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In Loving Memory of Cynthia Lai (October 19, 1954 – October 21, 2022)

Date: Friday, October 28, 2022

Celebration of Life Service: 10 AM

Location: York Cemetery & Funeral Centre
160 Beecroft, Toronto, ON M2N 5Z5 Canada

I have fought the good fight,
I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.
✠ 2 Timothy 4:7 ✠

那美好的仗我已經打過了，
當跑的路我已經跑盡了，所信的道我已經守住了。
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God be with you till we meet again!
'Neath His wings protecting hide you,
Daily manna still provide you;
God be with you till we meet again!

God be with you till we meet again!
When life's perils thick confound you,
Put His arms unfailing round you;
God be with you till we meet again!

God be with you till we meet again!
Keep love's banner floating o'er you,
Smite death's threatening wave before you;
God be with you till we meet again!

Till we meet, till we meet,
Till we meet at Jesus' feet;
Till we meet, till we meet,
God be with you till we meet again.

Benediction
(Rev. Jones Lee)

Acknowledgment

In lieu of flowers, Cynthia would like donations
to be made to benefit capital projects at
Yee Hong Community Wellness Foundation
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**They're really saying I love you.
I hear babies cry. I watch them grow.
They'll learn much more than I'll ever know.
And I think to myself ... what a wonderful world.**

Eulogies

**Derrick Fung
Darren Fung
Denise Yan
Premier Doug Ford
Mayor John Tory
Deputy Mayor Denzil Minnan-Wong
Superintendent Gregory Watts**

✝ Hymn 🎵

God be With You Till We Meet Again

God be with you till we meet again;
By His counsels guide, uphold you,
With His sheep in love enfold you;
God be with you till we meet again.

Till we meet, till we meet,
Till we meet at Jesus' feet;
Till we meet, till we meet,
God be with you till we meet again.

Biography

Before being elected as the City Councillor for Ward 23 – Scarborough North in 2018, Cynthia Lai enjoyed an accomplished real estate career both in sales and in management. Her proven ability to lead, to achieve consensus and to get things done was evident in her previous professional activities including being the first Chinese-Canadian woman elected to the position of President of the Toronto Region Real Estate Board as well as being elected three consecutive times to serve on the Real Estate Council of Ontario by her peers.

Cynthia was a community leader and recipient of numerous awards such as the Duke of Edinburgh Silver medal, the Queen's Golden Jubilee Medal, the "Chinese-Canadian Legend" Inspiration Award, the Catalyst Award, Emeritus and Community Service Award as well as the Outstanding Chinese Business Women Award.

Her commitment to the community and to the value of tolerance and caring were evident in her many years as a community volunteer. As an avid fundraiser, Cynthia championed the causes of organizations such as the Spirit of Life, Daisy of Hope, Heart and Stroke Foundation of Ontario, United Way of Greater Toronto, Ontario REALTORS Care® Foundation, Centre for Immigrant and Community Services, Toronto General Hospital, Mon Sheong Foundation, Yee Hong Community Wellness Foundation, and Habitat for Humanity GTA.



As an entrepreneur, educator, role model and team player, Cynthia enjoyed connecting, meeting, helping and advancing people. She demonstrated her passion and experience in bringing people together. Her 3 tenets in life are:

“Work Hard, Live Well and Give Back”!

She lived in Toronto since immigrating from Hong Kong in 1972. Other than English, she spoke Cantonese, Mandarin and Hakka. Cynthia is survived by her husband C.K. Fung and two sons Derrick and Darren Fung.



