



Mr Richard Wong Chow

September 26, 1942 - January 27, 2021

On January 27, 2021, Richard Chow passed through death to everlasting life.

Richard grew up and lived in Chinatown until the age of 27. While working for the NYC transit during the midnight shift and going to community college, he nevertheless had the time to meet a beautiful college senior, Margaret Chin. Richard and Margaret (aka Peggy) would get married and settle in Midwood Brooklyn, where they lived in the same house for 40 years. It was in this house that they raised two daughters, Jennifer and Christine.

Richard loved helping the girls with school projects, running around the block with the girls to train them for field day, and being able to fix anything, including his car and the girls' bikes. While not the type of dad to play Barbie, he taught the girls special skills such as playing cards, making a monkey's fist knot, shooting a bow and arrow, or picking a lock. Richard had a quick wit, great sense of humor, magnetic and BIG personality and a winning smile that made him friends everywhere he went. After 35 years and retiring as a signal maintainer for the NYC transit, he remained part of the Transit Brotherhood. He kept close with his friends by attending luncheons, holiday parties and retirement dinners. When Richard and Peggy downsized to a three-bedroom condo in Marine Park, he had the opportunity to meet new friends whether in the halls of the place he now called home or the various senior centers he and his wife joined.

Richard enjoyed his retirement ("The check keeps coming in"). Richard and Peggy made frequent trips to Atlantic City where he ate at buffets, honed his slot machine skills, competed in slot tournaments, and collected many casino points and free gifts from various casinos. Richard and Peggy traveled to Hawaii and cruised on the Queen Mary, and with the entire family they also vacationed to dude ranches each year.

He took great delight in the challenge of finding and collecting various "treasures." He spent endless hours cooking, painting, talking with friends, watching TV and reading magazines, newspapers, cook books, car books, or anything with writing in it. But most of all he enjoyed being with family, especially his three grandkids. Richard was a loved and wonderful husband, dad, father-in-law, brother-in-law, relative, and friend, but he was the greatest grandfather, whether he went by the name Poppy or GungGung. He took great pleasure in watching DVDs and videos with the grandkids, playing games with them, giving them endless presents, seeing their sporting events, driving them to the library,

IHOP, Boston Market, or Starbucks, and eating sushi, raw clams, donuts, ice cream, or pizza with them.

He is survived by his cherished wife Peggy of 50 years, his daughters and sons-in-law, Jennifer and Peter Van Syckle and Christine and James Baggs, and much-loved grandchildren, Jenna and PJ Van Syckle and Alexa Baggs.

He will be missed but never forgotten. Relatives and friends may offer the family condolences or share fond memories by posting below. Weather permitting, the funeral service will be held at Resurrection Church, 2331 Gerritsen Ave Brooklyn, NY on Thursday February 4th at 1030 am. No interment will follow. The family kindly requests no flowers

Comments



“ Jenna,

I am so sorry for the loss of your grandfather. Please know that my family and I are thinking of you and your family during this difficult time. Be comforted by the memory of how much your grandfather loved you, and never forget all the happiness that he brought into your lives.

Your Friend,
Emma

Emma Mioduszewski - February 05 at 10:48 PM



“ I'm going to miss Richie when I don't see him at any future retirement dinners. Richie and I both began our careers in the Transit Authorities Signal Department in the mid 1960's. We worked together assisting Track Department workers replace worn out track rails all over the transit system. When we reported to work at midnight, at Canal Street, his greeting to me and others would be "Hey baby" and then later on would come the "Hey did you know" and then some story would follow that would make you and him laugh together. We spent lots of time together riding the iron horse (trains) to different job sites and just talking about everyday things. He once invited both my wife and I to have dinner with him in China Town. This was when he still lived on Mott Street. He told us "Hey baby, I'm going to take you to a real Chinese restaurant" and down some basement we went and had a great meal. My wife always remembered that day and him because of the warmhearted and funny person he was. Whenever I came home from a retirement dinner she would ask me, did you see your friend Chow. Throughout the years working, we would see each other from time to time since we both were working at different locations. It was always good to meet and share memories. I will surely miss him, and never forget him.
Alex Padilla

Alex Padilla - February 05 at 09:52 PM



“ Dear Peggy, Jenn & Pete, Chrissie & James, Jenna, PJ, and Alexa,

We were devastated to hear of your losing Rich (Gung-Gung and Poppy). He was always so cheerful and full of life with plenty of adventures to talk about. We could see that he was such a loving, proud and caring husband, father, father-in-law, and grandfather, respectively to you all.

We were very fortunate for many years to have Rich, Peggy, Jenn and Chrissie live literally across the street from Uncle David's and Aunt Linda's home. Rich always made us laugh with the stories he told. And, at family gatherings, especially during Thanksgiving and Christmas Eve, he made each of us feel special.

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We were so privileged to have him as part of the Chow family. This is so sad. Our hearts go out to all of you at this time of grief.

Love, Susan and Carlton

Susan Chow & Carlton Chen - February 05 at 12:37 AM



“ We meant what we said, so we said it twice!!

