



## Gordon Woo

May 26, 1938 - August 1, 2013

Gordon Quon Wing Woo passed away peacefully at St. Alexius Medical Center in Bismarck, ND, on August 1, 2013, after recently being diagnosed with lymphoma. Services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, August 6, at Parkway Funeral Service, 2330 Tyler Parkway, Bismarck, with Rev. Roger Will officiating. Burial will be in Sunset Memorial Gardens, Bismarck. Visitation will be held from 4:00-7:00 p.m. on Monday, August 5, at Parkway Funeral Service, Bismarck, where a prayer service will begin at 6:00 pm Gordon was born in Hoi Ping, China, on May 26, 1938. He lived in Hong Kong until he immigrated to Canada at the age of 18, where he learned to cook Chinese food. He resided in Calgary, Alberta, where he met his wife of 46 years, Fayline Yip, while working as a bellman. They moved to Winnipeg, Manitoba MB where he continued in the same profession and shortly thereafter in 1976 opened his first Chinese restaurant in Minot, ND. In 1978, they moved to Bismarck, ND, to open the Chinese restaurants: The Wok, The Egg Roll, and The Jade Garden. In 1998, as Fay's Parkinson's disease progressed, Gordon retired as a Chef and worked part-time at Dan's SuperMarket and cared for Fay at home. A devoted, loving husband, father and grandfather, who enjoyed spending time with his family and cooking for them. Gordon shared his Chinese cooking secrets while teaching at Bismarck State College. His favorite past time was visiting with all of his friends and family with whom he treasured. He is survived by his wife, Fayline; three daughters; Deborah Jonson Jeff, Su-Lin Tschider Stacy, and Terri-Lin Woo, all in Bismarck; four

grandsons, Jaden and Jonas Jonson, Samuel Tschider and Noah Rose, all in Bismarck; brothers, Jim Kitty and Ye Cheong Sheila, both of Winnipeg, Manitoba, and Chui Yiu Shun Pu of Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic; and nephews and nieces. He is preceded in death by his father, Hau Shuen Woo and mother, Mei Chiu Woo and brother Yue Wing Woo.

# Tribute Wall

ST

“ Janet and Ann, So good to hear from you! He loved you gals that is for sure and without you the restaurant would not have been the same! We sure do miss him and will always remember you gals as an important part of keeping dad in line and us girls! Take care

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**Su-Lin Tschider** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

ST

“ Terri and John, Thank you for your thoughts! Thank you for always being so good to us; I know dad treasured your friendship even after all these years! Take care

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**Su-Lin Tschider** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

ST

“ Thank you for sharing your story and kind thoughts! We sure do miss him but as my son says he will always be in our heart. Dad had a way of getting to know most everyone he met and your story is proof in the pudding! Take care. Su-Lin Tschider

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**Su-Lin Tschider** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ I knew Gordon for a very short time many years ago. It is no surprise to me that he touched so many lives. My heart goes out to his family and close friends. He knew what was right, and he wasn't afraid to say it. I remember him being very kind to my mother. Rest in peace Gordon.

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**Torger Soma** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ Dear Fay, Deb, Su-Lin and Terri-Lin, We were so sorry to learn of Gordon's passing. We have such fond memories of the early days at The Winnipeg Inn and spending time with all of you. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

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**Terri Lee & John Farber** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ We worked for Gordon at The Wok, Jade Garden and The Egg Roll. He was a caring and thoughtful man and took pride in his cooking. His customers were important people to Gordon who he enjoyed getting to know. We had some good times back in the kitchen and enjoyed him very much. Please accept our sincere condolences Fay and family in the loss of Gordon. We were not able to make it to the services, as we were out of town, but our memories of Gordon will not be forgotten.

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**Janet and Ann Werner** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MG

“ Gordon was a special friend to me. I had a stroke 4yrs ago so am living in Jamestown, ND now close to my parents. I went to BSC and larned alot of cooking from him and always enjoyed his friendship. He will be missed by so many and I sure will miss him..

