



## Esther Hang Chun Lai

June 12, 2025

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1937 – 2025

It is with deep sadness that we announce the passing of Esther Hang Chun Lai, who passed away peacefully on Thursday, June 12, 2025, in Toronto, at the age of 87, due to heart failure.

Esther was born in 1937 in Taishan, Guangdong Province, China, the third of eight children. Her family later immigrated to Hong Kong, where she spent most of her childhood and early adult life. Even as a young woman, Esther was full of energy and joy—she loved dancing, playing basketball, and ping pong. She also showed a strong entrepreneurial spirit from a young age, running her own children's clothing shop in Hong Kong.

Later in life, Esther immigrated with her family to Venezuela, where they established and successfully managed a supermarket business. Esther dedicated much of her life to this business, where her determination, discipline, and keen sense for commerce helped support her family and community.

Esther was known for her cheerful demeanor—rarely seen without a smile—and for her strong yet compassionate nature. She was a woman who knew

what she wanted, yet always remained kind-hearted and willing to help those in need.

About 40 years ago, Esther accepted Jesus Christ as her Savior and was baptized in Tucson, Arizona. Her faith remained a guiding light throughout her life.

She was also a talented cook and an avid knitter, who brought warmth and care into everything she did. After retiring, she spent her later years living between the United States and Canada, enjoying time with family and friends.

Esther was predeceased by her beloved husband Shui Lung, as well as her daughter Betty and son Mitchell. She will be lovingly remembered by her surviving family members and friends around the world.

Her legacy of strength, compassion, and joy will live on in the hearts of all who knew her.

黎杏珍 (Esther Hang Chun Lai)

1937 – 2025

我們懷著無比沉痛的心情告訴大家，黎杏珍女士於2025年6月12日（星期四）在多倫多安詳辭世，享年87歲，因心臟衰竭而離開我們。

黎杏珍女士1937年出生於中國廣東省台山縣，是家中八個兄弟姊妹中的第三位。年幼時隨家人移居香港，在那裡渡過了她的大部分童年與青春歲月。年輕時的她性格開朗、充滿活力，熱愛跳舞、籃球及乒乓球運動。

她從小就展現出商業頭腦，年輕時已在香港經營童裝店。後來她隨家人移民到委內瑞拉，一家人開始從事超市生意。黎女士大半生投入於超市的經營，憑藉著堅定的信念與努力，取得了事業上的成功。

她樂觀開朗，臉上總是掛著微笑，是一位堅毅又有主見的女性，同時心地善良、富有同情心，樂於幫助有需要的人。

約四十年前，她在美國亞利桑那州圖森市受洗，成為基督徒，信仰成為她生命中的重要力量。

她廚藝出色，也擅長編織，是一位勤勞又有愛心的長輩。退休後，她長期居住於美國及加拿大之間，享受與家人相伴的時光。

黎杏珍女士的丈夫（**Shui Lung**）、女兒（**Betty**）及兒子（**Mitchell**）均已先她而去。她的離世讓親朋好友深感哀痛，但她堅強、慈愛與喜樂的生命將永遠活在我們心中。

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Con profunda tristeza anunciamos el fallecimiento de Esther Hang Chun Lai, quien falleció pacíficamente el jueves 12 de junio de 2025 en Toronto, a la edad de 87 años, debido a una insuficiencia cardíaca.

Esther nació en 1937 en Taishan, provincia de Guangdong, China, la tercera de ocho hijos. Posteriormente, su familia emigró a Hong Kong, donde pasó la mayor parte de su infancia y juventud. Desde joven, Esther rebosaba energía y alegría: le encantaba bailar, jugar al baloncesto y al ping pong. También demostró un fuerte espíritu emprendedor desde muy joven, al dirigir su propia tienda de ropa infantil en Hong Kong.

Posteriormente, Esther emigró con su familia a Venezuela, donde establecieron y administraron con éxito un supermercado. Esther dedicó gran

parte de su vida a este negocio, donde su determinación, disciplina y gran sentido del comercio contribuyeron al sustento de su familia y comunidad.

Esther era conocida por su carácter alegre —rara vez vista sin una sonrisa— y por su carácter fuerte y compasivo. Era una mujer que sabía lo que quería, pero siempre se mantuvo bondadosa y dispuesta a ayudar a los necesitados.

