



Shirley Seto

May 23, 1940 - November 27, 2019

Shirley Seto, 79, passed away Wednesday, November 27, 2019 in Chicago, IL. She was born May 23, 1940 in China and came to live in the USA for college. Shirley was a graduate from the University of Oklahoma with her Masters in Library Science. She was a librarian for Amoco for many years until giving up her career to become a stay at home to her only daughter, Emily. Later she became a real estate agent for several agencies in Lake County. She enjoyed traveling, health & fitness, music, church, animals and most of all was devoted to her family before everything else.

Surviving is her daughter, Emily (Adam Haberman) Seto, precious grandson, Brandon and many other family members.

A visitation will begin at 11:00 a.m. followed by a memorial service at 12 noon, Friday, December 6, 2019 at Burnett-Dane Funeral Home, 120 W. Park Ave. (Rt. 176, one block west of Milwaukee Ave.) in Libertyville. Interment will be at Ascension Cemetery. For info: 847-362-3009 or share a memory at www.burnettdane.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 6. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Burnett-Dane Funeral Home
120 West Park Avenue
Libertyville, IL 60048
(847) 362-3009

Memorial Service

DEC 6. 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Shirley Seto.* ”



December 05, 2019 at 11:59 PM



“ *Mao'an and family purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Shirley Seto.* ”



Mao'an and family - December 05, 2019 at 05:09 AM



“ Dear Big Sis Shirley:

Seventy years ago, our grandpa brought you (9 year old) and four year old brother left mainland China and went to Taiwan. When we parted, my other sister was only 6 year old and I was 2 year old. But amazingly I still have clear memory of my childhood in Chongqing, among which were joy and fun.

Who would know this departure would mean 30 years of no news. Family reunion has become impossible dream of our family.

Nixon came to China in 1972 and China and U.S. established normal relationship soon. You tried so hard to find out whereabouts of your family in Mainland China. You finally knew that our parents were still alive in Wuhan, your younger sister Maozhong and brother Maohua had grown up and established themselves. And there were two twin sisters whom you never met. You cried out of joy in the phone.

Since then letters, parcels and phone calls have crossed the ocean to build a little family world between Chicago, Guangzhou, Wuhan and Beijing.

You came back to visit us and stayed in Wuhan for a few days. Our relationship were so warm and deep and there was no trace that we had been separated for more than 30 some years. We talked and talked and happily together. The whole campus was talking about the eldest daughter of Prof. Deng has come back from the U.S. The University also invited you to make a presentation on library science. Our old mom had happiest few days in her life.

A few years later, you came back with your daughter Emily and saw all other relatives. Emily was really happy. In one of the fancy restaurants, you and Emily had tasted the best and delicious dishes in China.

The photo of Emily and her newly wedded husband has brought all joys in our families. Especially the photo of the new born son Brandon brought more joy.

Even though I am in my 70s, I was still praying that you will come to China with Emily and Brandon one day, to spend some time in Wuhan and Guangzhou to enjoy our family life.

But the news of your pass away arrived and brought so much sorrow.

When I think of the past, I still remember your voice and face but now we are in two different worlds!

The hardest part is I cannot go to Chicago to attend the funeral to see you for the last time. It is so painful and sad.

The time of the funeral will be held in midday of Dec. 8th which is 2 am of Oct 7 Beijing time, I will go to the summit of a garden hill in Changsha with flowers, on behalf of your other sisters, facing the west to bow three times to send you farewell.

Hope that you will live in the paradise without war and conflicts, without illness and pain, with only kindness, beauty. Hope your soul will bring happiness to your family and coming generations.

Big sis, I miss you so much! I love you! Hope you have a safe journey!

Your Brother

Maohua

Bing He - December 04, 2019 at 05:19 PM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Shirley Seto.*



December 04, 2019 at 10:10 AM



“ *I am forever grateful that Auntie Shirley went all the way to the Chinese Embassy in Chicago to obtain the certificate of family relations so that I could go abroad. Thanks, Auntie Shirley. Even though we never met, your kindness will be forever in my heart.*
Bing He

Bing He - December 03, 2019 at 05:38 PM



“ *The haberman family in DC purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Shirley Seto.*



The haberman family in DC - December 02, 2019 at 11:54 AM