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**Monte Gainsforth** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ It was such an honor to call Gordon my friend. We started our friendship at Northbrook Mall. I bet my family would never had made it through the years I owned the Earth Pantry if we hadn't had the Wok to eat at. His wonderful food came from his heart. And he always treated us like family. When my mother died he came out to our home and cooked for my entire family....brothers, sisters, nieces, nephews, and children. My daughter, Becky assisted him so that she could learn how to cook from him. After I lived in Arizona, he would occasionally call to see how I was doing. He is the most caring, kindest man that I have known. He will be greatly missed by all who know him, especially by my family and myself. My thoughts are with Faye and his children and grandchildren through this difficult time of loss. Blessings for you!Susan Tschider

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**Susan Tschider** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ Deb, Su-Lin and Terri, I am saddened to read about the passing of your father. My deepest sympathy to your entire family. Take care, Michelle Farnsworth

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**Michelle Van Horn Farnsworth** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

VW

“ Fay and family, we are so sorry for you loss! We met Gordon in August, 1976 when we purchased a house next to the Woos on Timothy Drive in Minot. Gordon worked many hours at his restaurant but when possible, he made time to chat and get to know us. As the years have passed, we occasionally run into Gordon and he continued to take time to talk and catch up. It has been fun to see the girls growing up to be beautiful adults with children of their own. Take care and know we are thinking of you.

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**Val and JoAnn Wangler** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KG

“ To Fay and your family,, I am so sorry for your loss this is one of the hardest time in a persons life....Gordon will truly be missed by many...He was a wonderful person.. I do remember many days working and laughing with Him at the Jade Garden...I won't ever forget is kindness...My thoughts and prayers are with all of you....May God be with you and your family and bless you all.

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**kim goehring** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ Su - Lin, Deb and families, Your father was a very nice gentle man. When I moved to Bismarck, I would eat at the Jade Garden once a week for sure. Greg was usually with me and we would always tell the waitress to let Gordon know we were there and that we wanted to eat. We didn't have to tell her what we wanted because everything was so good. Gordon would prepare something for us and would always come out of the kitchen and say hello. When my family joined me here, the Jade Garden became one of their favorite spots also. I will always remember him taking care of your mother. Really an inspiration. I will miss him! Our sympathy and prayers are with all of you during this difficult time!

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**Tracy and Myrt Scott** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

HD

“ I am a graduate of the Restaurant Mangement Program at BSC. My fondest memories were of Chinese Day, cooking alongside the Master. He was so much fun to learn from, he brought so much energy into the room, and knew how to make people feel good. He told me I was the best "Egg Roller", as a result, I still make them for my family. I tell my kids their mom is the best.....Gordon Woo said so. He WAS the best so that means it's true. He will truly be missed.

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**Heather Dever** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ I'm father to a man named Dan. He worked for Gordon at the Jade Garden during high school where he attended with Terri. Gordon was always such a wonderful and caring man towards my son and visited our home, concerned about Dan's well being when he got into some trouble. Gordon was always regarded highly by my son, his friends and co-workers. That said a lot about Gordon. God will enjoy this man's presence as most mortals did all Gordon's life on earth.

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**J.C. Balcom** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AS

“ So sad to hear of Gordon's passing. Gentle, gentle, gentle man who loved his wife with all his heart. He loved my son also and reached out in his gentle way. I will always be indebted to Gordon. A special place is reserved in my heart for all him eternity. He also made the best fried rice soup ever made. Rest in peace, Good and Faithful Servant.

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**Annetta Sutton** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LR

“ Mr. Woo was a carrying loving soul. He was so proud of this grandchildren and always had a huge smile when he spoke of them. I know he will be missed but his love and memories will live with all his friends and family. Tom, Lorrie, Zach and Allie

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**Lorrie Reisenauer** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SR