Hace unos 40 años, Esther aceptó a Jesucristo como su Salvador y se bautizó en Tucson, Arizona. Su fe fue una luz que la guió durante toda su vida.

También era una talentosa cocinera y una ávida tejedora, que aportaba calidez y cariño a todo lo que hacía. Tras jubilarse, pasó sus últimos años viviendo entre Estados Unidos y Canadá, disfrutando del tiempo con su familia y amigos.

A Esther le precedieron en la muerte su amado esposo Shui Lung, así como su hija Betty y su hijo Mitchell. Sus familiares y amigos de todo el mundo la recordarán con cariño.

Su legado de fortaleza, compasión y alegría perdurará en los corazones de todos los que la conocieron.

# Tribute Wall

## “ Nuestro Elogio a Esther

*Tuvimos el privilegio de acompañar a Esther durante los últimos dos años y ocho meses de su vida. Su primer año de mudanza a Toronto no fue fácil, ya que aún cargaba con el profundo dolor de la pérdida de sus dos queridos hijos, Betty y Mitchell.*

*A pesar del dolor, Esther encontró fuerza y sanación. Cada domingo, nos acompañaba fielmente en el culto de la iglesia.*

*Esther tenía una verdadera pasión por la comida. Le encantaba explorar nuevos restaurantes y disfrutaba cocinando y compartiendo recetas con nosotros. Su alegría era contagiosa, especialmente cuando seguíamos sus preciadas recetas y preparábamos platos como Pastel de Rábano, Cerdo a la Barbacoa, Pecho/Tendón de Res Trenzado y Pollo Sand Ginger.*

*Incluso tenía un cuaderno lleno de los mejores platos de varios restaurantes. Cuando amigos o familiares visitaban Toronto, siempre estaba dispuesta a darles una recomendación y con gusto los llevaba a disfrutar de esos lugares especiales.*

*En marzo de 2024, Esther sufrió su primer episodio de Insuficiencia Cardíaca. Casi la perdemos. Le implantaron un marcapasos para regular sus latidos. A pesar de perder parte de su movilidad y de los crecientes dolores corporales, se mantuvo positiva y alegre. Su resistencia y optimismo nos inspiraron. Fue una gran bendición presenciar su firme confianza y esperanza en Cristo.*

*Esther sufrió su primera y segunda caída el 5 y el 15 de diciembre de 2024, respectivamente, lo que podría indicar un rápido deterioro de su salud y su función cardíaca. Tras su tercera caída, el 9 de junio de 2025, ingresó por última vez en urgencias. El 12 de junio, nuestro Dios misericordioso y misericordioso eliminó todos sus dolores terrenales y la llevó a casa para reunirse con su esposo, Shui Lung, y con sus hijos, Betty y Mitchell, en el Cielo.*

*La resiliencia y la calidez de Esther dejaron una huella imborrable en quienes la conocieron. La forma en que encontraba alegría en las cosas pequeñas, como la comida, y mantenía un optimismo a pesar de sus desafíos dice mucho de su espíritu.*

*¡Todos la extrañamos! Sin embargo, es un gran consuelo saber que ya no siente dolor y que ve a sus hijos todo el tiempo junto a nuestro Dios amoroso. ¡Y algún día nos volveremos a ver!*

*Dennis y Rita Mok*

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**Dennis Mok** - August 01, 2025 at 08:49 PM

“ Our Eulogy of Esther

*We had the privilege of walking alongside Esther during the final two years and eight months of her journey in this world. Her first year moving to Toronto was not an easy one, as she was still carrying the deep pain/grief of losing her two beloved children, Betty and Mitchell.*

*Despite the sorrow, Esther found strength and healing. Each Sunday, she faithfully joined us for church worship.*

*Esther had a true passion for food. She loved exploring new restaurants and enjoyed cooking and sharing recipes/meals with us. Her joy was contagious—especially when we followed her treasured recipes and made dishes like Radish Cake, BBQ Pork, Braided Beef Brisket/Tendon, and Sand Ginger Chicken.*

*She even kept a notebook filled with the best dishes from various restaurants. When friends or family visited Toronto, she was always ready with a recommendation and would gladly take them to enjoy those special spots.*

