proud of the achievements of his sons, and he had ample good reasons to feel that way. He had been a devout Christian and he is heading for a place of eternal peace and happiness. He had devoted much time in keeping the class of '61 coherent. We can keep his legacy alive by doing just that.

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Loo Pok-Wing, Kenneth (09-02-12), Hong Kong

各九華同窗清鑒:

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同窗情誼五十年  
亦友亦師雁行賢  
兩鬢微霜何折翼  
古道熱腸永留存

盧樸榮草

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Choy Chun-Chiu, Patrick (09-02-12), Edmonton

Carmelo will be fondly remembered by all of us.

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Lam Kwong-Yu, Albert (09-02-12), Hong Kong

It is indeed very sad news, but his departure is not unexpected given the nature of his illness. He is a great friend and schoolmate and his friendship and comradeship will forever be remembered. I last visited him in Queen Mary Hospital on the evening of 19 January which date was just a few days before Chinese New Year. Our conversation lasted for a good one and a half hours. While he suffered from occasional coughs, he showed no sign of tiredness nor wishing me to leave him alone. As it was near 8pm I had to leave for a dinner appointment. He said he had completed a course of chemo treatment and was hopeful that all cancer cells are cleared. I asked him while he was resting in bed, what did he wish to do most after getting well. While he did not say explicitly, he asked extensively about traveling & ticketing arrangements. One can safely conclude that he loves to travel and see friends. I phoned him quite often on his cell phone and he never missed or return calls as he could see callers on his phone display. He was holding his cell phone all the time I saw him on 19 Jan. I also called him a couple of times after CNY. He sounded frail. Carmelo has lived a very full and successful life. He is a good husband and for those who are familiar with them, Jennie does not enjoy the best of health and Carmelo looked after her most dutifully as a husband. His two sons are well educated. Gabriel is multi-talented. He is not only a very accomplished medical professor but also excels in the musical field. Last year in recognition of his ability he was invited by Donald Tsang, HK's Chief Executive to join the HK Government Administration as a "Deputy Minister". I have said to Carmelo that he should be very proud of his own career success as well as that of his family members which should be envied by many. I would only say that such a good man should be around with us on earth longer, but it must be God's wish that he should move on.

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Mak Wai-Kei, Gregory (09-02-12), Hong Kong

Carmelo had always been so kind and helpful and has a heart of gold. Always so cheerful and down to earth. He had been instrumental in keeping the '61 Grads such a closely-knit group. He is well liked and well respected and will always be remembered.

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Wong Chi-Hok, Bernard (09-02-12), Toronto

I was shocked and saddened to learn the passing away of an old, good friend and classmate. Carmelo would go all the way to help others. I called him on arriving in HK on Oct 10, 2008 to arrange a dinner gathering that evening for some of the classmates. Because I had a tight schedule and did not have a list of the classmates, I only mentioned a few names. When I found out that he had a treatment the Friday before, I told him that the gathering was not important because I would be back to HK soon. That evening he showed up with a few classmates.

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Aitken, Harry (09-02-13), London

I have known Carmelo since our primary school days at Tak Sun. At Wah Yan we were both altar boys serving mass at the Wah Yan School Chapel and played basket ball. Carmelo was one of the principal founding members of the '61 Grads together with Stephen Lam and others in the 60's. Throughout the past almost 50 years, we have been in close touch. Every time I return to Hong Kong, one of the first persons I would call was Carmelo, and we will always make an effort to meet up with other members of the '61 Grads. I would like to share with you all one of the recent photographs taken on 23 May last year, during one of the lunch gatherings organized by Ho Ping Kwong at the Chinese Recreation Club in Happy Valley <See above>. Carmelo has lived his life to the fullest one could expect. We are all greatly saddened by his departure from this world. But *he is gone, but not forgotten*. It has been an honour to have known Carmelo, and call him "*my friend*". May he rest in peace. Our heart goes out to Jennie, Gabriel, Michael and their families.

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Yu Fong-Ying (09-02-13), Vancouver

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德信少年風華茂	動靜咸宜真華仁
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此生有幸識君早	獨傷金禧少斯人

少達兄, 安息!

