

Sun Hwan Chu was born in Japanese occupied Korea, and was given his birthdate of December 7, 1942 by an immigration officer in San Francisco. He passed away peacefully on December 17, 2021 in his own bed, surrounded by family, just the way he wanted. He survived the Korean War as an eleven year old child, and also a car accident that left him quadriplegic as a forty-two year old man. Adopted by an American Army officer whose life he had saved, he came to the United States (McCallie School) at age fifteen. He met and married a Lookout Mountain girl during the civil rights movement in Chattanooga. He was laid off after 20 years at TVA where he worked as a nuclear fuel economist (six of them as a quadriplegic), returned to school and earned a masters and a doctoral degree so that he could open his own practice as a rehabilitative therapist. He was the quintessential survivor, set a high bar for overcoming obstacles, and had a wicked sense of humor that carried him through. He leaves behind his loving wife Melinda Lawrence Chu, four children (Hwan, Michael, Brison and Samara), and nine grandchildren. There will be a private family service, but the family would like to thank each person who enriched his life while he was alive. He had so many friends from all walks of life, and loved all of you.”