



美洲同源總會

Chinese American Citizens Alliance

~ National ~

1044 Stockton Street, San Francisco, California 94108 • Telephone/Fax (415)829-9332

National Lodge
ESTABLISHED 1895

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

DATE: January 7, 2016

CONTACT: info@cacanational.org



Alliance Mourns Passing of Past National President Harold Y.G. Fong Compassionate and Caring, Dedicated and Determined

San Francisco, CA--January 7, 2016. With great sadness and sorrow, the Chinese American Citizens Alliance expresses our deepest condolences on the passing of Past National President Harold Y.G. Fong on December 27. A long time San Franciscan who married his dream girl, Jane, in 1948, Bro. Harold lived life fully for 96 years as a loving husband, father and grandfather and leaves behind his son, Ronald Leigh Fong, MD and his wife May and their children: Kristen (Antoine) Roux, Tiffany Fong, and Ethan Fong, daughter Jenny Kung and her husband John and their children: Audrey and Christina Kung, daughter Marjorie Kawula and her husband Paul and their children: Brandon, Rachel and Steven Kawula.

He was a man of humility and demonstrated care, compassion and love through his actions and interactions with his family, his co-workers and his community. Like so many of his contemporaries who came from Toisaan, China, he immigrated to the



美 洲 同 源 總 會

Chinese American Citizens Alliance

~ National ~

1044 Stockton Street, San Francisco, California 94108 • Telephone/Fax (415)829-9332

National Lodge
ESTABLISHED 1895

United States through Angel Island Immigration Station as a 3 year old with his father. And like so many whose families were separated, he would be reunited with his mother later as a youth in Sacramento.

Bro. Harold was a man who always met each of life's challenges with a fearless determination that eventually earned him a civil engineering degree from Cal Berkeley. Shortly after his graduation, he served during World War II as a sergeant for his combat engineer battalion.

Confident in his abilities and never to be rebuffed by discriminatory and prejudicial practices in the workplace, he became the first engineer of Chinese descent in the San Francisco Building Department, and eventually, the Bureau Chief for Plans Approval for the City and County of San Francisco.

As a man who gratefully remembered those who supported his life journey, he too gave back to the community by actively engaging and leading in organizations as the local and national president for the Chinese American Citizens Alliance and the Soo Yuen Benevolent Association. Upon hearing of Bro. Harold's passing, past National President Munson Kwok of Los Angeles lamented, "Bro. Harold was a great gentleman of the Alliance. We will miss his leadership, wisdom and style."

National President Ed Gor remembered, "Bro. Harold always had a calmness, sincerity and evenhanded demeanor when he reminded me about the importance of the work being done at C.A.C.A. Never complained about how bad it was living as a Chinese American growing up, but he assured that it would get better if we continued the work. He was a great respecter of people and for those of us who were fortunate to cross paths with him, he made us better people."

Continuing, Gor urged, "I ask that all C.A.C.A. members take a moment to reflect and remember our dearly departed Bro. Harold Fong for his dedicated service to our country and community and to express our sincerest sympathies to the Fong family during this time."



美 洲 同 源 總 會

Chinese American Citizens Alliance

~ National ~

1044 Stockton Street, San Francisco, California 94108 • Telephone/Fax (415)829-9332

National Lodge
ESTABLISHED 1895

Please note the following arrangements:

Funeral Services at Green Street Mortuary, 649 Green St, San Francisco, CA 94133.

Wake: Friday, January 8 at 6-7pm, Funeral: Saturday, January 9 at 1:30pm

Burial Services: Hoy Sun Cemetery

The family requests that in lieu of flowers, donations be directed to: Self Help for the Elderly, On Lok, or Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research.

###

1044 Stockton St. San Francisco, CA.

Web: www.CACAnational.org

Chinese American Citizens Alliance

The Chinese American Citizens Alliance, established in 1895, is among the oldest civil rights organizations in the United States. Headquartered in San Francisco with chapter/lodges in Albuquerque (NM), Boston (MA), Chicago (IL), Greater San Gabriel Valley (CA), Houston (TX), Las Vegas (NV), Los Angeles (CA), Mississippi, Oakland (CA), Peninsula (CA), Portland (OR), Phoenix (AZ), Salinas (CA), San Antonio (TX), San Francisco (CA), Seattle (WA), Tucson (AZ), and Washington, D.C., the Alliance addresses issues regarding voter education, political participation, racial discrimination and hate crimes, youth leadership training programs and equal employment opportunities for all Chinese Americans.