



## Sheng Chung Fang

June 27, 1916 - December 22, 2016

Sheng Chung Fang, 102, passed away on Dec. 22 at his home in Corvallis.

Born in 1914 in Wuhan, China, to Jiashi Fang and Wanfang Long, Fang was the youngest of twelve siblings and his mother's fourth child. He was referred to as the 17th brother, as children from the three brothers of his father's generation were numbered by birth in sequence and have the same middle character in their names to indicate they were all in the same family.

Fang's father ran a freight-forwarding business in China and was known to be a compassionate man. Following his father's death when he was a baby, the family moved back to the Fang family home in Foochow, China, in Fujian province. There he attended high school before attending a college run by American missionaries in Foochow, China.

Fang came to the U.S. in 1941 to attend the University of California at Berkeley, and later moved to Corvallis to attend Oregon State College in agriculture. Staying at OSU after receiving his Ph.D., Dr. Fang became a faculty member under the Department of Agricultural Chemistry studying the effect of pesticides on plants and animals. Professor Fang continued his work as a research scientist until he retired in 1981.

In 1948, he met Cynthia Wai-Man Li, from Hong Kong, and they married later

that year. They have one daughter, Anna. The family enjoyed weekend drives to the forests, the Oregon coast, drives around Linn-Benton counties' countryside, and playing mahjong regularly with their friends, many of whom were academic and research colleagues at Oregon State University. In the late 1970s through to the mid-1990s, Dr. Fang and his wife travelled on an annual basis to visit relatives in Hong Kong and southern China (Fujian Province).

After Cynthia's passing in 1999, Dr. Fang supported educational efforts in his wife's memory in her family's home country in southern China. He also established the Cynthia W. M. Li Fang Memorial Scholarship to support students at OSU in the College of Public Health and Human Sciences. He later established the Dr. Sheng Chung Fang Endowed Fellowship in the College of Agricultural Sciences and in summer 2016 created the Dr. Sheng Chung Fang Chemistry Fellowship for graduate students in the College of Science. He supported student scholarships in the Department of Nuclear Engineering. In the fall of 2016, Dr. Fang was inducted into OSU's Milton Harris Society.

One of Dr. Fang's many interests was gardening. Up until the age of 100, Dr. Fang worked daily in his beautiful backyard garden. He also enjoyed stamp collecting, playing Go, and listening to and watching Beijing Opera. He liked to read Chinese action hero novels, and at age of 102½, he was still playing GO, mahjong, and exercising with a personal trainer from Fitness Over 50 three times a week.

Dr. Fang is survived by his daughter, Anna; his grand nieces and nephews in the United States and around the world. Sheng C. Fang was preceded in death by his wife, Cynthia; his parents, Jiashi Fang and Wanfang Long; and was the last surviving sibling of his 12 brothers and sisters.

A memorial service/celebration of life will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 21 at McHenry Funeral Home, followed by a graveside ceremony at Oak Lawn Cemetery. A lunch will be hosted after the graveside ceremony at noon.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial donations be made to Benton Hospice Service.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

JAN 21. 10:00 AM (PT)

McHenry Funeral Home  
206 NW 5th St.  
Corvallis, OR

## Graveside Service

JAN 21. 11:00 AM (PT)

Oak Lawn Cemetery  
2245 SW Whiteside Drive  
Corvallis, OR 97333  
(541) 753-4532

# Tribute Wall



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