



## JOE H. K. SHUI

January 22, 1931 - November 6, 2018

Joe Shui (徐逢崑) passed away peacefully at his home in Montville, NJ on November 6, 2018, aged 87, surrounded by family.

One of nine siblings, he was born on January 22, 1931 in PingXi (平溪), a small town outside of Taipei, Taiwan. He worked hard throughout his childhood, learning Taiwanese, Japanese, and (Mandarin) Chinese and excelling in school. He later moved to the port city of Keelung (基隆). He earned his undergraduate degree in Agricultural Economics from the prestigious National Taiwan University (台灣大學).

After graduation, Joe served in the military and worked for the Land Bank of Taiwan (臺灣土地銀行). In 1960, he began his journey of living the American dream by boarding a four-week freight ship to Long Beach, California. He earned his graduate degree from Oklahoma State University and settled in the United States for the rest of his life.

Joe spent summers in New York City where he worked and lived at the Nippon Club, meeting famous dignitaries and film stars. It was also in New York that he met and married his beloved and beautiful wife, Jennie.

While raising three children with Jennie, Joe beat colon cancer, built a successful career in the pharmaceutical industry (traveling to Europe and Asia regularly), and taught Statistics as an associate professor at Montclair State College. He retired as the Director of Statistics from the Swiss company Sandoz (now Novartis) in 1994.

Joe lived retirement to the fullest, continuing to read The New York Times, listen to N.P.R., play poker, bridge, and mahjong, sing karaoke, and explore the world with Jennie by his side. Joe volunteered at the Montville Senior House, teaching TaiChi to adoring students for over a decade before “retiring” in July of this year.

He will live on in the hearts and memories of dear friends, his loving wife Jennie, children Joyce (Ray), Conway (Elaine), and Jo (Jeff), and 10 grandchildren (Kiana, Sophia, Julia,

Thaddeus, Emma, Addison, Talia, Avery, Cleo, and Callan), all of whose birthdays he knew by heart.

Joe and his family have always been grateful to Memorial Sloan Kettering and Dr. Alan Turnbull for saving his life 37 years ago. Donations may be sent in memory of “Joe H.K. Shui” by calling 866-815-9501, sending a check to Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, Attn: Annual Giving Programs, 885 Second Avenue, 7th Floor, New York, NY 10017, or going to <http://mskcc.convio.net/goto/joeshui>.

# Events

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**NOV**   **Funeral Service**                      10:30AM - 12:30PM

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S.J. Priola Parsippany Funeral Service

60 North Beverwyck Road, Lake Hiawatha, NJ, US, 07034

# Comments

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“ From another colleague in Europe: Very sad news. Joe was very much liked by all of us, for his kindness and so friendly nature. God bless him. Lot of strength to his wife and children.

Joyce - November 25, 2018 at 10:03 AM

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“ From a colleague in Europe: These are really sad news. Joe was such a good man, always nice to me and a very helpful colleagues in all the projects we worked together. I missed him a lot after his retirement and often thought of him over the years. You may say so to his wife.

Joyce - November 25, 2018 at 10:02 AM

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“ This beautiful message from a co-worker (thank you!):

We spent many long hours together at Sandoz and on the road and I truly admired his unique blend of warmth, dignity, intellect and humility.

Our first major NDA together was Sandimmune psoriasis. Joe was a wonderful partner and mentor on the project. There was an overwhelming amount of data and we were given insufficient time and resources to meet our deadlines. Each time we met, Joe and I would look at each other and say in unison <sup>3</sup>there<sup>1</sup>'s no way out of this!<sup>2</sup> Traveling together to London Heathrow airport we got <sup>3</sup>a sign from on high<sup>2</sup> and we knew everything would work out ok - and it did. It was our first of several dermatology drug approval.

Joyce - November 25, 2018 at 08:58 AM

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“ Extending our sincere condolences to the Shui family. We loved getting to meet your dad. He was always so nice and friendly to all of us when we showed up on various random vacation / road trip visits over the years. Hugs to all of you - Lisa & Trevor Link & family.

