

In Loving Memory

Rebecca Kao 高許友蘭

*April 6, 1929 –
December 18, 2020*





我的肉身和我的內心雖然漸漸衰弱，
神卻永遠是我心裡的磐石，是我的業分。

詩篇 73:26



My flesh and my heart may fail, but GOD is the strength of my heart
and my portion forever.

—
Psalm 73:26



Celebrating the beautiful life of
a beloved wife, mother,
grandmother, great
grandmother, daughter, sister,
friend and Lover of God.



Early Years



Born on April 6, 1929 in Shantou, China, Rebecca had six sisters and two brothers. She then met her husband, Alfred, and together they moved to Hong Kong and had four children - David, Daniel, Philip, and Monica.







Cherished Memories



Rebecca has served God since she was young. She brought up all her children in church and sowed the seeds of Christianity in their lives at an early age. God rewards her with a large family of devout men and women each worthy of praise in his/her own right, caring, respectable, helpful and dedicated. When she lived with our mother, she worked in the daytime and cooked and took care of the large family without support or appreciation. Yet she did not complain and was humming a tune praising God. Something that she did to her last days despite Alzheimer's. She is the woman who inspired me to follow God. I love her dearly and look forward to meeting her soon and joining her chorus.

Rosemary Kao

我還是小孩子的時候，經常去三嫂家裏和三個男孩子玩耍，甚至經常在哪裏過夜。三嫂總是非常親切，和藹，和熱情的接待我，沒有嫌我麻煩。我從來沒有見過她發脾氣，總是口出恩言。最後一次和她見面，大概是在十年前去多倫多探訪，那是三哥還健在，可惜三嫂已經失憶了一段時間，所以認不出我來。但是她總是笑咪咪的，說感恩，讚美和造就人的說話，也間中哼着聖詩。他的兒孫滿堂，而且都堂堂正正的做人，跟隨基督，也有女婿和孫女婿做傳道人，實在是一個蒙福的人生。如今，她息去了世上的辛勞，去到榮耀的永恆裏，在哪裏，沒有痛苦，沒有眼淚，也沒有疾病，有主永遠同在。雖然心中充滿了不捨，但是實在為她的人生感恩。無悔無憾，滿了恩典！

高主賜



I met my beloved mother-in-law Rebecca Kao less than 10 times. She has love to everyone and she is a devoted sister, wife, mother, mother-in-law, grandmother and friend. Being a children of God, she shared God's words with me whenever we met. Now she is happily in heaven because it is "finished". She is in our memory forever.

Marianne Kao

我印象中的三伯娘，一生愛主，擁有天使一樣的面孔與笑容。當她患有老人失智症的初期，天天在家讀經，以詩歌讚美主！榮耀主名！

我五、六歲跟爸爸去香港的時候，與三伯一家住了一段短時間。她更是第一個帶我到教會的人，播下福音種子給我這位小朋友！

那美好的仗她已經打完了，三伯娘已在主懷中，好得無比！

高嵐



Rebecca was such a godly woman and had been a great example to my wife and myself. It was a tremendous help to us as we learn to walk with our Lord. I can still remember and cherish the time that we had when we were growing up, spending time at your house and enjoying her cooking. She is now resting in the bosom of our Lord and watching over us. We have this living hope in Christ that we will meet up with her and our Lord in His glory.

Peter Young

念敬愛的高太：高太是我們屬靈的長輩，她倚靠神的信心，慈祥和藹的笑容，長流我們心裡。還記得很久很久以前，在紅磡渡海小輪上偶遇，看到她返工途中，默默地，安靜地看著聖經靈修的背影，敬畏神的榜樣，銘記在我這初信的小子心中……願姊妹在天父的懷抱中，得著完全的愛，平安和喜樂！他日盼在雲中再相遇，一同敬拜我們的主耶穌基督。再見高太！

主內敏玲、必發

多謝您待我像兒子般的關懷照顧。您仁慈的笑容永在我心中。



Kay Leung

It was a decade ago when I first met Grandma Rebecca, my impression of her was that she was a very kind and gracious grandmother with a heartwarming smile! One of my memories of her beside her godly advice and interesting stories was seeing her humming 信實無變 in the kitchen. Every time I heard her sing this song, it reminded me of how faithful our God is, and I believe this is what made her an amazing wife, mother and grandmother in the Kao family!

Dear Grandma Rebecca, Gigi, Evy, Ellie and I love you and we miss singing hymns with you by the piano! I look forward to the day that we can sing praise together again in Heaven! Thank you for all the good memories and your beautiful smile!

Edmond Yu

One of Grandma Rebecca's favourite songs:

慈愛主信實無變，在每天清晨，主愛已彰顯。慈愛主信實無變，沒有分陰晴，主愛勵勉。慈愛主信實無變，日影西斜，主愛更溫暖。慈愛主信實無變，沒有分冬暖，主愛復眷。愛慕到達主跟前，渴慕救主引牽。困苦，壓逼，憂心，掛念，神愛眷必不停斷，神愛眷終不改變。







What I remember most from Mama is her joy in the Lord. Her life was difficult in so many ways, but you wouldn't know it by talking to her. She was full of gratitude and praise to God. The other character of Mama that I remember is her faithfulness, her faithfulness to serve her family with joy and without complaint. I hope I can be half as good as a mom and wife as she was.

Elizabeth Li





Grandma really embodied unconditional love towards us and never really asked for much. She and grandpa had a big impact on our lives.

Some of my favourite memories:

Every Saturday after Chinese school she would make us mac and cheese, and she would make cream of mushroom soup and fried rice during home lunches on weekdays.

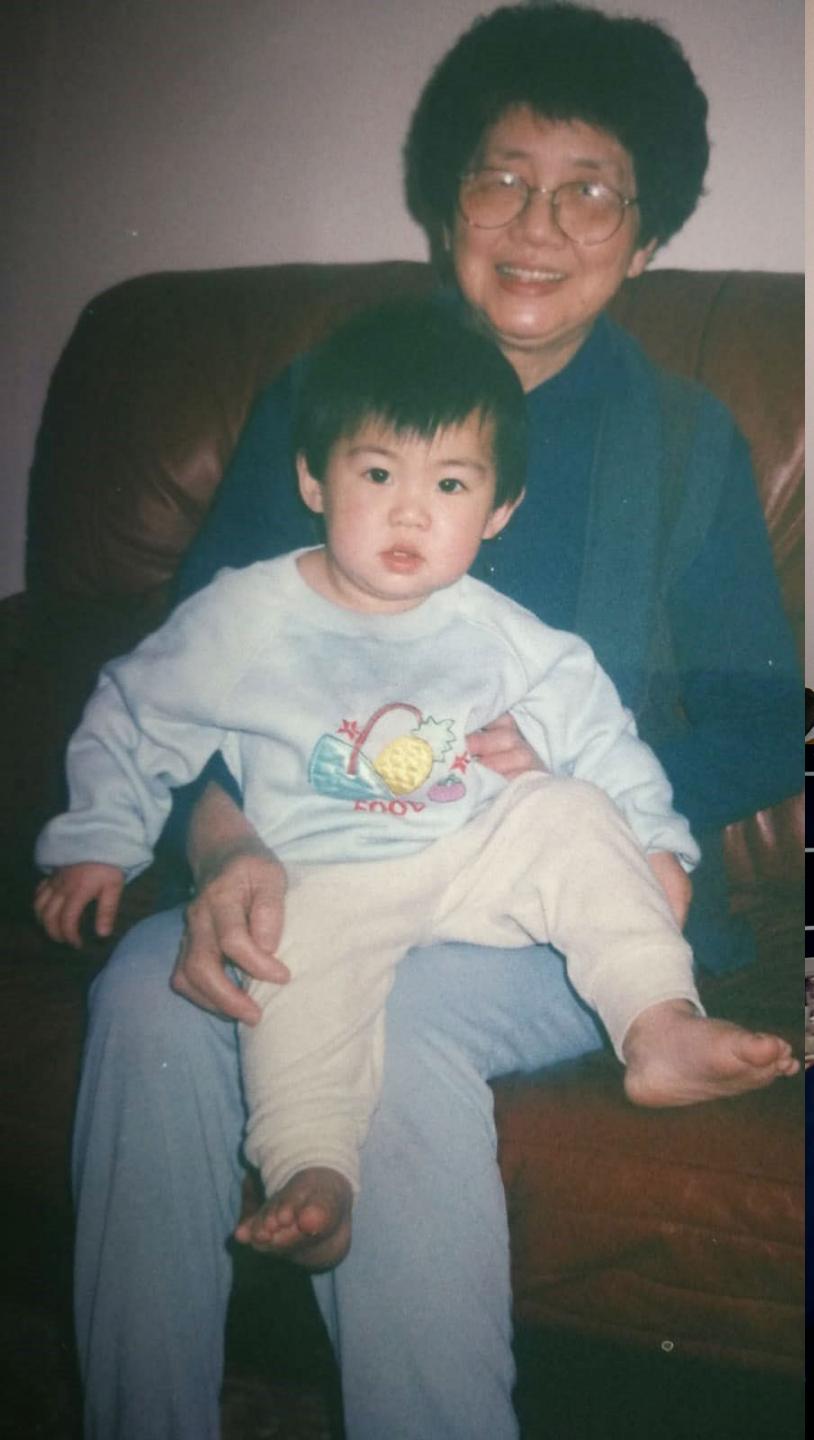
She would always go for walks and talk with the neighbor who had a really nice flower garden at the front.

Whenever I asked what would make her happy it would be to go clothes shopping with her.

I remember a lot of memories going to the park with her and when they moved to the Scarborough apartments we would go to the park nearby before Saturday family dinners and I think she was really happy during those moments.

Jeffrey Kao







Our grandmother was a living angel on earth. We are so blessed to have shared such wonderful memories with her. 嫣嫗, we'll never forget your yummy French fries, your sweet laugh and your unwavering love for God. Thank you for teaching us how to be kind, caring people and for all of your unconditional love. You'll always be in our hearts. The world is a better place because of you.

Elaine Jang





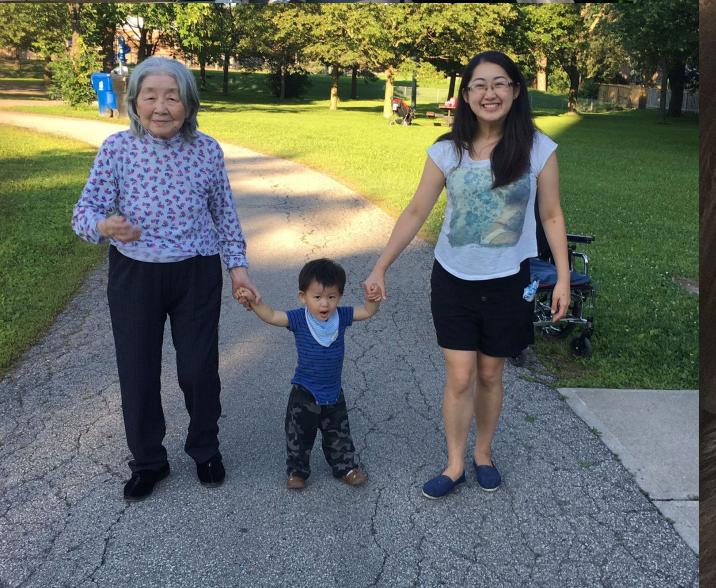
Words cannot describe what a blessing and influence 嫣嫗 was to me. As I reflected on all the years spent with her, I could not recall a single bad memory. What I remember is her radiant smile, her delicious cooking, her infinite patience, and most of all, her infectious love for God. When I was going through the valleys of life, 嫣嫗 was always there with verses of encouragement, and in moments of joy, she was there to celebrate wholeheartedly.

At the onset of her Alzheimer's, everyday she would sing hymns and recite the names of her children and grandchildren - the things that mattered to her most. And everytime we visited, she would smile and say 多謝你嘅愛 ("Thank you for your love.")

嫪嫗, thank you for showing me what unconditional love looks like, for being Jesus with skin on. I love you so much and your memory will live on in my heart forever. I am so happy that you are now with the love of your life...and 爺爺, who is a close second!

Gigi Yu





My mom is a very blessed woman and a woman of strength and care. She was hard working and always carried a smile on her face even under difficult times. Mom was a beautiful woman inside and out. Her commitment to the pursuit of God inspired me. She blessed us all by bringing us to God. I remember that when we were taking her out some years ago, she said to herself "Thank you Lord, thank you Jesus and thank you Holy Spirit" in the car even at her late stage of Alzheimer sickness. In her early years at the nursing home, she once told me that the Pastor asked her to serve in the chapel of the nursing home. She is really my role model and I learned a lot from her. She has my highest respect. Her loving care and warmth will also be kept in my heart and I love her dearly. I am sure she now rests in peace and joins our heavenly Father singing hymns every day and meeting our dad in heaven.

Monica Yuen







Mother is a blessing to everyone around her. She helped us throughout the last 30 years in Canada. She did so many things to take care of our three children so that they are like her, being kind and loving. We will always remember the good times we have with her!

Daniel & Kitty Kao





It's sad to say goodbye to our mother, a grandmother, and a great grandmother. My mother accepted Christ in 1963 at the Billy Graham Crusade in Hong Kong. I remember that my mother got up very early in the morning and spent her devotion hour in hymns, prayer, and reading the Scriptures. She led her children to Christ, her sister, Catherine, then, the Kao's families. She was a trooper for Christ. Her love of Christ was shown from her daily walk with Christ.

My mother never gave up hope on me. Even when my academic achievement was proven a failure. My father decided to send me to the sailor boarding school at Stanley in Hong Kong. At least, I had a vocational skill for work. So, my father stopped paying my school tuition. But my mother continued to support my education. Unfortunately, I didn't step up in study but dropped out of school. My last semester at the University of Hawaii, Manoa before I graduated, she came to visit me. It was a gift to her. She was so happy to see me finish my education. She attended my last day in class at the University. Never give up is her spirit. She had a great faith in Christ and believed Jesus would not fail. My father turned to Christ after years of her prayers. She trusted in God. God listens.

David Kao





I lift up my eyes to the mountains–
where does my help come from?

My help comes from the Lord,
the Maker of heaven and earth.

Psalm 121:1-2



~ a favourite verse



Always & Forever

