



Ruu Chang

April 9, 1923 - September 30, 2020

Ruu Kwang Chang, 97, Topeka, Kansas, passed away Wednesday, September 30, 2020.

Ruu was born April 9, 1923, in Hebei Province, China. He attended Shanghai University, Tulane University, University of Washington and Colorado State University. Ruu married Ida Hoh; she preceded him in death in 1968. He married Virginia “Ginger” Moege Reynolds on April 3, 1993, at Lowman United Methodist Church, in Topeka. Ruu was a mathematics professor, computer analyst, and former owner of the Silver Lake Restaurant. He was the founder of Chang’s Tai Chi Club in Topeka in 1974. He was a member of the Shawnee Swingers Square Dance Club, German American Club and Christ Lutheran Church. Ruu was a true scholar, lover of Chinese history and Beijing Opera.

Ruu is survived by his wife, Ginger; children, Darcy Chang-Boykin (Tim), Logan Reynolds and Andrew Reynolds (Jill); grandchildren, Noah and Kyra Boykin, Apple Proctor, and Phoebe, Samuel, Max, Julia, Jamison and Isaac Reynolds; Brandon, Julie and Nali Buhler; and many Tai Chi students that he considered family. He was preceded in death by his parents, three brothers, two sisters and Darcy’s mother, Ida Hoh Chang.

Funeral service will be 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, October 6, 2020, at Christ Lutheran Church, 3509 SW Burlingame Road, Topeka KS 66611, with

visitation one-hour prior. Burial to follow in Mount Hope Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Lowman United Methodist Church for Ruu's memorial leaf, sent in care of Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Road, Topeka KS 66614.

Cemetery Details

Mount Hope Cemetery

4700 SW 17th Street
Topeka, KS 66604

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 6. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

Christ Lutheran Church
3509 SW Burlingame
Topeka, KS 66611

Funeral Service

OCT 6. 10:30 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

AR

“*Ruu's shining presence was absolutely treasured by his dedicated Tai Chi students in Olathe, Kansas 2000-2005. His beautiful spirit shines in this picture. Many thanks to Ginger and Ruu for making the 1-hour+ commute from Wakarusa to Olathe once a week to teach us.*

I first met Ruu through my friend who worked with Ruu on mainframe computers at University of Kansas. He invited us to visit his acreage and home in Wakarusa where he taught me to make 饺子 jiǎozi spinach dumplings from scratch (flour, egg, spinach) - delicious! I was a fitness major so I noticed his strong biceps and asked if he lifted weights. To him, this was funny and he laughed at me, saying "No, I build chicken house." pointing to his brand new structure. Just a lovely man we will never forget. Ruu's wife Ginger and daughter Darcy, we share in your loss and eternal gratitude for and celebration of our dear friend and teacher, Ruu.

Arvella - November 03, 2025 at 01:29 PM



“*Ruu Chang*

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM

GI

“*1 file added to the tribute wall*



Ginger - October 12, 2020 at 08:41 AM

JA

“ *Run Chang was so many things to so many people. I loved to see him go through the form in our classes and to hear his stories. He was a man off deep wisdom and had a kind warm heart. He will be missed by all who knew him.*

Stay strong Ginger you'll make it through. You have countless supporters and friends here in Topeka.

Jane - October 07, 2020 at 10:50 AM

MB

“ *I am so sorry for your loss. I worked with Ruu and have memories of his contributions to our agency.*

Michelle Brokaw - October 07, 2020 at 06:50 AM

DS

“ *Ginger , please accept my condolences for the loss of your dear husband. May your memories make you smile and your faith heal your heart. Angels be with you. Dawn Southall*

Dawn Southall - October 06, 2020 at 06:09 PM

MS

“ *Ginger and family, I am sorry for your loss. Ruu is a kind and gentle spirit that will stay with us forever.*

Mike Salerno - October 06, 2020 at 11:22 AM

NB

“ *Dear Ginger , Sending my love and sympathy to you and your family. Ruu was a special person .He looked much younger than his 97 years. May God wrap his arms around you and give you peace. Nancy Burklund*

NANCY Burklund - October 06, 2020 at 08:51 AM

CH

“ *I worked with Ruu. He was fun to know him. His restaurant had great food. He will be missed.*

Cheryl - October 05, 2020 at 09:02 PM

JU

“ *Deepest condolence, thoughts and prayers ...
Dear Uncle Ruu, we will miss you and wish
you the best at the other side of the world.
Dear Ginger, please stay strong, we all love
you.
Fangfang and Allen*



juia - October 05, 2020 at 08:15 PM

MN

“ *Dearest Ginger, My heart goes out to you and your family at the loss of Ruu. You both have had an important influence on my own life, and I thank you for that. Love and warm hugs, Marianna and Austin*

Marianna Nothern - October 05, 2020 at 11:23 AM

DP

“ *Ginger and Family, We are so sorry to hear about Ruu. He was such a kind and gentle person and we always enjoyed visiting with him at the German club events and meetings. Thoughts and prayers to you all.*

Dennis and Maryann Peerenboom

Dennis Peerenboom - October 05, 2020 at 09:40 AM

BH

“ My heart goes out to the family of Ruu Chang at the news of his passing. He was a man of so many gifts. I benefitted from his skill at chinese cooking when I was given the gift of cooking classes which he taught at a gourmet shop at 21st and Gage many year ago. I still have those recipes and still use them. I pray his loved ones will be comforted by the blessing of his memory.