Susan Chen - February 05 at 09:33 AM



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Christine Baggs - February 04 at 08:45 PM



“ One word to describe Dad was love. Dad was loved and he loved. Everything was great in my Dad's eyes, from the items he discovered, to the meals he had, to the daily encounters he experienced. They were great because of the people he shared them with and the memories that were made.

My father loved his family. I was and will always be daddy's girl. He loved my husband like a son. He treasured my daughter in a way that only her GungGung could. The bond the two partners in crime shared is priceless. My dad loved my mom. He always told me how blessed he was that he had mom. She wasn't his queen, she was more, she was his everything. My only hope is that James and I have a love as strong as mom and dad.

Dad, of all the treasures you have bestowed upon me, I hope you know that you were the best treasure of all. I love you daddy, now and forever.

Your Chrissie

Christine Baggs - February 04 at 08:42 PM



“ To all of Poppy's loved ones,

I am heartbroken over the loss of your patriarch of the family. His smile lit up the room, and his laugh was absolutely contagious. The memories and stories he shared will live on forever. Sending so much love your way.

Love,
Krista (guy-ma)

Krista Lesnewich - February 04 at 06:15 PM



“ Richard was my mother’s cousin and he was a very loving person. He would always make me laugh. There are so many stories I could recall but the one that stands out in my mind is when he said he had something for me. He came out with a bag with something round in it. I thought perhaps it was a winter melon from his garden but it turned out to be a bowling ball he had found. RIP Richard. We will miss you.

Patty Jan - February 04 at 03:27 PM



“ I never got the chance to meet him, but I’m certain that Mr. Chow was a great man because I’ve had the blessing of being friends with his granddaughter Jenna and his grandson PJ. I believe that Mr. Chow is watching over them and is very proud of them. May he Rest In Peace.



Sophia Ettlemyer - February 04 at 02:55 PM



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Frederick Chow - February 04 at 02:52 PM



“ I remember Rich was an avid collector of treasures that he was so proud to share with others. Rich was a handyman, car repair enthusiast, food lover, and voracious book reader. Rich had the gift to bond with whomever he met, and made others feel at ease with his humor and relatability. Most importantly was the love he had for his family. We will miss him dearly. Love, Fred, Frances, and Brian.



Frederick Chow - February 04 at 02:49 PM



“ Forever young at heart, Cousin Rich was a one-of-a-kind, unique, true treasure. He brightened any room with his boundless energy, life stories and his "Hey, did you know ..." facts. He always beamed when he spoke of his family, especially of his grandkids Jenna, PJ and Alexa. He had so much love for all. I will miss him very much.

Love,
Sandy

Sandy - February 04 at 01:36 PM



“ Rich had an enormous heart and was welcoming to all. My fondest memories of Rich are at family banquets. I was always so happy to be sitting near him. He exuded boundless joy and laughter. I always felt invited into his presence. I will always remember Rich's love and adoration of Peggy and love and pride for Jen and Chris. Much love,
Cheryl and Pablo

Cheryl Ching - February 04 at 01:22 PM



“ Although I had not had the honor of meeting Mr.Chow, I have heard such positive stories of him. May the VanSyckle family and others accept my deep condolences at this time. We must remember Mr.Chow for all the good memories in order to honor his legacy.

-Marissa DiNardo

Marissa Dinardo - February 04 at 01:05 PM



“ Lit a candle in memory of Mr Richard Wong Chow



Frances X. Ettlemyer - February 04 at 12:22 PM



“ Mr. Chow brought so much laughter, love and light to our family gatherings. We would gravitate to him just to hear all about the latest treasures he found, or radio station he loved listening to, or car he was driving. We will miss his abundant warmth and openness. We are sending our love to you today!

Claire, Kenny and Jackson Burd

Claire Burd - February 04 at 09:13 AM



“ Adele Palmiotti lit a candle in memory of Mr Richard Wong Chow



adele palmiotti - February 03 at 10:03 PM



“ Such beautiful memories there are here for a man who was a blessing to so many. I am thankful to have met him and even enjoy a few chats in the tae Kwon do waiting area. A kind heart and pride for his family was clear, as is their love for him. We are so sorry for your loss.
With love from The Pedri Family



Terri Pedri - February 03 at 10:02 PM



“ When I first met Richie I found a fellow lover of my favorite dish - roast pork lo mein. He told everyone how he survived on this when he lived in Chinatown. To this day I think of Richie when I get an order

Edward Ching - February 03 at 09:56 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.
Love,
The Dietz Family



Natalie Dietz - February 03 at 08:59 PM



“ Hi Jenna and PJ.
I just heard about your Poppy. I am so sorry for your loss. I am sending Love and Prayers . I know he's looking down on you from Heaven now.
Love, Dezarae

Dezarae Shrewsbury - February 03 at 08:53 PM



“ Sending lots of love and prayers
Ava Tredici

Ava Tredici - February 03 at 06:11 PM



“ Mr. Chow seemed like a great man and i'm sure he has warmed many hearts in his pure life. Prayers go out to the VanSyckle family and may Mr. Chow rest in peace. -
Olivia S

Olivia Schultz - February 03 at 04:38 PM



“ Although I've never met Mr. Chow, I have no doubt in my mind that he was an amazing person. I am so sorry for everyone's loss and I send my condolences. I have you all in my heart and whenever you need anything I'm always here.