“ Gorodon is my son Noahs' grandfather, he was the most kind and caring man i have ever met! He always brought joy to any one around him, and loved to put others needs before his own. My son is so lucky to have known his Grandpa Gordon and enjoy all that he had to offer during his life. He will be missed deeply not only bu his family, but by those who knew him in the community to whom he had given so much love, and compassion. I am very thankful that I had the pleasure of knowing gordon and for all the wonderful life lessons he has instilled in my son as well as myself. God bless you on your new journey and know that we all will miss you deeply! For you gordon, thanks for being so wonderful to Noah Dear Grandpa, An angel visited me this morning â?|. She asked how I am doing, and told me You really missed meâ?|. Well Grandpa, I really miss you too! You were always there for me Grandpa Walking me through the trials of life Sharing your wisdom and knowledge Picking me up when I was downâ?|. I will miss our walks down the street The soft tickles to my ribs The constant attention and hugs But mostly, grandpaâ?| I will miss hearing your voiceâ?| Since you have left, I cry myself to sleep Thinking of what weâ??d be doing Were you still around! Would we be going to the park? Playing in your yard? Tinkering in your kitchen? You were the greatest man I have even known A selfless individual I know that heaven is a better place Now that you thereâ?|. I imagine you with wings Cooking all kinds of good things And making all the other angels laugh. â?|..Well, Grandpa, the angel is here to take my letter And says I must say goodbye I love you Grandpa, always and foreverâ?| Please stop in and say hello Let me know your ok I will send my love to the heavens Each and every day And always hold you close In my heart I wish you well grandpa On your new journey above Until we meet again, â?|â?|..I love you Grandpaâ?|

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Scott Rose - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AN

“ To Fay and Family I've known Gordon about 35 years and it was always a pleasure to visit with him. I was shocked to see the obituary as it seems only last week I talked to him in Walmart. I will miss seeing and talking to him. He always talked about his children and grandchildren. He was very proud and devoted to his family. May God comfort you in this difficult time. Alton & Arlene Nitschke

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**Alton & Arlene Nitschke** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ I was deeply saddened to read of Gordon's passing. I worked with him at Dan's. The highlight of my day was when he and his lovely bride would stop in to say "hello". He was very devoted to her; and spoke so highly of her. I truly enjoyed working with him and visiting with him; his love for his family was so evident in all he did. He will be greatly missed both as a friend, husband, father, and grandfather. He was a truly remarkable man; all my sympathies to his family. May God guide you until you are all together again in Heaven.

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**Shelly Meyhoff** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MA

“ Gordon was a model for all of us. Through his love of family and dedication to his wife, we can all learn to be better people. He had an amazing way of making me feel so special whenever I saw him, no matter how much time passed. He embraced life with care, love and generosity. His cooking was the finest in the land. I will always love and respect the great man he was, and am thankful for my friendship with Deb and her whole family - LOVE YOU GUYS!

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**Mary Anderson** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RI

“ To Fayline and the girls, I've known your dad and husband for thirty-five years, his life was about you. I could always trust his word and will miss him. Love you all and God bless you. Richard

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**Richard** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ Gordon Woo was a gentle man who cared deeply for his wife Fay and his children and grandchildren. He was a tender and loving caregiver to his wife for many years. We met Gordon when our son Bradley Rose married his daughter Terri Lin. He cooked wonderful prime rib and Chinese food for us in his home in Bismarck. He was Noah's best buddy and he will be missed. We send our condolences to the Woo family. Nick, Penny and Bradley Scott Rose and family.

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**Scott, Nick, Penny Rose family** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ Gordon Woo was an amazing man. When I first met him I was just a little girl and I wandered into the Wok restaurant. He walked me back to my house and myhe and my mom became great friends. I was shocked to hear of his passing and am sorry I will be out of town and cannot make it to the service. My mom Janette Huber and I send our thoughts and prayers to the Woo family. Lenore Bradford

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**Lenore Bradford** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DO

“ Gordon was one of my first bosses. At age 16, I was in his first wave of employees that helped open the Wok restaurant at Northbrook in 1978. I worked with Gordon over a 6 year period during high school and college. He always had a spot for me when I returned for the summer. If you left your work shift hungry, it was your own fault because he always let the employees eat for free as long as they made it or served themselves from the steam table. I admired that he wanted everyone taken care of in that way. There were a lot of laughs in that kitchen over those years. I still have his sweet and sour sauce recipe 'tattooed' in my brain, as I had to make gallons of it daily. I hadn't seen Gordon for a few years and I'm very saddened by his passing. He was like family to me... not something one can say about many any? employers. Gordon would often call me his son and on our last meeting told me how proud he was of me. This was a person who had a big impact on my life and I will deeply miss him.

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**Dr Mark D Olmsted, optometrist** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM