



Mr Timothy Fong

December 29, 1955 - February 2, 2021

Obituary for Timothy Young Fong

Timothy Fong (Tim), age 65, passed away February 2, 2021. Born in Chicago, IL, he was the much-loved son of Chester and Helen Fong and the beloved younger brother of Glen Fong, all of whom preceded him in death. Tim is survived by his loving nephews, Nick, his wife Rocio, Brent Fong, Christopher Fong and sister-in-law Brenda Fong. He is the beloved Great Uncle of Rocco and Sienna Fong and Godfather to Myalisa Miroballi and Michael Hoy. Tim is the much-loved Stepfather to Dr. Brant (Melinda) Hulsebus and Cory (Aaron) Park and to seven step grandchildren. Raised in Chicago's Chinatown, with his lifelong friend Ron Hoy, he then graduated from Lane Tech and then attended Northern Illinois University. Tim pledged Sigma Chi Fraternity, where Joe Miroballi was his pledge father and where Tim next became pledge father to Perry Miroballi whose friendships and family ties have extended through the years. Tim was known and loved as a compassionate, loyal and giving friend to all. He became a member of so many of the families that a holiday or celebratory dinner without Tim was not the same. While Tim hated crowds, he did often help restaurant friends provide their services at Taste of Chicago because Tim was just this kind of friend. He truly did love the Chicago Botanic Garden and the Summer Tuesday night concerts on the Esplanade. A true Chicago fan, he always watched the Chicago Bears, groaning and cheering as the game dictated. It was his life dream to relocate to Cabo San Lucas to spend his retirement years with two of his nephews who live in that area.

An entrepreneur at heart, Tim at an early age embraced the two “R’s”: restaurants and real estate. He was involved in a number of successful restaurant ventures from exquisite Chinese restaurants to elegant dinner/dancing establishments in the Gold Coast and Rush Street. The restaurant business brought out Tim’s inner chef: he was a first class cook and was the “go to guy” for cooking questions. On the real estate side, he brokered a large number of real estate deals and ultimately settled into providing management consulting expertise to emerging businesses ranging from technology to PPE manufacturing. The consummate networker, Tim had a gift for connecting business professionals to their mutual benefit.

Due to governmental restrictions on public gatherings, the service is strictly limited but can be observed via video. On Line viewing is available at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, February 9, <https://memorialslive.com/register.php?id=fong>

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to

IL Restaurant Assn (IRAEF Restaurant Employee Relief Fund:

<https://secure.affinipay.com/pages/ira/iraef-relief-fund>. Under additional details, when they ask for first and last name, enter Timothy Fong. Remaining information can be ignored.

Chicago Food Depository. <https://www.chicagosfoodbank.org/tribute-memorial-giving/>

Tribute Wall



“ I knew Tim in the early 80's. He was friends with my boyfriend Earle & Ron Hoy. We all hung out together for awhile. I also ran into when he was working at a restaurant on Pearson street near Water Tower Place.
So many years have gone by. So sorry to hear of Tim's passing.
Nancy

Nancy Schwab Weinberg - January 09, 2025 at 10:50 AM



“ Mr Timothy Fong

October 05, 2023 at 03:04 AM



“ Mr Timothy Fong

September 08, 2022 at 03:08 AM



“ I attended the best New Years Eve party of my life at Tim's parent's restaurant in 12/31/2975. He was a great fellow!

Joel Radakovitz - November 22, 2021 at 07:27 PM



“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Mr Timothy Fong.



February 09, 2021 at 02:41 PM



“ I've only known Tim for less than two years, but will truly miss his acquaintance. His determination to recover after his stroke was to be admired, and he seemed to remain upbeat throughout his rehab. Thank you, Tim, for making my life better. It was a pleasure having you as a friend. Laurie Geiger

Laurie S Geiger - February 07, 2021 at 01:37 PM



“ Rest in peace, Tim. I will miss you and our recent conversations. May you be free now, "Cuz"

Monica Stevens - February 06, 2021 at 08:46 AM

SB

“ Ah how we loved our times with Tim and particularly walks in the Botanic Gardens and concerts on the Esplanade. How Tim hated the cold: every concert, we'd find our picnic spot in the sun and every week he would groan about the shadows and the disappearing sun. He was certain we'd have snow in August. He wouldn't like the weather we are having now!!



Sarah Beyne - February 05, 2021 at 06:27 PM

AD

“ Tim was a friend to all he met. Many memories of his culinary prowess on the Miroballi deck in Abbey Springs. RIP my friend, Al D.

Al Durkin - February 05, 2021 at 02:36 PM

CA

“ 6 files added to the album Memories Album



Candace - February 05, 2021 at 11:58 AM

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“ *My husband John and I met Tim through mutual friends, Sarah and Harry Beyne, In the mid 1990s. Tim and I realized that we worked together for American Invesco (Nick Gouletas) Chicago's largest condo converters in 1977. We were both working for Ed Woolery at Outer Drive East.*

During the past twenty years we shared cocktails, dinners and much laughter.

Rest in Peace, Tim.

Cheryl Claney

Annapolis, MD

Cheryl Claney - February 05, 2021 at 11:36 AM