*In March, 2024, Esther experienced her first episode of Heart Failure. We almost lost her. A pacemaker had been implanted in her to regulate her heartbeat. Despite losing some of her mobility and increasing bodily pains, she remained positive and joyful. Her endurance and upbeat spirit had been an inspiration to us. It had been such a blessing for us to witness her steadfast trust and hope in Christ.*

*Esther had her first and second falls on Dec 5 and Dec 15, 2024 respectively, which could be an indication of rapid health/heart decline. Upon her third fall on June 9, 2025, she was admitted for the final time into Emergency. On June 12, our gracious and merciful God removed all her earthly pains and took her home to re-unite with her husband, Shui Lung, and with her children, Betty and Mitchell in Heaven.*

*Esther's resilience and warmth clearly left an unforgettable mark on those who knew her. The way she found joy in the small things, like food, and kept a sense of optimism despite her challenges speaks volumes about her spirit.*

*We all miss her! However, it is a great comfort to know that she now experiences no more pain and sees her children all the time together with our loving God. And, someday we will all see one another again!*

**Dennis & Rita Mok**

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*我們對**Esther**的悼詞*

*我們有幸在**Esther**人生旅程的最後兩年八個月陪伴她。她搬到多倫多的第一年並不容易，因為她仍然沉浸在失去兩個摯愛孩子**Betty**和**Mitchell**的悲痛之中。*

*儘管悲痛萬分，**Esther**還是找到了力量，得到了治癒。每個星期天，她都虔誠地參加我們的教會禮拜。*

***Esther**對美食充滿熱情。她喜歡探索新的餐廳，享受烹飪的樂趣，並與我們分享食譜和美食。她的喜悅極具感染力——尤其是當我們按照她珍藏的食譜，做出像蘿蔔糕、烤豬肉、紅燒牛腩/牛筋和沙薑雞這樣的菜餚時。*

*她甚至還保存著一本筆記本，記錄著各餐廳的特色菜。每當朋友或家人來多倫多時，她總是樂於推薦，並很樂意帶他們去那些特別的餐廳用餐。*

*2024年3月，**Esther**第一次心臟衰竭發作。我們差點失去了她。她植入了心臟起搏器來調節心跳。儘管行動能力下降，身體疼痛加劇，但她依然保持著積極樂觀的心態。她的堅韌和樂觀的精神一直激勵著我們。見證她對基督堅定的信靠和盼望，對我們來說是莫大的祝福。*

**Esther**分別於2024年12月5日和12月15日第一次和第二次跌倒，這可能預示著她的健康/心臟狀況正在迅速衰退。2025年6月9日，她第三次跌倒，最後一次被送入急診室。6月12日，我們仁慈憐憫的上帝帶走了她所有塵世的痛苦，帶她回家，與她的丈夫 瑞龍 和她的孩子們Betty和 Mitchell在天堂團聚。

**Esther**的堅韌和溫暖給認識她的人留下了難忘的印象。她從食物等小事中找到快樂，並在挑戰中保持樂觀，這些都充分展現了她的精神風貌。

我們都很想念她！不過，知道她現在不再感到痛苦，並且能經常看到她的孩子們和我們慈愛的上帝在一起，這真是莫大的安慰。而且，總有一天，我們都會再次相見！

莫華勝 & 陳惠華 (Dennis & Rita Mok)



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Dennis Mok - August 01, 2025 at 08:45 PM

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Dennis Mok - August 01, 2025 at 08:32 PM

KH

“ 伯母,

*Since God took you back to heaven, the inexplicable sadness in my heart is hard to express in words! Thank you for your constant teaching! I am grateful that I had the opportunity to face loneliness with you during the four years you needed my company! Today you rest in the Lord and reunite with your beloved Betty and Micha. I am grateful for you! I will always miss you until we meet again in heaven!* 🙏❤️💕💕

Ken & Priscilla Ho - July 01, 2025 at 12:49 PM

WC

“ Dear Esther,

*We miss you. We miss your smile and your delicious cooking, especially your BBQ pork.*

*We know you are now at a better place with the Lord and reunite with your family over there.*

*We will remember you.*

*With love,  
Wai Fong & Kai Lun.*



Wai Chan - June 19, 2025 at 05:38 PM

WC

“ *Dear Esther, we miss your smile and your delicious food, especially the BBQ pork that you prepared for our big family BBQ!*

*But we know you are now at a better place with the Lord and reunited with your family over there.*