Brenda Hall - October 05, 2020 at 05:56 AM

JZ

“ JING ZHANG lit a candle in memory of Ruu Chang



JING ZHANG - October 05, 2020 at 03:57 AM

JQ

“ We all love Uncle Ruu! His peaceful mind and joyful heart left us sweetest thoughts and memories! - Jing/Fang/Tong

Jingjing Qu - October 05, 2020 at 12:17 AM



“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Ruu Chang.



October 05, 2020 at 12:06 AM

BW

“ *Bill Walsh purchased the Cheeseboard Complete for the family of Ruu Chang.*



Bill Walsh - October 04, 2020 at 11:14 PM

BI

“ *I met Ruu and Ginger in 1995 as we were both studying Tai chi chuan with Grandmaster Yang Zhenduo. Immediately I was drawn to Ruu's impeccable character. He understood so much yet was so humble. He was kind and considerate. When he served as a translator for our teacher, he imparted his true meaning.*

I have stayed in touch with Ginger and Ruu and always admired their loving and supportive relationship. I will miss our great meals together eating dumplings.

Bill Walsh

bill - October 04, 2020 at 11:08 PM

LA

“ *Dear Ginger and family. My thoughts and prayers are with you at this most difficult time. Ruu was someone so special to our Shawnee Swingers square dance club. He will be greatly missed. My love to you and your family. Lalla*

Lalla - October 04, 2020 at 08:12 PM

RS

“ Dear Ginger and family,
My deepest condolences, thoughts and prayers to all of you during this difficult time.

Ginger, both you and Ruu are so special. Your friendship, kindness and wisdom are gifts I will cherish and carry always.

When I think about Ruu, I'm reminded of the Chinese philosopher Lao Tzu, who said, "I have just three things to teach: simplicity, patience and compassion. These three things are your greatest treasures."

Ruu was the embodiment of these characteristics, through his teaching and in his relationships with others.

I am honored to have known him.

Rick Selig

Rick Selig - October 04, 2020 at 06:59 PM

NR

“ Ruu was a charming and accomplished teacher of Tai Chi. I loved hearing his stories and watching the videos he shared to deepen our understanding of the martial arts. Ginger, you were also an amazing teacher. I have many fond memories of the two of you working together. I'm so sorry for the loss of this wonderful man.

Nelda Reynolds

Nelda Reynolds - October 04, 2020 at 12:49 PM

JQ

“ Hearty Condolence to uncle ruu! Resting in peace and calm, Run leaves his love, grace, wisdom, and humble in our memories! Love, Jingjing and family

Jingjing Qu - October 04, 2020 at 12:16 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Ruu Chang.



October 04, 2020 at 11:52 AM



“ Our sympathy to the family. Ruu was an old friend and aquantinance who ran the best resturant we ever ate in.

J.P. MacMillan - October 04, 2020 at 10:54 AM



“ Ginger,
My prayers and thoughts are with you and your family. May he rest in peace.
Sharon Boger

Sharon Boger - October 04, 2020 at 09:57 AM



“ Ginger,

My prayer and thoughts are with you and your family.
Ruu was humble yet imparted so much wisdom and knowledge to me and others. I was honored to be a part of his Tai Chi family.
I will miss him.

God Bless,
Sandy Lawrence

Sandy - October 04, 2020 at 08:36 AM

 Nancy Perih

“ *It was a pleasure knowing Ruu, a kind, unassuming gentleman. His mastery of Tai Chi was like watching nature express itself. I will miss him. May his energy to continue to flow in all of us.*

Nancy Perih - October 04, 2020 at 06:15 AM

JF

“ *Jing Zhang & my family. purchased the Ringed by Love for the family of Ruu Chang.*



Jing Zhang & my family. - October 03, 2020 at 08:20 PM

JZ

“ *Deeply Condolence to my uncle: Ruu Chang. Peace and love have been with him in his life and also with him forever. God bless him and his wife, Ginger, his daughter Darcy and her family. Ruu, you are always live with me!
You nephew-Jing Zhang.*

JING ZHANG - October 03, 2020 at 08:08 PM



“ *Written in the Stars was purchased for the family of Ruu Chang.*




October 03, 2020 at 07:23 PM

SS

“ *He was too humble to ever call himself
a master
but he was.
To me and to so many
He was grace in motion.
To watch him move thru the form
Was pure joy.
He embodies this form
Every day,
Every moment.
He loves this life
With all he has in him.
Wanting to give
Wanting to share,
Wanting to teach.
We will remember him,
His form,
His words,
His ways.
To touch the lives of so many,
What a man,
What a mensch.*

Stephanie Schuttera - October 03, 2020 at 11:47 AM


Rosella
McCallister

“ *Condolences to Ruu's family. He was also so sweet and helpful to
my family. May his light shine on through those he left behind.*

Rosella McCallister - October 03, 2020 at 10:12 AM



“ *Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Ruu Chang.*



October 02, 2020 at 10:09 PM



“ *What a wonderful man -- filled with love and generosity. A dear friend to our family for over seven decades, and we always enjoyed our visits over the years. Rest in peace, Uncle Ruu...from all of the Cheng family. Love, Anna Cheng Catalano*

anna catalano - October 02, 2020 at 09:28 PM