Rebecca Lamberti - February 03 at 04:07 PM



“ Mr. Chow seemed like a very wonderful man. Love and Prayers to all of his family.

Fiona Flaherty - February 03 at 03:57 PM



“ Dear Peggy, Jennie, Pete, Christine, James, Jenna, PJ, and Alexa,

We are heartbroken over the loss of Richard.

Richard was an incredible, warm and caring person. He had a wonderful sense of humor and always new how to make us smile. He was a gifted and funny storyteller. We bonded over the best way to chop an onion or the funny way Chef Tell would end his show, “I see you!” The twinkle in his eye and his bright smile always made you feel like you in on the joke. He was our spark and our light at our family gatherings.

He loved and adored his beautiful family. He was so proud of all of you. May you forever feel his love. God bless you all.

Cecilia, Geoff, Matt, Dylan, and Dezarae Shrewsbury

Cecilia Shrewsbury - February 03 at 03:57 PM



“ Even though I never got the opportunity to personally meet Mr. Chow, I just know he was a kind and beautiful soul, being part of the Van Syckle family. May he rest in peace and I am keeping Jenna, PJ, and Mr. and Mrs. Van Syckle very closely in my prayers.

-Taylor K.

taylor kaplan - February 03 at 03:10 PM



“ Jenna and PJ

Reading all of these messages

I hope you are finding comfort in knowing how many people your Grandpa Richie touched.

I hope in time you will heal and only smile when you think of him

Love your Cousin, Victoria



Victoria Van Syckle - February 03 at 03:01 PM



“ Even though I did not get the opportunity to meet Mr. Chow, I could tell he was a great man. I hope he rests well, and I give my regards to the Chow and Vansyckle family. Rest in peace.

-Mackenzie Teevan

Mackenzie Teevan - February 03 at 02:42 PM



“ I'm so sorry for your loss. Jenna's grandfather had a pure soul with love and compassion. Many prayers for this family. With love and hugs Noelle S

Noelle S - February 03 at 02:40 PM



“ Jenna's grandfather seemed like such an amazing man. Many prayers for you and your family. With love The atomic ballerz (Jenna's bestfriends since 6th grade)

The Atomic Ballerz - February 03 at 02:36 PM



“ Although I did not know Mr. Chow, he seemed like a wonderful person who was loved by so many people. I wish he didn't have to pass so soon, but he is in a better place now without any pain. May he Rest In Peace.
-Angelina Petriello

Angelina Petriello - February 03 at 02:36 PM



“ I cherish the fond memories of family gatherings where Richie would make sure he made his way toward each and every one of us just to chit-chat and catch up with the times. Our conversations would always include discussions about the next bigger SUV he would buy. I realize now that his cars were a metaphor for his heart and soul. Big and powerful with lots of room for family and friends. I will miss him dearly.

Stephen Tsang - February 03 at 01:59 PM



“ We will always have great memories of Richie at Pete and Jenny's BBQs, where he affectionately became known as "Budman" for his brand loyalty. Luckily for us guests, he always commandeered the grill from Pete and served everyone's food cooked to order. He was a warm, friendly and engaging person that always made us laugh and feel like family. Whether it was his stories about working in the subway or discussing his latest dream truck, he had us entertained for hours. You could just tell he was one of those people who loved life and loved his family with all of his energy. We are so grateful for knowing him.
With love and our deepest sympathy,
The Yelpo Family

Steve Yelpo - February 03 at 01:14 PM



“ Uncle Richie was always so happy and had a smile that just reeled you in. We loved spending family events with him when he would regale us with his incredible stories. We will miss him dearly.

Love,

Stacey and Joe (Tsang and Pontone)



Stacey Tsang - February 03 at 12:56 PM



“ Peggy, Jennie, Christine, Pete, James, and Jenna, PJ, Alexa,

Sending our sympathy and prayers to your family at this sad time.

Richard...Poppy was a kind, fun loving man Always smiling and laughing and so dedicated to his family and friends and to having a good time! Enjoy and treasure all the memories you shared together.

I will never forget all the times he came to visit the family or when just stopping by on the way to Atlantic City...always bringing food of course...Pizza, Subs, or Chinese. Jenna and PJ's eyes would light up always wondering what Grammy and Poppy brought to eat!

I cherish the memories of Richard and the family coming to our home to indulge in laughter, eating crabs, and drinking wine.

Richard thanks for all the memories, you will never be forgotten.