*We miss you!*

*Wai Fong.*



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**Wai Fong Chan** - June 19, 2025 at 05:17 PM

JH

“ *Esther, rest in peace.*

*Esther had great knitting skills and culinary skills. I had got beautifully knitted gloves and scarf as gift from her. She also had shared her culinary tips with me which were very useful.*

*Janice Ho*

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**Janice Ho** - June 19, 2025 at 01:19 AM

JN

“ *Esther, wish you rest in peace in heaven.*

*As Esther's daughter Betty was my sister-in-law, I had got Esther's knitted gloves and scarf as gift for Christmas many years ago and she also had shared her culinary tips when she was dealing with loss of Betty and Mitch.*

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**Janice Ng** - June 18, 2025 at 11:26 PM

TW

“ *Rest in peace Esther. Your family are waiting to welcome you in heaven. It is time to rest. A life time of hard work and devotion is now behind you. From his moment on, may you find comfort and joy in the presence of your loved ones. Let sorrow drift away with the wind forever.*

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**Tony & Wendy** - June 18, 2025 at 11:43 AM

AL

“ *I've treasured 20 years of friendship with Esther and her family. We are like a family member. We call each other to share our happiness and support each other when we face a difficult time. I will always cherish the memories I made with Esther throughout the 20 years of our friendship.*



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**Agnes Leung** - June 17, 2025 at 11:26 PM

JY

“ Thank you for the beautiful navy blue overcoat you knitted for me when I was a little girl. I treasured it very much.

*You gained strength from the Lord and finished your life by faith.  
There is no need to suffer pains any more. Rest in Peace with our Lord!*

*- Wai Fun*

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**Janet Yiu** - June 17, 2025 at 10:21 PM

DM

“ \*\*\* A Legacy of Strength, Faith, and Joy \*\*\*

*It is with a heavy heart that we share the passing of Esther Hang Chun Lai. Esther was introduced to us two years ago through our dear friends Dennis and Rita. As Rita's sister-in-law, Esther had faced unimaginable loss, having tragically lost her husband and two children to cancer three years ago. Despite her profound grief, Esther remained in the United States alone. Rita and Dennis, without hesitation, welcomed Esther into their home and provided her with unwavering support and care, deeply moved us.*

*Esther was a woman of remarkable resilience and grace. Despite her misfortunes, she was known for her cheerful demeanor and optimism. Her faith in God was her steadfast companion through life's trials. We will always cherish her smile and the positive spirit she brought to everyone around her.*

*We are particularly grateful for Rita and Dennis, who stood by Esther during her darkest hours. Their selfless love and dedication in caring for Esther until her final moments reflect the greatest form of compassion and love.*

*Esther's legacy of strength, faith, and joy will forever remain in our hearts.*

*Ivy & Hugo Lam*



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**Dennis Mok** - June 17, 2025 at 09:05 PM

MA

“ She was graceful and determined in her last couple years. She reminds me of other aunties I know and knew. Looking forward to speaking the same language when we meet in heaven auntie Esther. Thanks for the knowing smiles. Rest peacefully .

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**mark** - June 17, 2025 at 05:14 PM

BK

“ **\*\*A Life of Joy and Faith\*\***  
Esther - Betty's mom was a radiant light in the lives of all who knew her. Her unwavering faith in Christ and her contagious joy touched people around her. Whether through her warm smile, or her steadfast love for the Lord, she reminded me that "the joy of the Lord is our strength" (Nehemiah 8:10).  
—Ben and Giar Kwok

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**Ben and Giar Kwok** - June 17, 2025 at 04:33 PM

RW

“ So glad you are with Betty and Mitch in heaven now. I'm sure there is no greater suffering than to lose both of your children at an early age, leaving you to struggle to survive without them. I only met you later in life and enjoyed reading about all the things you accomplished! What an amazing and international life you led!

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**Renee Williams** - June 17, 2025 at 03:11 PM

SY

It's great to share with Esther the time when I was in Toronto. We chat with Dennis together during tea time. Reflecting upon each other 's past days made us sad and laugh for a while.

See you in Heaven. Glad that you can be with Betty and Mitchie right now. Though suffering a bit of time under the sun. Thanks for the care from Dennis and Rita when you can stay together with the family love of the Lord !

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**Samuel Yiu** - June 17, 2025 at 10:41 PM