

Mook Sim Yuen

Mook Sim Yuen was born on Nov.15, 1926 in a little town just outside of Guangzhou in a time where indoor plumbing or electricity was non existent in rural China. She passed away last week after a life well-lived at the age of 84. In between that time, she has lived through many changes: from the Chinese Civil War, the Japanese invasion, the founding of People's Republic of China, surviving the Great Chinese famine and finally emigrating to Canada in 1981. Despite these challenges, she has always put her family first up until the day she died on Feb. 7, 2011.

She was a strong and capable women, who could handle anything that was thrown at her and she did it all with a genuine smile. She raised her 8 children and had a significant hand in raising many of the grandchildren. She wanted the kids to be self sufficient in life but also couldn't help but to spoil them from time to time. She was a firm believer of the phrase "everything in moderation, including moderation" and regularly indulged her grandchildren by taking them to McDonald's and consuming a hamburger and fries herself. Her utmost priority was for her children, grandchildren and great grand children to live a happy life and follow their dreams, whatever they may choose. She made no judgments on our decisions and fully supported what we wanted to do. She was a living example of how we should live our lives.

We love her and she will be truly missed by everyone. May she rest in peace.

She will be inurned next to her husband, Hu Ching, back in her home town.