



Hong-Kyu "H.K." Park

March 7, 1938 - April 9, 2019

Dr. Hong-Kyu "H.K." Park, 81, a retired college professor and a longtime Tyler resident, passed away on April 9, 2019.

A native of South Korea and a U.S. citizen, Dr. Park came to the U.S. in 1957 to attend college. He received his B.A. from Kentucky Wesleyan College, M.A. from the University of Tennessee, and Ph.D. from the University of North Texas (formerly North Texas State University).

For 50 years, Dr. Park taught U.S. history and government at East Texas colleges, including Wiley College, Jarvis Christian College, Tyler Junior College, and Kilgore College. He retired from Kilgore College in 2015, after 22 years of service.

Survivors include his wife, of 51 years, Younghea "Anne;" son, Jason and wife Emily of Chicago; two sisters; one brother, all of South Korea; and many additional relatives across the U.S. and South Korea.

Visitation is scheduled on Friday, April 12, 2019 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Stewart Family Funeral Home in Tyler. Services will be held on Saturday, April 13 at 2:00 p.m. at Highland Presbyterian Church in Tyler.

If desired, memorials may be made to Cancer Foundation for Life, P.O. Box

8257, Tyler, TX 75711.

Cemetery Details

Rose Lawn Cemetery

2003 Blue Mountain Blvd.
Tyler, TX 75703

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **12.** 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM (CT)

Stewart Family Funeral Home
7525 Old Jacksonville Hwy
Tyler, TX 75703
(903) 581-2008

Service

APR **13.** 2:00 PM (CT)

Highland Presbyterian Church
3101 Paluxy Dr.
Tyler, TX 75701

Tribute Wall

NL

“ Hong was adopted by our family in Owensboro, KY while he was at KY Wesleyan College. He wrote letters to us long after moving to Tyler, TX. We will miss him Sorry to hear of his passing.



Neil K. Leach

Neil K. Leach - May 12, 2019 at 06:55 PM



“ When he came to Fit Steps to exercise always friendly and gracious. A few years ago loaned him a book on John Quincey Adams. He enjoyed it and returned it. Born in South Korean, but teaching AMERICAN HISTORY. He must have loved the U.S.!

Carolyn and Dave Bain

Carolyn Bain - April 12, 2019 at 04:19 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Hong-Kyu "H.K." Park.



April 11, 2019 at 08:36 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Hong-Kyu "H.K." Park.



April 11, 2019 at 06:37 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Hong-Kyu "H.K." Park.



April 11, 2019 at 04:20 PM



“ In deepest sympathy, Lori Wood & family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Hong-Kyu "H.K." Park.



In deepest sympathy, Lori Wood & family - April 11, 2019 at 10:33 AM



“ Kurt Hunt lit a candle in memory of Hong-Kyu "H.K." Park



Kurt Hunt - April 10, 2019 at 10:14 PM

JM

“ I worked with Mr. Park at Kilgore College and he was the sweetest and kindest gentleman. My first encounter with him occurred when I was selling raffle tickets to raise funds for my niece who is fighting cancer. He called my office to state he wanted to donate money. I explained I had raffle tickets but he did not want the raffle tickets, he just wanted to help her with expenses. I was very touched by his kindness. My prayers are with his family during this time of your loss. He was a very special person.

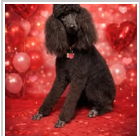
Jeanette Miller - April 10, 2019 at 12:12 PM

PK

“ Paul and Sarah Kim- purchased the Finest Farewell Spray for the family of Hong-Kyu "H.K." Park.



Paul and Sarah Kim- - April 09, 2019 at 05:38 PM



“ I took history from Dr. Park in 1996. His class was fun and he genuinely cared about his students. He will be missed.

Jackie McDonald - April 09, 2019 at 02:36 PM