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余晃英敬輓

二〇〇九年二月十三日, 十五日定稿

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Leung Fung-Sun, Leonard (09-02-13), Millbrae

It is sad that we have one of our good friends left us. One comfort though is that Carmelo went away with his dearest at his side and now rests in peace. I remembered him as quite quiet when we were in the same class, and I could not remember our next getting together until quite recently he came to US on business and we classmates in the Bay Area invited him to dine with us. He looked so cheerful and healthy then! On our recent reunion in Vancouver, he still had us on his mind calling us long distance when we were having the re-union party and gave us the good news that he was getting better. And in a matter of just a few months, he was taken away from us. Life is uncertain, but I am sure Carmelo has lived a meaningful life!

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Chan Kwok-Wai, Michael (09-02-13), Toronto

10 years after graduation, in the early 70's, some of us (the '61 grads) decided that we should meet and gather regularly. The group consisted of: Myself, Leung Ting Chu, Carmelo Leung, Albert Lam Kwong Yu, Lee Wen Hao, Ho Kar Wing, Fan Key Yam and Choy Siu Ying. I might have missed one or two. We got together monthly at either Albert Lam's or Fan Key Yam's home, bring our spouses and kids. We would either be playing cards or mahjong while the kids would try to destroy the house or create fights. At that time we were all young and tried hard to raise the second generation. Carmelo was one that showed up all the time and we had lovely times together. Hope those in the group (except for the 4 that are no longer with us) agree with me. This lasted for about 8 years until some of us started to leave Hong Kong. Carmelo immigrated to Toronto, I think in the 90's, and with him and Wong Hin-shing as organizers, we started the '61 grads gathering in Toronto. The 10 to 12 of us met regularly and hosted dinners whenever there were visitors coming to Toronto. It is extremely sad to lose a good friend like Carmelo and he will certainly be missed.

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Kung Yum-Sing, Francis (09-02-13), Hong Kong

I was with Carmelo in the same classes for several years in Wah Yan so we were together a lot of the time. We used to play a lot after school. It's just like yesterday that I remember that we sometimes would specially went to Lai Chi Kok and we would rent a sampan and rowed out to sea (to play cards) and he would also come to my house (to play cards). I think it was only in the later years he got more serious about study and got good grades. He was a smart boy! He loved people and never missed a chance to communicate with classmates and friends. I had not seen him since graduation but after such a long time, when he visited Tokyo in the mid-80s, he contacted me and we had dinner together. He loved life and enjoyed living. Early last year, at his repeatedly urgings, together with several other classmates, we specially went to a Japanese restaurant to enjoy Japanese liquor and food. We had a boisterous time, laughing and talking about good old days. We will all miss him and talk about him.

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Yu Fong-Ying (09-02-14), Vancouver

I was in the same class as Carmelo for one or maybe two years. He was quite a good ping-pong player (I would put him in a rank near Andrew Man). That's when I got to know him better. After his immigration to Canada, I visited him by way of exploring the immigration option. He was frank and very helpful. Jennie too, for she was in "the music business" as May my wife. Subsequently, after my immigration to Vancouver, whenever our paths crossed either in Vancouver or Hong Kong, he would always join the party of classmates who gathered for a meal or drinks. His indefatigable efforts (together with Hin Shing and others) in pulling the '61 grads together are truly admirable. The Vancouver reunion in Sept of last year would not



have been the success it was without his personal intervention. In fact, some time in May, we were despairing of ever putting it on. But Carmelo wrote emails and telephoned, and slowly the trickle became a stream and we had 30 WYK grads attending (4 from '60 answering Carmelo's call and 1 from '63). That is, 25 '61 grads turned up, many due to his persuasion. He was too sick to come himself, but he telephoned when we spent an evening in Augustine's home and talked to many of us. He valued friendship and we value him. Even in 2008, he was talking about the golden jubilee reunion in HK in 2011. I hope as many as possible can come then, to cheer each other on and to remember those who have passed away.

