

Bio of Peter Man Lok Chau (1950—2015)



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Acknowledgments

Sincere gratitude for all your kind words and support through this difficult time.

Special thank you to Master Cheuk Fung and his students for their spiritual blessings.

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Peter Man Lok Chau

Peter was born on April 20th, 1950 in Hong Kong. He was born into a large family of 14, 10 girls and 4 boys. He was the long awaited male offspring after the first son, and then 8 girls. You can understand how the family was all excited about this child, the family's pride and joy.

Peter was an exceptionally gifted person from his early childhood. He was so privileged to have started kindergarten with only a few other boys in an Ivy League girls school, Maryknoll Convent School. The teachers loved Peter dearly as he was super smart and adorable. He entered Wah Yan College at Primary 6. At the Grade 6 public exam to gain entrance to secondary school, he claimed one of the most prestigious Prince Edward Scholarship for his entire secondary schooling. He ranked sixteen amongst the entire grade six students in the Colony of Hong Kong at the time. On graduation he applied to the California Institute of Technology. Again he was the pride of the entire Chau clan by being awarded a scholarship for his degree program. He did not apply for this scholarship, it was awarded to him as he scored perfect scores in his SAT. He graduated with his first degree in Aeronautical Engineering. He was later accepted at Cornell University to pursue a graduate degree in Applied Physics. He was active in student movement at the time and decided to transfer to Columbia University where he continued his post graduate studies in Applied Physics. His interests in physics continued to his last days when he took up studies again in particle physics and cosmology. At the same time he was teaching finance at USF.



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He moved back to California in the 80's. Peter was always interested in writing. He was the editor of a couple of magazines. He wrote and published a book on "How to Win Black Jack" based on a mathematical model. Peter settled down to finish an MBA degree at San Francisco State University. He graduated with the highest honor in his class and was awarded a gold medal.

His career achievements were also varied and outstanding. He worked at Wells Fargo Bank as a Chartered Financial Analyst. His last appointment was Adjunct Professor at the University of San Francisco's School of Management.

Peter was blessed with many talents. His passion and knowledge for wine and food are known amongst all his families and friends. He was both a gourmet cook and a wine connoisseur. He was always generous in sharing his best with all. He enjoyed a wide range of interests from visual arts, music, bridge, chess to reading. He started French lessons in his teenage years and went on to learn Spanish in later years. He was athletic and loved cycling. He travelled extensively to many parts of the world. His continuous pursuit of knowledge and love for life's best never ceased.

Recently, he started a genealogical study on the Chau clan and had completed tracing five generations of the family tree.

Peter married the love of his life, May, in September of 1989. Peter and May are the favorite uncle and aunt of the many nephews and nieces.