



Kin "Anna" Fong Chew

September 25, 1925 - June 27, 2022

Kin Fong "Anna" Chew, age 96 of Kalkaska, passed away peacefully on Monday, June 27, 2022.

Kin Fong was born in Canton, China on September 25, 1925.

She immigrated to the United States in the 1950's and was very proud to become a United States citizen.

She enjoyed the fellowship in Chinatown, Detroit and loved playing mah jong. Anna had a strong work ethic, sometimes working two jobs at a time. In addition to that, she was a top salesperson on the side, winning many awards from Avon and Tupperware for several years. She enjoyed slot machines and playing an impressive number of bingo cards at once.

The Chew family resided in Dearborn Heights until moving to Kalkaska County in 1972, which was a cultural shock since she was definitely a "city girl".

She and her former husband, Hong "Joe" Fort Chew opened Kin Fong Restaurant, the first Chinese Restaurant in Northern Michigan in 1975. If you were a customer, you didn't go hungry, and she'd even send extra food home with you. Mrs. Chew made sure she had special children's food trays filled with different treats to spoil any child who came into the restaurant. She sold the restaurant in 1995 and even though she retired, she devoted her time helping to raise her grandchildren in the area.

Most special to her heart was always her children, their spouses, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, no matter their age, she worried about

their health, happiness and well-being, which brought her enormous joy. There wasn't a single person or stranger that she came across around Kalkaska that she didn't try to feed or give whatever snacks she had with her, no matter where she was. She always had a smile and a huge caring heart for anyone.

She is survived by her four children, Karl (Mai) Chew, of Grand Rapids, MI., Andy (Keena) Chew, of Baltimore, MD., Helen (Bill) Artress, of Kalkaska, MI., and Gina Perry, of Kalkaska, MI.; eleven grandchildren, Eric (Mary) Artress, of Eben Junction, MI., Jonathan (Kait) Chew, of Cedar Lake, IN., Liana (Logan) Porchie, of Virginia Beach, VA., Asia Artress, and Christian Artress, of Kalkaska, MI., Sydney Perry, of Hilton Head Island, SC., Ryan Perry, of Kalkaska, MI., Christopher Chew, Cooper Chew, Sofia Chew, and Olivia Chew, of Grand Rapids, MI.; six great-grandchildren, Eli Artress, Grace Artress, Atticus Chew, Emmerson Chew, Paislee Porchie, and Weston (Asia) Porteous.

Even when dementia had taken a part of Anna, we appreciated how the entire community of Kalkaska stepped up and looked out for her. The family appreciates the kind and compassionate staff and medical professionals at KMHC-Green and Yellow Houses that they have shown to Anna where she has resided since 2017.

Memorial contributions may be made in honor of Anna Chew to Kalkaska County Commission on Aging, P.O. Box 28, Kalkaska, MI 49646 for all the assistance they provide to senior citizens, or Karen's Kids c/o Kalkaska High School, 109 Birch Street, Kalkaska, MI 49646, a non-profit based that provides food, clothing and much more to assist students at any age level. Visitation will be held on Thursday, June 30, 2022, at Wolfe-O'Neill Funeral Home from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

A funeral service will be held on Friday, July 1, 2022, at Wolfe-O'Neill Funeral Home at 12:00 p.m. with a visitation beginning at 11:00 a.m. until the time of service.

A private family burial will take place at Evergreen Cemetery.

Arrangements provided by Wolfe-O'Neill Funeral Home, our family serving yours.

Cemetery Details

Evergreen Cemetery

Kalkaska, MI 49646

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 30. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Wolfe-O'Neill Funeral Home
106 S. Cherry
Kalkaska, MI 49646
(231) 258-5121
<https://www.wolfeoneill.com/>

Service

JUL 1. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Kin "Anna" Fong Chew*

January 30, 2023 at 04:02 AM



“ *Kin "Anna" Fong Chew*

January 30, 2023 at 01:03 AM



“ *I just saw that Anna has passed. We were just talking about Anna at Bingo. I am so sorry for your loss. I will never forget Anna. Back in 1979 my husband and I visited the restaurant for the very first time. Anna left such a amazing impressions, after I moved up here I saw Anna at Bingo. Playing more cards then anybody I have ever seen. We become friends as the years went on. Anna was one of a kind in my book and she will be greatly missed.May she rest in peace.
Patricia Kimbrough*

Patricia - October 08, 2022 at 07:31 PM



“ *Mrs. Chew was a joy to know. She always shared a smile and a greeting. She was a very active and busy lady, but she took time to say a few words when she saw you. My sincere sympathy to all of her family. Thank you, Ms. Anna, for your contribution to the community and for sharing of yourself to all of Kalkaska. May God Bless all of her family and ease their sorrow at this difficult time.*

Patty Rodgers

rodgers - July 07, 2022 at 10:09 AM

LH

“ Oh my, mrs chew touched my life. We met her in the early 70's back in the day we were at the Riv alot with the Luhrs family. Then further down the years every time i saw her, she would give the best smile, chat for a minute, give me a treat of some kind and be on her way. Mrs Chew spread joy as naturally as breathing.

lynn herbers - July 05, 2022 at 02:49 PM

LB

“ Anna Chew was a very kind and good hearted person. She was loved by many and will be missed. RIP ANNA💕💕

Laura bodrie - July 04, 2022 at 11:18 AM

BV

“ Anna, you were an absolute JOY to know. Thank you to the family for sharing her with us at the North Green House! I will miss her greatly her loving personality warmed my heart each day I worked. Rest in peace 🕊

Brenda VonBuskirk - July 01, 2022 at 10:05 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kin "Anna" Fong Chew.



June 30, 2022 at 10:48 AM

DH

“ I've known Anna for over 30 years. Even after years past, whenever I ran into Anna, whether at the store or on the sidewalk, she always had a smile and a gracious welcome. The world lost an angel, but Heaven gained one. The good times, she'll always be with us, just remember.

Dave Heymes - June 29, 2022 at 07:54 PM

DH

“ Dave and Diane Heymes purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Kin "Anna" Fong Chew.



Dave and Diane Heymes - June 29, 2022 at 02:13 PM



“ Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Kin "Anna" Fong Chew.



June 29, 2022 at 12:17 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Kin "Anna" Fong Chew.



June 28, 2022 at 03:45 PM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Kin "Anna" Fong Chew.*



June 28, 2022 at 02:53 PM



“ *Touching Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Kin "Anna" Fong Chew.*



June 28, 2022 at 02:49 PM



“ *Helen, Gina, & Andy,
It was a pleasure to know your mom, she was the sweetest, silliest person that I had the opportunity to work with. She sure had a way about herself, leaving me with many fond memories of her, & being with all of you as I entered a new chapter in the workforce. Sending Love & prayers...*



Sandi Marvin

Sandi - June 28, 2022 at 02:43 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Kin "Anna" Fong Chew.*



June 28, 2022 at 02:23 PM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kin "Anna" Fong Chew.*



June 28, 2022 at 11:27 AM