

고 엄극용(60) 동문의 따님(Ellis Yum Bai)이 쓴 추모사

Our beloved father, Keuk Yong Yum, passed peacefully at his home in Fort Lee, NJ, on December 2, 2020, encircled by his wife, Young Hee Shin, and his four children, Elli, Mimi, Samuel and Helen. We were holding his hands in prayer as his spirit gently departed this life.

He was born on February 20, 1934 in the town of Hongwon in the province of Hamgyungnamdo in North Korea and emigrated to Seoul at the age of 11, where he attended Kyunggi High School and then the College of Medicine at Seoul National University, graduating in 1960. Following that, he served in the Korean Navy for four years. He then married Young Hee Shin in 1963, immigrated to the United States in 1965 where he completed a surgical residency at Lankenau Hospital in Philadelphia, and joined the Mainline Surgeons where he served with great distinction for 30 years. He retired from surgery in 2001 then founded an advanced wound care clinic.

Not only was he a great physician to the body but he served the spirit by co-founding the Korean United Church of Philadelphia in 1968. He had a great heart for missions, and served as a medical missionary to regions such as Kenya, Indonesia, Nepal, Mexico, Manchuria and Kazakhstan.

After residing in Radnor for 50 years, he moved to Fort Lee to be closer to his children and joined Bethany Church. At his core, he was a devoted family man, imparting words of wisdom with great love and modeling integrity daily to his four children and his three son-in-laws, John Bai, Kent Min and Sung Rno, and doting affectionately upon each of his eight grandchildren, Zachry, Calla, Lucie, Josie, Alex, Liana, Kyler and Emmy.

Though he struggled with the harsh symptoms of Parkinson's Disease in his final years, his courage, faith, and love were constant. Though we ache for our loss, we rejoice knowing he is with Our Lord and walking with His King.

