

## 고 최태순(61) 동문의 따님이 쓴 추모사

Our father, Tai-Soon Choi, lived an amazing 85 years filled with purpose and love. His childhood was one of hardship and struggle, and against all odds he graduated from SNU Class of 1961. He and our mother, Young-ui, met in Seoul and she saw in him a loyal, hard working, loving man with whom she could build a future. Together they moved to Buffalo, New York where they raised us, their 3 children. Many know our father as the humble dedicated neonatologist who single-handedly ran the NICU at Mercy Hospital of Buffalo, treating thousands of patients over the course of his career. He was a true servant leader, and even years after he retired the staff at Mercy remember him and are going to place a memorial brick in the hospital garden to honor him. We know him as the man who always put others first, whether it be his patients or his family. As his children, we remember hearing the garage door at all hours of the night when he would need to rush to a delivery. We remember eating dinner in the hospital cafeteria and playing in the hospital lobby as we waited for him to be done seeing patients. We also remember him showing up to our school events and recitals, taking us to Florida for summer vacations, teaching us to ride bikes and drive cars. He worked as hard at home as he did at the hospital, mowing the large yard and resealing the black top driveway, yet he always made time for our family. We have precious memories of our time together, enjoying pizza and chicken wings, attending his grandchildren's musicals and sporting events, or watching the Buffalo Bills play. Our father was a man of simple tastes, happiest being at home with family, watching the news and reading the paper. Once he retired, he devoted himself to enjoying life with his one true love after they moved to Pennsylvania. He and our mother celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary in 2020. Their selfless love for each other gave us the foundation upon which to build our own lives. We love you, dad.

The Choi kids