Lisa Link - November 10, 2018 at 07:23 PM



“ Lisa, thank you so much for taking the time to add this comment. It means a lot. Just in the couple days before he passed, I shared your message with him (about being a part of the family!) and he smiled both times. I am so grateful for parents who wanted to make sure our friends always felt home at our home, and I am grateful to friends like you who have taken the time to appreciate that heart of his/theirs.

**Joyce** - November 19, 2018 at 09:03 AM

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“ Joe was my best friend and colleague for over 20 years. We worked together as statisticians in pharmaceutical development. He taught me much about practical application of statistics in clinical trials, and about strategic thinking, as well as about life and managing relationships in a high pressure technical environment. There were occasions when we stayed at work for 72 hours straight to meet deadlines. When Joe was recovering from colon cancer he would work with me at his home while laying on the floor with output laying all around us. He lived a highly moral and ethical life, always conducting himself as a gentleman and scholar. Joe's death leaves a deep and great void in my soul. I count myself extremely fortunate to have known Joe and his family, and sincerely and deeply express my sympathy for their great loss.

John Lambert

**John Lambert** - November 09, 2018 at 11:04 PM



“ Dr. Lambert, thank you for this beautiful comment and for your kind emails, sharing the sentiments of so many other caring colleagues. I hope we can see you and Heather when we are in New Jersey next.

**Joyce** - November 19, 2018 at 09:01 AM

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“ Mary Chen & Family- former neighbors on Demoray Ct purchased the Sympathy Fruits Abound for the family of JOE H. K. SHUI.



**Mary Chen & Family- former neighbors on Demoray Ct** - November 09, 2018 at 07:04 PM

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“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of JOE H. K. SHUI.



November 09, 2018 at 12:16 PM

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“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of JOE H. K. SHUI.



November 09, 2018 at 10:54 AM

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“ Beautiful and thankful for this: Your dad and I were talking about life after I graduated from college. He told me to swing away for anything I'm passionate about now because later I might not be able to. Life changing advice. Forever grateful, which I pass onto young adults today. Your dad was very special and made a difference in my life. I'll miss him dearly.

**Anonymous** - November 09, 2018 at 07:33 AM

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“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of JOE H. K. SHUI.



November 09, 2018 at 03:51 AM

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“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of JOE H. K. SHUI.



November 08, 2018 at 09:56 PM

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“ Wenkuan, Hongwei, & the Young's purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of JOE H. K. SHUI.



**Wenkuan, Hongwei, & the Young's** - November 08, 2018 at 09:10 PM

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“ The Lam Family purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of JOE H. K. SHUI.



**The Lam Family** - November 08, 2018 at 07:10 PM

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“ I'm saddened to hear of "Gonggong" passing, as he was one of the very nicest and most gracious gentlemen I've ever met. I've many fond memories of him and he will be missed. My sincerest condolences to the entire Shui family.

-Shawn Rose

**Shawn Rose** - November 08, 2018 at 05:41 PM

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“ Yuebin Li & Stephy Sun purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of JOE H. K. SHUI.



Yuebin Li & Stephy Sun - November 08, 2018 at 05:09 PM

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“ Love this message from a friend: I remember the first time coming over to your parents' home. Your dad offered me a Japanese beer from the frig in the shape of of a keg. I thought it was a trick question. However, I said thank you and accepted. Taking my chances lol. I said to myself this Mr. Shui is very cool.

Joyce - November 08, 2018 at 03:46 PM

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“ Hung Feng Shui purchased the Sweet Remembrance Spray for the family of JOE H. K. SHUI.



Hung Chi Lee - November 08, 2018 at 01:45 PM

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“ KeyCare, Inc purchased the Heavenly Sentiments Spray for the family of JOE H. K. SHUI.



Hung Chi Lee - November 08, 2018 at 01:30 PM

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“ Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of JOE H. K. SHUI.



November 08, 2018 at 09:54 AM

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“ Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of JOE H. K. SHUI.



November 08, 2018 at 12:43 AM

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“ From Thomas and Nancy Lin purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of JOE H. K. SHUI.



**From Thomas and Nancy Lin** - November 08, 2018 at 12:10 AM