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## C.A.C.A. Honors World War II Navy Veteran Ying C. Tang

Phoenix, August 25, 2020 — The Chinese American Citizens Alliance (C.A.C.A.) honors U.S. Navy Veteran and Congressional Gold Medal recipient Ying C. Tang, who passed away on April 15, 2020, at the age of 92. Born in Phoenix on May 31, 1927, Mr. Ying was the fourth of 12 siblings, all of whom were born in the back room of Sunrise Grocery Store, the family grocery store. After graduating from Glendale High School in 1945, he served in the United States Navy from July 1945 to August 1946. He completed two years of college at Phoenix Junior College, studying architecture.

Mr. Tang had a successful real estate career over the past 60 plus years, developing many retail projects and investing in numerous commercial sites throughout Arizona. He was also a successful restaurateur, having opened dozens of restaurants, offering a variety of cuisines, and coffee shops, to steak houses and fast food. Mr. Tang prided himself on treating others fairly and with respect in all of his business activities, and, as a result, he was liked and respected by his peers in the business community. He was proud to be a member of Thomas Tang American Legion Post 50 and the Chinese American Citizens Alliance, and was a lifetime member of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Tang was a devoted husband, father and grandfather. He is survived by his wife Catherine of 66 years, his son Darryl (Mae), his daughters Kimberly Natori and Celeste Tang (Peter McQuaid), and many grandchildren. He also is survived by his sisters May King, Mayen Yue (Joe) and Betty Lee (John), and his brother Dick Tang (Shirley). In lieu of flowers, the family requests that gifts be made in Mr. Tang name to the Banner University Medical Center Phoenix (BUMC-P) Nursing Fund 102291, by mail, at the Banner Health Foundation, 2901 N. Central Avenue, Suite 160, Phoenix, AZ 85012, or online, at www.bannerhealthfoundation.org.

At a future date, Mr. Tang will receive a bronze replica of the Congressional Gold Medal for Chinese American World War II veterans posthumously.

More information on the life of Mr. Tang can be found at www.legacy.com/obituaries/azcentral/obituary.aspx?n=ying-c-tang&pid=196138097&fhid=6229



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