當我走過寂寞的幽谷，救主必與我行一路；
祂大能手保護引領我，到為我預備的居處。

副歌：

一生一世必有恩惠與慈愛隨著我，直到永永遠遠，
一生一世必有恩惠與慈愛隨著我，直到永永遠遠，
且要住在耶和華的殿中到永遠，
敵人面前祂為我擺設筵席，
一生一世必有恩惠與慈愛隨著我，
直到永永遠遠，到永遠直到永永遠遠。

Sermon

(Rev. Johann Lai – Cynthia’s Elder Brother)

Transition to Eulogies

What a Wonderful World

(Performed by Cynthia)

I see trees of green, red roses too.
I see them bloom for me and you.
And I think to myself ... what a wonderful world
I see skies of blue and clouds of white.
The bright blessed day, the dark sacred night.
And I think to myself ... what a wonderful world.
The colours of the rainbow so pretty in the sky.
Are also on the faces of people going by.
I see friends shaking hands. Saying how do you do

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He restoreth my soul when I'm weary,
He giveth me strength day by day;
He leads me beside the still waters,
He guards me each step of the way.

When I walk through the dark lonesome valley,
My Savior will walk with me there;
And safely His great hand will lead me
To the mansions He's gone to prepare.

Chorus:

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
All the days, all the days of my life;
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
All the days, all the days of my life.

And I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever,
And I shall feast at the table spread for me;
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
All the days, all the days of my life.

【必有恩惠與慈愛】

我是客旅我是流浪者，在黑暗罪惡中徘徊；
那時慈牧耶穌找到我，我今正向父家歸回。

我疲倦時祂使我甦醒，每日祂賜力量給我；
祂領我到安靜的水邊，保守我每一步穩妥。

Celebration of Life for Cynthia Lai

Prelude

Call to order

Years like Water (Performed by Cynthia)

My heart's weary, I watch the sea.
Tears and words come not to me.
My heart's a tangle, I watch the sky.
Troubled thoughts they flood my mind.
My heart's a raft, a plank adrift.
The future unseen, but onwards I heave.
Who is it that steers my life.
Through humanity, through daily strife?
With plaintive words my heart will sigh.
The years like water they flow on by.
Yesterday's gone, the past can't hold.
While memories stay - tangled, never unfold.
Shrouded in mist, my heart will pine.
For bygone years that were left behind.
My looks have altered, my world has changed.
But my heart, my soul they remain the same.



似水流年

望著海一片，滿懷倦，無淚也無言。

望著天一片，只感到情懷亂。

遠景不見，我的心好似小木船，但仍向著前。

誰在命裏主宰我，每天掙扎人海裏面？

心中感嘆，似水流年，

不可以留住昨天，留下只有思念，一串串，永遠纏。

浩瀚煙波裏，我懷念，懷念往年。

外貌早改變，處境都變，情懷未變。

Opening

(Rev. Jones Lee – with brief message and prayer)

Scripture Reading

✠ Psalm 23 ✠

The LORD is my Shepherd

1 The LORD is my Shepherd, I shall not be in want.

2 He makes me lie down in green pastures,

He leads me beside quiet waters,

3 He restores my soul. He guides me
in paths of righteousness for His name's sake.

4 Even though I walk through the valley of
the shadow of death, I will fear no evil,
for You are with me;

Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.

5 You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies.

You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

6 Surely goodness and love will follow me
all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

✠ 詩篇 23 篇 ✠

耶和華是我的牧者

1 耶和華是我的牧者，我必不致缺乏。

2 祂使我躺臥在青草地上，領我在可安歇的水邊。

3 祂使我的靈魂甦醒，為自己的名引導我走義路。

4 我雖然行過死蔭的幽谷，也不怕遭害，
因為祢與我同在；祢的杖、祢的竿，都安慰我。

5 在我敵人面前，祢為我擺設筵席；
祢用油膏了我的頭，使我的福杯滿溢。

6 我一生一世必有恩惠慈愛隨着我；
我且要住在耶和華的殿中，直到永遠。

✠ Hymn ✠

(Pianist – Karen Chim)

Surely Goodness & Mercy Shall Follow Me

A pilgrim was I, and a wandering,
In the cold night of sin I did roam,
When Jesus the kind Shepherd found me,
And now I am on my way home.