The Chiesa Family



Barbara J Chiesa - February 03 at 12:23 PM



“ Richard will be greatly missed by the Millennium and Bergen Beach Active Adults Staff and Members. We will miss his contagious smile, his humor, his laughter and his kind and gently words.. May his soul rest in peace and rise in glory. All the best to the family from the staff: Paul Curiale, Penny Caquias, Larry Janoff, Mike Volpe Ancilla Friday and all the members of Marine Park and Bergen Beach

Ancilla Friday - February 03 at 11:46 AM



“ Jen and Pete,

Our thoughts and prayers are with you, Jen's Mom and Sister, Jenna and PJ in your tragic loss of your Dad. He was truly larger than life, with his personality and energy, so much so, that he left quite an impression on my kids, just from the annual VanSyckle barbecues alone! Who can forget him seeking out "Big Steve" to announce to him that now he had a brand new truck to rival Steve's? Us "working stiffs" gathered around him, jealous, but hopeful, as he told us how much he LOVED retirement, babysitting his grandkids with his wife, and yes, collecting the steady stream of retirement checks out of the mailbox :). It was obvious he was having a ball everyday ! Here's hoping we can all find what he had in our own lives !

So very sorry for your tragic loss way too soon, and we hope your memories of him provide some comfort with each passing day.

See you soon (we hope!)

Love, Bob, Lynette, Scott and Stephen (the Duncans)



Bob and Lynette Duncan - February 03 at 11:38 AM



“ The Stanziale family lit a candle in memory of Mr Richard Wong Chow. We are thinking of you all with prayers and love.



tammi stanziale - February 03 at 08:51 AM



“ Peggy, Jenni, Pete, Christine, James, Jenna, PJ & Alexa,

Although your hearts are broken, heaven gained an angel in Richard who will continue to love and guide you all from above.

Richard was truly one of a kind - funny, always happy, proud of his wife, kids and grandkids. He was genuinely one of the dearest and the most loving man we have ever known.

He was always the life of a party - holding court to share his many stories to his adoring fans. We all left with a smile and a happy heart - a gift he gave to all of us so freely.

His spirit and joy for life will live on in his family but especially the lights of his life - his beloved grandchildren.

May your treasured memories of Richard bring you some peace during this most difficult time.

Love,
Mary Ann & Steven Lesnewich

Mary Ann Lesnewich - February 02 at 06:39 PM



“ A Loving constant companion to Peggy
A Loving presence to his children, sons-in-law & grandkids
Forever Loved in return

Ada & Perry

ADA MOY - February 02 at 04:28 PM



“ What a big, beautiful soul. The treasures he collected along his journey were really just stories for all of us to treasure in his absence. Feeling BIG FEELINGS for the entire Chow family. Sending love and light in your direction. Love, Kara & Co.

Kara Solu-Franklin - February 02 at 12:51 PM



“ Aunt Jennie, Uncle Pete, Jenna, PJ, Mrs. Chow, and Chow family,
I am heartbroken and so deeply sorry for your loss. Mr. Chow was an absolutely amazing man and made a positive impact on so many lives. He not only brought joy to his family, extended family, and friends but anybody that was around him. Mr. Chow was the catalyst of happiness at family gatherings/parties and could put a smile on the grumpiest of people. When I first met him long ago, I was a socially awkward young teenager, but he made me feel comfortable and I enjoyed talking with him and listening to his stories. His ability to make people laugh was undeniable, but what I loved most about him was his love for his family. It could be seen that he adored his wife and he loved his daughters and grandchildren so much. On several occasions, I can recall seeing his face light up with so much pride of his daughters and especially his grandchildren. The world lost a treasure of a human being, but I know his spirit will live on always. I'm thankful to have met Mr. Chow and I'll never forget the priceless memories and the great person he was. He will be deeply missed. Sending prayers and positive thoughts to you all during this difficult time.
Love,
Tom and Margaret

Tom Harvey - February 02 at 11:52 AM



“ Richard, as a youth, came to spend summers on a farm near Morgantown. He loved answering the phone at the Stoltzfus Farm. When we would phone Moses and Rhoda Stoltzfus, Richard, loved to answer their phone. It was a good mile for him to hike to visit us in Morgantown. We were always happy to have him visit. Richard was excited about everything and we loved his enthusiasm.
We always enjoyed having Richard and Peggy and their two beautiful daughters visit us here in Morgantown, PA. They were often accompanied by Peggy's mother. There's a very popular Deli in Morgantown where Richard would order their Richie special and Peggy and Sara Ann would share Philadelphia's famous cheese steak although they would ask for a few alterations adding or subtracting and making sure it had mushrooms. We surely will miss Richard's visits. We know, we shall continue to keep in touch with our dear friend Peggy and their families.

Jere and Sara Ann Brady - February 02 at 10:53 AM



“ To Jennie, Christine & Peggy,
We are are heartbroken to hear Richard died last week. His legacy will live on in you all and his beautiful grandchildren - Jenna, PJ & Alexa.

We were fortunate enough to know Richard over the last 20+ years when Jennie & the Chow family married our brother Pete. Richard embraced Pete like he was his own son. Richard would lighten the mood of any event with his quick wit and great sense of humor. His infamous Bavarian hot dogs, collection of VHS tapes, enjoyment of a good Budweiser, and infectious laughter will surely be missed. He was the life of the family parties - always holding court at the grill or telling stories & jokes or talking about his AC adventures or giving advice on investments or great VHS movies to watch.

He was just an all around great guy & we will will truly miss him. Heaven gained a hard-working, honest, genuine angel that will watch proudly over his loving wife, daughters & grandchildren as they shine and carry on Richard's legacy.

