

OBITUARIES

Yvonne Liu Chou, 97, Palo Alto

Yvonne Liu Chou, a former Chinese school teacher who lived in Palo Alto for 20 years, died at the age of 97.

Chou passed away at Fremont's Kaiser Permanente Hospital on Christmas Day of natural causes. Her husband, Tsien-Chung Chou, a professor of European history and a Chinese diplomat to the United Nations died at age 98 in 2000.

Chou moved with her husband to Palo Alto from New York City in 1978 after his retirement. They celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in Palo Alto in 1994.

While her husband visited Stanford Hoover Library daily on weekdays, Chou carried a lively correspondence with dozens of friends and relatives in China, Taiwan and Hong Kong. Her favorites books were literary biographies and essays. She often contributed articles in Chinese magazines and newspapers. Her uncle Liu Fengzhang (1859-1935) was an education minister in Hupei, China, and a scholar on the "I Ching." His commentaries "Zhou Yi Ji Zhu" originally published 1934.

She reprinted this scholarly work in 1982, adding 28 pages in the appendix on her uncle's life, including a rare photo she took of him. She donated copies to major U.S. libraries, which were gratefully acknowledged.

Chou enjoyed tending roses and a vegetable garden in Palo Alto. They moved to a retirement home in Sunnyvale in 1999 and she moved to Aegis Gardens, Fremont in 2003.

Chou was born on Oct. 6, 1908, in Hupei. She graduated valedictorian from Hupei Normal School in 1930. She was offered teaching positions at five schools based on her essay "Knowledge is Power." At the age of 92, Chou recited from memory this essay. Taking off on Francis Bacon's essay, she said that "we first receive knowledge from our parents at home on ethics, to be a good citizen in society. Then we receive knowledge from our teachers in school on arts and science, to learn about the world around us. Finally, we give back what we have learned to future generations, teaching them the knowledge of goodness and wisdom.

Thus knowledge empowers us, and this is the power of knowledge."

Chou was an innovative teacher in school using the Montessori method of teaching. She took many black and white Agfa photos of school children in drama and musicals that she wrote and directed.

Chou and her husband came to the United States in 1949 with their three children and lived in New York before moving to Palo Alto in 1978. She was a great cook and hostess, having dinner parties, often for more than 20 guests. Many of the young Chinese students of friends stayed over at their house in New York.

Chou is survived by her brother, Liu Tun-jian of Nanchang, China; sons, Peter Y. Chou of Mountain View and James Chou of San Jose; daughter, Margaret Cheng of Palo Alto and New York; six grandchildren; and two great-grandsons.

A memorial service will be held at 3 p.m. today at Roller & Hapgood & Tinney, at 980 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. Burial at 10 a.m. on Monday at Skylawn Memorial Park, San Mateo.

Howard Phillips, 80, of Los Altos

Howard E. Phillips, of Los Altos, died peacefully at the VA Hospital Hospice Center in Palo Alto at the age of 80.

Phillips was born on April 25, 1925, in Dos Palos.

He worked for Ciba-Geigy Pharmaceuticals as a sales representative for 35 years.

Phillips was actively involved in the Los Altos Kiwanis Club, and the Union Presbyterian Church of Los Altos. He enjoyed being involved in community services in the area.

Phillips is survived by his wife of 57 years, Barbara; his children, Allison

Klotz, Laura Bence and Jon Phillips; and five grandchildren.

Friends are invited to attend a memorial service at 3:30 p.m. Tuesday at Union Presbyterian Church, 858 University Ave., Los Altos. Arrangements made by Spangler Mortuaries.

J. Boone, 63, formerly of Menlo Park

Jerry R. Boone, age 63, of Canton, Ohio, died unexpectedly Dec. 28, at home.

Boone resided in Menlo Park prior to returning to Canton two years ago after being away from the area for 40 years.

Born in Canton on Aug. 16, 1942, he was a 1960 graduate of Canton Lincoln High School and a 1964 graduate of Ohio State University where he was a member of the Ohio State Alumni Association.

Boone was a veteran, during the Viet-

nam War, serving as a captain in the U.S. Army and was a member of the Retired Officer's Association. He was a retired employee of United Airlines, retiring in 2003 after 35 years of service. He attended the First Christian Church of Canton and was a volunteer at the Canton Christian Home. Boone was an avid outdoorsman as well as a loving father, faithful brother and friend.

Survivors include his children, Chase and Jill Boone of Mountain View; three

brothers, Charles of Alliance, Ohio, Don of Bremen, Ohio, Lonie of Canton; two sisters, Nancy Peters and Lorie Miller, both of Canton; as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be 1:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Reed Funeral Home Canton Chapel with Minister Manley Pierce officiating. Burial will be in Forest Hill Cemetery. Calling hours at the funeral home 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Monday, and 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Tuesday.

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NAKAMITSU Terry - a long time Palo Alto dentist, passed away on December 22, 2005.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, January 7th at 1:30 pm at Valley Presbyterian Church, Portola Valley.

LAWRENCE, Ragno John
 July 8, 1919-December 18, 2005

Lawrence John Ragno, a native of Utah, passed away in Stockton Hospital on Sunday December 18, 2005.

Mr. Ragno, a graduate of Santa Clara University, was a

member of the Stockton Sailing Club, Palo Alto Yacht Club and Sons of Italy.

He was the beloved husband of the late Rita Ragno, and loving father of Mark Ragno of Stockton, Kathleen Rottiers of Portland, OR, and Susan Ragno of Sacramento and his grandchildren Luke Ragno, Laura and Jack Rottiers. He is also survived by his brother Donald Ragno of Palo Alto.

Committal will take place in Alta Mesa Memorial Park on Wednesday, January 4th, 2006 at 11 A.M. A celebration of life will follow at 12 noon at MacArthur Park, 27 University Avenue, Palo Alto.

Donations may be made to a charity of your choice.

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