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## ***Alliance Mourns Passing of Washington DC Lodge Founder Dr. Toon Lee Humble Dedicated Leader Was Compassionate and Caring***



San Francisco, CA—February 10, 2017. With great sadness and sorrow, the Chinese American Citizens Alliance (C.A.C.A.) expresses our deepest condolences on the passing of our brother, Dr. Toon Lee, DO, founder and charter member of the Washington, D.C. Lodge and long-serving National Board member. Rarely seen without her, Bro. Toon was married to his beloved wife, Linda, for 56 years. “Uncle” Toon lived a fully productive life for 90 years as a loving husband, father and grandfather and leaves behind his wife, Linda, children Christina (Mark) Mavity, Woodrow (Maureen) Lee, Cynthia (Steve) Bernard and Andrew (Renée) Lee, and many, many grandchildren. As a couple who were among the most highly respected community leaders in the District of Columbia and surrounding areas, Dr. Toon and his beloved wife, Linda, both made tireless and significant contributions to the growth and revitalization of our Capitol’s Chinatown.

Arriving in the U.S. as a 17-year old, Bro. Toon later fought in the Korean War and was at the front line of military intelligence for 18 months. Using the earned benefits of the GI Bill to attain his pharmacy degree at the University of Maryland, he became a pharmacist and manager, but subsequently decided to pursue a medical degree at the Des Moines University, College of Osteopathic Medicine. He was a General Practitioner (Internal Medicine) and a Doctor of Osteopathy for 40 years often providing meticulous care for new immigrant patients for free if they couldn’t afford to pay.

His activity in the community wasn’t limited to his long association with the Chinese American Citizens Alliance as a Past President of the Washington DC Lodge and a National Board member as he was also the Senior Elder and Past National Grand



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**President of Lee Family Associations in the U.S., Director and Past President of the Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association in Washington DC and the Senior Advisor to the National Government of the Republic of China on Overseas Chinese Affairs.**

**It was both the wise counsel and advisement of Uncle Toon and his leadership example of dedicated service to C.A.C.A. that convinced his nephew Wilson Lee and wife, Esther, to move for the re-establishment of the C.A.C.A. Boston Lodge on December 13, 2014, where Esther became the Charter President of the new Lodge. The Lodge is now actively engaged in the Chinese American community of New England after an absence of 60 years. Both Wilson and Esther proclaimed, "We love him! He is our role model and hero!"**

**"Dr. Lee was a man of great humility and demonstrated care and compassion for his family and his community," lamented National President Ed Gor. "Uncle Toon and Linda were instrumental in establishing the presence and impact of C.A.C.A. on the east coast and were always gracious and generous with their time and resources in welcoming our members and visitors," remembered Gor, "but even fewer knew of all the many lives they touched over their years of service."**

**Upon hearing of his passing, Past National Presidents of C.A.C.A. also remarked of Toon's impact, like Carolyn H. Chan and husband Tony, "We are deeply saddened by the news of the passing of Dr. Toon Lee. He and Linda were cordial hosts of a gathering at their home for one of the Legislative Team's visits to DC. Toon was a Korean War veteran, serving as an interpreter. We did an interview with him on one of our RV trips with our friends, Joe and Alice Huey, of Stockton. Joe and Toon served together in Korea. We are grateful for his military service and his leadership of the DC Lodge and as a Regional Grand Representative for many years."**

**Also, from Munson Kwok and Suellen Cheng, "One of our finest leaders particularly on a national level, when his work with other Chinese organizations, especially the Lee Association in DC Chinatown are included. A fine gentleman. Our condolences to Linda and family."**

**Both Past National Presidents Saykin Foo and Nancy Gee remembered him similarly saying, "He was always the person to meet whenever we were in DC. Truly sad to hear of his passing. Our deepest condolences. His leadership example is a great loss for the C.A.C.A. family."**



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**“Really sorry to learn of Dr. Toon Lee’s passing as he was a strong supporter of C.A.C.A.,” recalled Bro. Nowland Hong, who also led C.A.C.A. when the DC Lodge was under Toon’s leadership.**

**And finally from current DC Lodge President Ted Gong, “He was among the first to welcome me into our DC family of the Chinese American Citizens Alliance, of which he was a devoted leader and senior advisor. His accomplishments, his mentorship, his sense of community, his care for patients made him a giant in the Alliance nationally and throughout the DC community. Toon was a friend of so many of us who will always remember him, his kindness and gentle smile. Our condolences and prayers go out to Linda and their family. Brother Toon was among the finest gentlemen I have had the honor to know.”**

**Continuing, President Gor urged, "I ask that all C.A.C.A. members take a moment to reflect and remember our dearly departed Bro. Dr. Toon Lee for his dedicated service to our country and community as we express our sincerest sympathies to the Lee family during this time."**

**Please note the following arrangements:**

**Friday, February 17th:**

**Money & King Funeral Home - 171 W. Maple Avenue, Vienna, VA. 22180**

**Two Viewings: 2-4pm and 6-8pm**

**Saturday, February 18th: Funeral**

**Trinity United Methodist Church - 1205 Dolley Madison Blvd, McLean, VA. 22101**

**Viewing: 10-11am**

**Service: 11am**

**Saturday, February 18th: Interment**

**Washington National Cemetery - 4101 Suitland Road, Suitland, MD. 20746**

**Saturday, February 18th: Memorial Lunch immediately following interment.**

**China Garden Restaurant - 1100 Wilson Blvd, Rosalyn, VA 22209**

**In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the Chinese Community Church  
500 "I" Street, Washington, DC. 20001/202-637-9852/[info@cccdc.com](mailto:info@cccdc.com)**

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