Many prayers to you all during this difficult time. Love Maria, Mike & the Kelly family

Kelly Family - February 01 at 11:34 PM



“ Dad was the best father-in-law a guy could ever hope to have. He had a great sense of humor, an extremely optimistic view of life and the was the giver of gifts.

He had an interest in collecting random items, but always seemed to have whatever you needed, whenever it was needed. His generosity was plentiful and would part with anything if you needed it.

I will always remember his random wants. Whenever we would see him he would onto something completely out the norm from what was expected. I will dearly miss the mischievous smile he would have when looking at an overflowing plate or an item that he had his heart set on.

The inspiration and encouragement he gave to me will never be forgotten. His impact on me was significant.

He would tell me, frequently, that life was good. I can only hope that his life was as good as his contribution was to ours.

James Baggs - February 01 at 11:11 PM



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Uncle Richie,

As you are sitting up there looking down upon us all, don't forget to sprinkle back down some of that heavenly grace, humor, kindness and chivalrous nature that you brought up there with you. The world needs more of that, and you need to share it with us again just as you did when we were blessed with your presence.

Wow! its been over 25 years since I met you when Jenn was attending law school. At the time you were always the proud and doting father and also indulged my curiosity about working on the tracks of the NYC subways.

As we all started families and started bringing our kids together it would be your wide smile that would be memorable to my sons. You were a hard person to forget.

I was also lucky enough to browse through your treasured books and records in your basement. Alas, when you had to give away many of your records, somebody had already beaten me to Elvis and Frankie.

You were always the first to offer me a beer. Although I sense that it may have been a bribe to bring your favorite roast pork buns (or as you would say "cha shiu bao") from Chinatown.

Let your blessings shine upon Peggy, Jenn, Chrissie, Peter, James, Jenna, PJ and Alexa.

With warm caring regards,

The Wong Family

Tim, Catherine, Brian and Connor



Timothy Wong - February 01 at 10:59 PM



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dear family richie was the most jovial man ive ever met. my condolences to all of you. his love for all was so great God blessed us being able to know him .peggy he is watching over you. much love..harriet dickenson ..

harriet dickenson - February 01 at 08:11 PM



“ A Message from Jennifer and Christine (Richard's daughters):
Please do not order flowers for Dad. Due to Covid restrictions, the Church is not allowing flowers for the funeral. We appreciate the sentiment and thank you for thinking of Dad and Mom.

-Jennifer and Christine

Jennifer & Christine - February 01 at 06:33 PM



“ I met Mr. Chow about 7 years ago while helping him and Mrs. Chow move into their New Apartment. Well while moving the boxes from the truck to the apartment we left the door open, upon arriving back to the apartment we realized that not only did we leave the door open we also couldn't find the cat. Oh Boy we ran up and down the stairs, through the hallways looking for the cat....We both sat on the staircase about to cry not know what we would tell his wife....Come to find out the cat never left and was hiding from us....Thank You Mr. CHOW for the wisdom and laughter you poured into my life...I'll carry that Spirit with me Always.

Kevin Browne - February 01 at 06:08 PM



“ Ling Lee Yvonne lit a candle in memory of Mr Richard Wong Chow



Ling Lee Yvonne - February 01 at 05:51 PM



“ I met Richie nearly 40 years ago when his brother-in-law, my dear old college buddy Mike Chin, invited me over to meet Peggy and her family on the 4th of July. What a character Richie was! The funniest and sweetest guy! Richie had a massive stockpile of "treasure" in his basement, that he enthusiastically showed us. His joy at being with friends and family was palpable. You immediately became family to Richie and Peggy. I immediately became "Uncle Ken" to Jen and Chrissy. Years would go by without me seeing them but when we did meet up I was still met with open arms. Richie was a truly lucky man. His life was filled with joy, happiness, and love. That's how I will remember him. God Bless.

Ken Tirado - February 01 at 04:03 PM



“ The love Patrick and I have for Mr. Chow is great. Mr. Chow always greeted us like his day was made because we were there. His joy for life was so amazing. We found a picture (I hope it posts) of a fishing trip-love seeing all these great dads together. I would like to think that Mr. Chow and my dad shared a special bond that only girl dads have-they were true representatives of how to raise strong daughters. Peggy, Jenny and Chrissy-thank you for sharing Mr. Chow with us!



Erin and Pat McCann - February 01 at 04:03 PM



“ Dear Chow/Van Syckle/Baggs Family,

John and I are so very sorry for the loss of the patriarch of this wonderful family. So many of the posts have already captured who Richard was as a man, a husband, father and grandfather, uncle, co-worker and friend. We concur. He was that, and surely a fine example of how to live a truly joyful life with gratitude for each day that was given to him. I guess that is why we all feel this loss so deeply... who will remind us to live that kind of life without him here to help us? The obituary that Peggy, Jen and Chris wrote was exquisite and captured him perfectly. Such wonderful memories... I love all the stories. John and I wish to add a few more to the collection...

