



Pai Tao Yeh

Feb. 5, 1917 to Oct. 2, 1991

Relationship to St. Andrew: Pai Tao was a charter member of St. Andrew E.U.B. when it was founded in 1954 and a long time choir member. He frequently sang solos with the choir.

Family: Pai Tao and Ching Siang Tang were married on Aug. 12, 1952. They had two daughters, Sophia and Shirley.

Recognitions: Dr. Yeh was an expert in aerial photography and provided the expertise to use aerial photographs in Indiana soil mapping projects. He was the adviser and mentor to the Chinese Student Association at Purdue.

Memorials: Fans were purchased for Fellowship Hall and a choir robe was dedicated in honor of Pai Tao.



Robe Dedication
May 3, 1992

In Loving Memory

Pai Tao Yeh was born in Canton, China. His father delivered Christian ministry through the church. Thus, P. T. grew up with and sustained a very strong belief in Jesus Christ. Having grown up in the church with music and singing, he also developed a beautiful baritone voice. After he finished his B.S. degree in 1943 at Chekiang University, China, majoring in civil engineering, he continued on for his M.S. at Purdue University. He received his Ph.D. in 1953 in the area of airphoto interpretation.

One of his greatest loves was participating in the chorus in college and choir in church. He attended the Grace E.U.B. Church (now called Grace U.M.C.) right after he arrived in the U.S.A. Dr. Rosselot, the pastor was first introduced by his father's friend. The members of Grace Church treated P.T. with Christian love to ease his hardships of studying in a foreign country. P.T. transferred to St. Andrew with 50 other charter members in 1954. He developed a strong bond with the choirs and sang solos on special occasions until 1982 at which time he required kidney dialysis and also retired from Purdue and Emeritus Professor. He knew of his inherited polycystic kidney disease since 1967. He died October 2, 1991.

**Pai Tao Yeh, 74,
professor emeritus**



Pai Tao Yeh, 74, a professor emeritus of civil engineering at Purdue University, died Wednesday in Sioux Valley Hospital, Sioux Falls, S.D. He had been hospitalized 4½ weeks.

P.T. Yeh

Professor Yeh lived at 1718 Sheridan Road, WL. He came to West Lafayette from Hong Kong 43 years ago.

He was born in Canton, China, on Feb. 5, 1917. He received his bachelor's degree in civil engineering from National Chekiang University in 1943. He worked at the university and in private business before coming to Purdue University in 1948.

After receiving his master's degree in instructional engineering and his Ph.D. in highway engineering at Purdue, he stayed on as an instructor. He was a professor of civil engineering at Purdue for 30 years, retiring in May, 1982.

He was principal investigator for Indiana's county soils mapping and had been a consultant to the Army Corps of Engineers.

Professor Yeh is listed in *American Men of Science*, *Leaders in American Science* and *Who's Who in Engineering*.

He was an active member of St. Andrew United Methodist Church, where he sang in the choir. He also was a member of Sigma Xi, the scientific research honorary, and was a member of American Photographic Society, American Military Engineers, American Professional Engineers, American Society of Engineering Education and American Association for the Advancement of Science. He also was the adviser of the Chinese Student Club at Purdue.

He married Ching Siang Tang in College Park, Pa., on Aug. 12, 1952. She survives.

Also surviving are two daughters, Dr. Sophia Yeh Chen of Flemington, N.J., and Dr. Shirley Yeh Kunkel of Sioux Falls, S.D.; three brothers, S.W. Yeh of Chicago, J.P. Yeh of San Diego and C.R. Yeh of Peking, China; and a sister, S.W. Yeh of Shanghai, China.