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Chan Do-Ming, John (09-02-14), Hong Kong

I regret that I do not know Carmelo at all because throughout the forms I was not once in the same class with him. However, somewhere in my memory is lodged just one byte of info about Carmelo and it was that a classmate once joked that his name sounded like a girl's. Other than that I have no memory of him. For me, there was no contact with our class of 61 for decades even though I lived in HK since the 70's. It's only 3 months ago that I "emerged" from this "isolation" and for the first time I met Carmelo at a dinner hosted by Martin Li. At the time I already knew he was gravely ill. In the jovial clamour of our gathering that night, what struck me most was that Carmelo kept pace with us calmly and was completely involved with our bantering and frivolity, delighting at being with us despite his illness. I could only attribute that to his possession of an enlightened view on life that gave him this immense courage and aplomb! He commands huge respect from me. In the sorrow of losing someone dear to us, perhaps we should remind ourselves that "everything that has a beginning must have an end." If we accept this as the nature of our existence, we can accept his passing no less stoically as we had once delighted in his beginning. God bless.

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Li King-Hang, Richard (09-02-14), Hong Kong

Talking about school day memories, many of you may not know in Form 1 to 2, he also played basketball (altho a bit mediocre like his ping pong), he was nicknamed Ding Gung (sound "Nail Public", the name of a small fish) by the senior form players (not a very complimentary nickname, altho it meant no harm) because of the small build of Carmelo at that time. But after Form 2, he really grew tall and much heavier, and this nickname never stayed with him long. Before the days when many of us stayed behind after school to play football, I used to (around Form 1/2 time) walk home with him as he lived at Mongkok Rd and Fa Yuen St while I lived near Shanghai St and Mongkok Rd. There was also Wong Hin Shing (Nathan Rd and Mongkok Rd) and Michael Lee Sai Cheung (near Mongkok Rd and Sai Yee St) if I remember correctly. Those were the sweet old days when we were so innocent, worriless, frank ..., so vivid just like yesterday. I really miss such a great good friend.

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Chan Man-Bun, Kenneth (09-02-14), Hong Kong

Unfortunately, it takes the passing of a dear friend to realize the loss and the good old times. This also prompted me to reminisce about old memories by going through my collection of '61 grads photos. One thing that strikes me is how frequent the face of Carmelo appeared in these photos. Perhaps this is a testament to how popular he is to all his friends. His contributions to fostering the group of '61 grads will be sorely missed. Thanks, Carmelo.

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Lee Sai-Cheong, Michael (09-02-16), Edmonton

You <Richard> are absolutely correct with the locations where we lived. Later, Carmelo moved to Sai Yee Street close to the old Tak Ming School, although I could not remember when that was. I think Carmelo started Wah Yan slightly after the regular school term started. I remember seeing this "new" kid with his sponge ping pong paddle and his own net rushing downstairs to secure one of the two tables on the ground floor of the building. Carmelo wasn't too much interested in classical music either like the group of Chan Yui Man, Andrew Man, Wong Hin-Shing and yourself. In later years Carmelo was more involved in the Catholic activities like the altar service and Legion of Mary.

Carmelo and I liked to play cards. The other card players were Yu Chi Hung and Francis Kung Yam Sing. We were even caught one time by Fr. Finneran playing in the bush just off the sand soccer field. Fortunately he just gave us some tongue lashing and sent us off. After Form 5, we played a lot of mahjong with Noel Hui Tak Cheung and a few guys a year ahead of us (Philip Lee, Ambrose Tsang and Patrick Yeung, who were all at the Vancouver reunion). We also spent a lot of time at the Mermaid Bar with Daniel Lee at the Ocean Terminal before I left for Canada.

Carmelo was the <financial> controller for Hewlett Packard in Canada when he was in Toronto. Business would take him to Edmonton fairly frequently and we had several nice dinners together. After he moved back to Hong Kong I still saw him about once a year when I came back for a visit. Couple of times he arranged dinner parties with some of the other classmates like Lee Wen Hao and Harry Aitkin.

I came back to see Carmelo in August after learning that he was ill. We had dinner with Jennie and two old but dear friends whom I hadn't met for over 40 years. He was always the one to treasure memories and value friendship. Although he was frail, he was still talking about old times and old classmates with obvious enthusiasm. He expressed great disappointment in not being able to attend the Vancouver reunion. There was no one who wanted to be at the reunion more than he. I attended Mass with him a few days later at St. Teresa's Church and met his older son, Gabriel, who is making a distinguished career for himself. I had a great sense of foreboding because I knew it could be the last time I saw Carmelo.