I remembered when we first met the Chows. We were meeting Jennie's family for the first time, after their engagement. It was at a BBQ that Pete and Jen had prepared to bring the immediate families together. The Van Syckles were just getting out of the cars and low and behold out comes Mr. Chow with a platter full of freshly grilled hotdogs. He called out to us... " Who's ready for some" Bavarian Hotdogs! Freshly grilled, get them while they're hot." Pete, red-faced, but with a big smile, shrugged his shoulders and said... that's Mr. Chow! At this point we knew we were in for some fun... and that's the way it has been for the past 20 plus years... wonderful fun!

The world had gotten a little smaller sharing the title "family" with the Chows. One time some of us found ourselves enjoying some time in Atlantic City... I can't remember the occasion, but with a couple of complimentary buffet tickets, Peggy and Richard, without hesitation invited us to dinner at one of the casinos. We got in line and when it was our turn to get a table, the hostess asked how many, they responded without hesitation " nine, it's the family." That's how Peggy and Richard always made us feel... like family!

John and I will Richard, terribly... a man of dignity, rooted in humility. Of course he lives on in our memories and we will watch his influence live on in his grandchildren.

We wish you all peace as you grieve your loss. We love you all.

Many prayerful blessings, Kathy and John Solu

Kathy and John Solu - February 01 at 03:56 PM



“ Peggy, Jennifer, Christine, Peter, James, Jenna, PJ and Alexa, I was so saddened to here about Richard.

Richard was always genuinely happy to see you and always loved to have a laugh and catch up when he did see you.

I want to stress “genuine”. There was never any false pretense with Richard. He was a happy man and and was proud of his family, his daughters and those 3 beautiful grandchildren. You got the feeling he knew how blessed and lucky he was. He was a man who loved his life. Richard will be sorely missed, his quick laughter and huge heart will not be forgotten. My deepest condolences go out to all of his family.

Tricia Van Syckle

Tricia Van Syckle - February 01 at 03:47 PM



“ I only had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Chow on a few occasions when he happily chauffeured Jennifer down to the Atlantic City area so she could work in the AC office while he and his wife hit the casinos for the afternoon. Its rare and refreshing to meet a person that is consistently upbeat and happy even after a 2 and a half hour ride from New York down the Garden State Parkway. He was smiling just like he was in the picture when he arrived and when he left- win or lose and also facing the prospect of sitting in traffic with Jen for the ride home. He showed his caring nature by both refusing to allow me carry heavy boxes of paperwork and supplies out to his car and expressing concern over the musty office space I chose to save a few bucks for the law firm- I quickly followed his advice and moved to another location. I also had the pleasure of serving as his local weather man when he would insist on driving down to Atlantic City in blizzards. I know your family has millions more happy memories of him and will keep his memory alive with stories of his life.

My condolences for your loss
John Hegarty

John Hegarty - February 01 at 02:32 PM



“ Peggy, Jennifer, Christine, Pete, James, Jenna, PJ and Alexa. Richard truly had a special gift of making people comfortable and laugh with him. His laugh was contagious and he always managed to make us smile with his funny anecdotes and amusing stories (I believe he is doing some form of stand-up in heaven, keeping the souls, saints and angels in stitches). One summer party, Richard assumed the role of grill master and was so distracted by all the hilarious conversations surrounding him-- that he burned over a dozen, quality hot dogs. He didn't believe in waste (nor do I), so he handed out and introduced his "Bavarian Hot Dogs" to the masses (we smothered them with sauerkraut, catchup, onions and other condiments to give them some flavor). Richard was also a very generous man. He gifted his entire collection of "Star Wars" movies to the Van Syckle Boys (we still watch them today and will think of Richard even more). Richard, we miss you, but love you even more. Love always, Glenn, Maura, Jack, Dan and Liam Van Syckle

Van Syckle Family - February 01 at 02:10 PM



“ Peg, Jennifer, Christine, Pete, Jenna, PJ, James, and Alexa, We are so very sorry for your loss. Our entire family (VS and Kenny) loved Richard. We really enjoyed sharing a good laugh and good conversation, loved his upbeat, kind, and generous personality. His love for Peg, Jennifer and Christine was evident to all that knew him, and that love continued with Pete, James, Jenna, Alexa and PJ. He was so proud of his family and his daughters accomplishments which was a wonderful reflection of how Richard and Peggys raised their daughters. Richard was full of life, fun to be around and will be missed by all that knew him! We always enjoyed our New York conversations as well! May you keep his memories and love of life alive! God Bless Richard!
Love, Glenn, Maura, Jack, Dan and Liam

Maura - February 01 at 01:07 PM



“ Im so deeply sorry for your loss, Aunt Jennie, Uncle Pete, Jenna, PJ and all the Chow family. Poppy Chow will surely be missed. His big stories and jokes will live on in you forever. What a great man. Sending virtual hugs to all of you. LYF Sue, Mark, and Abby

Sue Simpson - February 01 at 12:48 PM



“ Mr. Chow was the most vibrant person I ever met. He would light up the room with his humor, laughter and his contagious smile. His presence was larger than life and he made friends every where he would go. He truly made an impact on everyone he would meet. His presence was magnetic and people were drawn towards him. I always looked forward to seeing him at family parties because I knew he would be there and he would make everything so much fun and exciting with his enthusiasm and engaging personality. He would make me laugh and laugh until my face and belly hurt for days. His beautiful bright soul will sorely be missed but I know heaven is now blessed with more love, light and laughter now that he is there.
Love,
Kate and Gabe

Kate - February 01 at 12:43 PM



“ Margaret & Dave lit a candle in memory of Mr Richard Wong Chow



Margaret & Dave - February 01 at 12:42 PM



“ Hi Jenna & PJ, I just heard about your Poppy. I am so sorry for your loss. He was such a kind, friendly, and funny guy. He will be greatly missed. Just know that he and your family will be in my prayers. Love you so much
Your
cousin Emily Kelly

Emily Kelly - February 01 at 12:33 PM



“ Hi love. I heard about your grandpa, Jenna. I am so sorry. I know how purely kind and generous he was. He is always looking down at you smiling at how amazing you will become. I'm sending all my love to you PJ and your parents. Love you forever
Cousin Julia Kelly

Julia Kelly - February 01 at 12:28 PM



“ Dear Peggy and family:
We are truly saddened by Rich's passing. He will be missed. His jovial demeanor made him so special. He was always happy and always had a kind word for everyone. Our deepest sympathies.
Love,
Linda and Jim

LW - February 01 at 11:18 AM



“ Richie will be dearly missed by us. We will miss his hugs, smile and hats!!! Our hearts go out to his entire family. Love Rita, Paul, Allen, Dana & Brandon

Paul & Rita Wone - February 01 at 10:42 AM



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Family - February 01 at 10:09 AM



“ Jen and Chris
Very sorry to hear of your Dad's passing.
Our heartfelt condolences and prayers to your families.
Mark and Patti

Mark Carlesimo - February 01 at 09:52 AM



“ Uncle Richie is incredibly special to me and my family. He always made me smile and helped make me aware of the “little things” that bring just as much happiness in life. While working for the NYC transit, he would gather items that he’d think I would appreciate (in many instances even refurbishing them on his own) and pass them along to my mom to deliver to me on her commute home. Some of these items included books, belts, pocketknives, metal toe boots, ice skates and even skis, which Uncle Richie added my full name on the top of them in orange decal. Just one example of how special he made me and my family feel. With much love, heavy heart and unforgettable memories, Greg & Family.

Gregory Tsang - February 01 at 09:16 AM



“ Rich was always cheery, excited, and bubbling with mischief whenever you saw him. He was always ready to share his wisdom of the day. We'll miss his cheery presence.
Love,
Susan and Teddy

Susan Sam - February 01 at 08:57 AM



“ Dear Peggy, Michael, Jenny, and Christine,

We were so sorry to hear about Richie's passing. He was such a loving and kind man.

Richie had a way of making people feel special in his presence. We will surely miss him, with his wonderful smile and sense of humor.

Love,
Greg, Daria, and Thomas



Greg Hong - January 31 at 10:51 PM



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Van Syckles - January 31 at 09:13 PM



“ Rich had the incredible ability to bring smiles to faces and laughter to ears by just walking into a room. Heaven is a bit more cheerful upon his arrival!

Stephen C. Hendrix - January 31 at 09:02 PM



“ Over the years, we have had the pleasure of sharing a number of celebrations with Richard and his family. What was obvious right away, was his extraordinary love for Peggy, daughters Jennifer and Christine, and their families. For Richard, it was the little things that brought joy --which seemed to carry over to everyone whose lives he touched.

Although taken from us too soon, no one will forget that smile, his laughter and love of life. We surely will not.

Allison Field and David Jasinski

family friends - January 31 at 08:36 PM



“ Matt And Vikki Hong lit a candle in memory of Mr Richard Wong Chow



Matt and Vikki Hong - January 31 at 08:29 PM



“ Peggy, Jenn and Chrissie,
We will miss Richie's boundless energy, beaming smile and booming welcomes whenever we arrived at a family gathering. What a loving man, who was so proud of his family. We feel blessed to have known him.
All our love, Vikki, Matt, Josh and Julianna

Matt and Vikki Hong - January 31 at 08:44 PM



“ Dear Mrs. Chow, Jennie, and Christine,

Our deepest sympathies are with you and your family during this difficult time. Mr. Chow was always the heart of every gathering and he made sure to talk with everyone. Even if you only knew him for a minute, Mr. Chow had a magical ability for putting you at ease and spoke with you as if you knew each other for decades. His conversations were endlessly engaging and consisted of a wide variety of topics. His favorite topic was his beloved family, which had no equal in his heart. His second favorite topic was his "treasures." There was no limit to the treasures he found, where he found them, or why they caught his eye.

Mr. Chow brought great joy and laughter into our lives and will be greatly missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with your family. If there is anything we can do for you, please let us know.

Jenny Lin, Alvin Lau, Daniel & Michael

Jenny Lin - January 31 at 08:24 PM



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Dear Peggy & Family,

Richard will be greatly missed. Having lunch with you at the Center was always a special part of the day. He radiated happiness with his quick wit and smile. When the two of you participated in the painting class, I would enjoy your beautiful paintings. His death is a great loss for all of us, but especially you Peggy. You were always together. May his memory give you strength.