Some people say a true measure of success in life is the number of people who feel sad at one's funeral. I agree a great deal with this statement and I think Carmelo's life has been a great success. Too bad too often good people depart too early. Please take good care of yourself. I hope we will

communicate a little more in the future than we have in the past.  
Also keep the next reunion in mind.

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Cheng Kwok-Ming, Steven (09-02-17), Hong Kong

We have lost our beloved Carmelo. Bless his eternity in heaven with the Love of God. Carmelo! Carmelo! We will always remember you and will not forget the enjoyable moments that we had shared with you in the past. Our memories of you are a treasure forever.

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Wu Ho-Mun (09-02-17), Hong Kong

Carmelo had the gentleness, purity and love of a priest; the dedication, loyalty and courage of a soldier. He always had my greatest admiration and respect. We mourn the loss of a trusted and beloved friend and we will forever miss him. May his soul rest in peace.  
Please accept my sincere condolences to you and your family.

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Chinn Ming-Lee, Gilbert (09-02-18), Vancouver

So sad to hear the passing of Carmelo when I was getting to leave for San Francisco. During Wah Yan days since the late 50's, Carmelo was a very keen Catholic and a Mass Altar Boy. After Wah Yan my wife Margaret also knew him as her co-worker in Mei Foo Sun Chuen (Mobile Oil Development Co.) in the early 70's. He was a man of warmth and integrity, true loving husband and father in all respects. He possessed great enthusiasm and dedication to his professions and duties. Carmelo was the main artery connecting and pulling '61 classmates and school friends together. Though he was sick, he intended to join his company reunion cruise in New England. When he was undergoing chemo treatments he phoned twice to Vancouver during our 2008 reunion to talk to the attending classmates. Nothing could deter him from friends. I admired him. In San Francisco, I met with Leonard (Fung Sun) Leung (his wife Ivy busy), Andrew (Po Kay) & Grace Cheung, Peter (Hon Wai) & Sharon Poon, Kieran (Kee Sau) & Ellen Fok. We all expressed our sorrow of losing our great friend Carmelo. May he rest in peace. Fond memories deep in our hearts live.

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*I shall not forget you.  
Look, I have engraved you on the palms of my hands.*

**-- Isaiah 49:15-16**

A note about this compilation:

This compilation was undertaken by two classmates and friends of Carmelo Leung as a labour of love to register the high esteem with which he was and is held. The main purpose is to gather into one convenient place the tributes to Carmelo addressed to his family and friends and copied to Hing Shing or others, up to Feb 20, 2009. It serves as kind of record, though an incomplete one. As both of us cannot attend the funeral service or the memorial mass, we felt that that was the least we could do. Altogether there are 44 email extracts penned by 37 friends, 2 in the '60 cohort. We are aware that other friends might want to express their grief and memories some other way not by writing.

Hin Shing did the first editing, mostly in editing out "business matters." Then Fong-ying edited the extracts very lightly, to get consistency of names and spelling, to make the minimal number of corrections, and to format. They were sent out to get the writers' feedback, revisions and any possible objections. Richard Li made many useful suggestions for improvement throughout the process. The Brief Autobiography is as Carmelo wrote it. The photos used are confined to those that are in Hin Shing's collection, and so there are invariably huge gaps. The size of the document is another limitation. The photos together make an attempt to represent various aspect of Carmelo's life at various stages.

For those interested, the quotations are from W.H. Auden's "Funeral Blues" made popular by Hollywood in *Four Weddings and a Funeral* (but no less heart-rending) and the New Jerusalem Bible. We hope they are appropriate. One caption is a quotation from Loo Pok-Wing's elegy.

The 19 pages are in a camera-ready form and can be printed out as a keepsake.

This electronic pamphlet has met with the approval of quite a few classmates, but it should be stated that this is not an official assignment of the '61 grads. We remain responsible for any errors incurred in the compilation, errors of omission as well as commission.

We would like to thank all those who wrote, especially Daniel Lee who broke the news to the west coast of the Americas on Feb 9, and Philip Lee who has been so supportive. To Richard Li is owed the improvements in content and visual record. A special "thank you" to Michael Leung who supplied us with Carmelo's birth date.

Our thoughts are with the family members of Carmelo as we round off this tribute.

Wong Hin Shing & Yu Fong Ying

February 21, 2009