Sheila Powsner

Sheila Powsner - January 31 at 08:17 PM



“ Dear Peggy, Jennifer and Christine,

Please accept our sincere and deepest condolences on the loss of Richard. You guys have been such a big part of my life for over 35 years and we will all miss him greatly. He himself was a treasure. My favorite memory of him was on our Alaska trip - the night he ordered EVERYTHING on the menu.

Love you all so much and do not hesitate to call us if you need anything.

Christine Clark with Matthew Feinstein, Jacquelyn and Elizabeth

Christine Clark - January 31 at 05:41 PM



“ It is a beautiful obituary. Our deepest condolences to you Peggy and family. Although we had only met you a few years ago through Helen and Bob it was a define pleasure to share good memories. Richard was one of a kind. A beautiful, welcoming person to those who surrounded him. My best memory was our trip to Atlantic City and how comfortable we felt being together. His love for life and this country was a true treasure. May he Rest In Peace and may God grant you strength.

Maria Signorelli - January 31 at 08:03 PM



“ Richard's kind and generous spirit filled the hearts of his many friends at the senior center in Bergen Beach where those of us who became "lunch buddies" each week with Richard and Peggy shared many happy tales of the love and joy their daughters and grandchildren brought to them. I pray that his beautiful love for others will live on in the hearts of the children he adored. Richard we will look after your beautiful Peggy.

Maureen M

maureen maloney - January 31 at 08:29 PM



“ I would like to offer you and your family our deepest and most sincere condolences and may he rest in peace. Jennie often talked about him being a great father, husband and grandfather to Jenna & PJ. May your family and memories give you peace and strength during this time.

The Worobel Family

Rena Worobel - January 31 at 08:31 PM



“ Dear Auntie Peggy, Jennie, and Christine,
Please accept our deepest condolences. We are so thankful for the times we've spent with you and Richard, talking about growing up as a young couple in NYC's Chinatown, where we also grew up only a few decades later. We always looked forward to seeing you two whenever we would come over and it would always be a blast, with nonstop laughing. We will truly miss him, but will never forget his amazing and happy spirit.

Larry, Yvonne, Aaron, Emma, and Colin O

Yvonne ChiuO - January 31 at 08:48 PM



“ Dear Peggy Jenny Christine bob and I want to send our condolences to you we first met the Chow family when we bought our house in 1978 on east 8 st and we have been friends ever since Richard thanks for the driving adventures we had going to Pennsylvania and New Jersey visiting old friends from the neighborhood Richie always said Helen you are a keeper we will miss your smile and the talks we had in the car miss u the Sharp family

helen - January 31 at 11:45 PM



“ Dear Mrs. Chow, Jenny, Crissy and family,
There are no words to describe how sorry I am.
Losing Mr. Chow is something beyond words. He was an amazing man who I loved very much as if he was my own father.
From the first time my family met Mr. Chow his personality was the type that you felt you knew him your entire life. His positivity, sense of humor and passion for life was contagious. When you was around him, just listening to his stories made you want to experience everything he did. He was an amazing man and a true gift to every person he came in contact with.
He was a true friend to my parents. The kind of man my father looked forward to seeing and having a drink with... in fact it was harder to separate the two of them than it was Jenny and I weh the time came to go home.
He was a proud man who loved life, his family and friends. I truly appreciate all the wonderful memories I have with Mr. Chow. He was the type of person who made you feel that you could accomplish anything you wanted to do as long as you wanted it. He was caring, supportive, friendly, and most of all very funny!
I will always carry him in my heart because he was a gift given to me to always treasure.
Love you always, rest in Peace Maryanne

maryanne cannava - February 01 at 09:21 AM



“ Richie married my sister over 50 years ago. He has been my brother-in-law, the best man at my first wedding and the Big Brother I never had when I was growing up.
I loved him and I miss him dearly.
Love,
Mike and Pat

Michael G Chin - February 01 at 12:32 PM



“ It's hard putting into words what Richie has meant to me - not only as my favorite cousin but also as a big brother while growing up in NYC. I have fond memories of Richie and the interesting tidbits he taught m. I remember getting our first stereo set with speakers and Richie introducing us to rock and roll and LPs. I also remember Richie taking Sue and me to the movies, particularly "Bridge Over the River Kwai" when Richie explained to Sue and me that the Japanese planes in one scene were really American plans, At 5, I thought it had to be important to note if Richie felt compelled to point it out. Richie was also an avid collector. Even with this hobby, Richie would look for items that he thought someone in the family could use. I remember the frame to our first couch and books about trains came from Richie's trips along Fifth and Park Avenues. I will miss Richie's happy go lucky disposition and his positive and non-judgmental attitude and world view. I know he loved his Peggy, Jenn, Chrissie, Jenna, PJ and Alexa, as well as Pete and James. He has told me on many occasions how blessed he was to have such a wonderful and loving family, and a great legacy you all are.

Love,
Dave and Marge

Margaret - February 01 at 12:52 PM



“ Dear Peggy and family,
I was very shocked and sadden to hear about Richard. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Love.

Lilly P.

lilly pon - February 23 at 10:09 AM