

Our fond remembrance for Sylvia

It is hard to believe that Sylvia is actually gone. When I think back, I can recall the different types of relationships I had with Sylvia.

Jim and I joined the Regina Chinese Singers in 1986; through Sylvia and Al we have met so many wonderful people, people who have become our good friends to this day. Under Sylvia, the choir became a family for the singers. We enjoyed every practice, every social gathering, and every performance. She was a great conductor who taught us so much, not only about music but about friendship.

Sylvia and I were also students of the Chinese Dance School for many years. There were times during our practices when we looked at the clock and it was 10 minutes to 4 o'clock. We were ready to take those dancing slippers off but Sylvia would always say let's us do it for 10 more minutes. Her perseverance and diligence amazed us.

On behalf of the Regina Chinese Canadian Association, I would like to recognize Sylvia's contribution to our association and the Regina community. For many years she helped us celebrate Chinese new year and other festivities by sharing her talents. She was a perfectionist and made every performance her best.

Sylvia was a good friend, with a loving character who was always fun to be around. We enjoyed every picnic, potluck, and holiday gathering. We watched each other's children grow, and celebrated together.

Sylvia, you will always remain in our hearts, we'll always remember that special smile, that caring heart and warm friendship, you always gave us. The choir would like to dedicate this song to commemorate you.

一点燭光 **Candle Light**

Light a candle for the loved one we mourn.
Into a new life she will be born.
She is somewhere else radiating her beautiful light.
She has gone to a new world where there is no darkness, no pain.
Her light and essence will always remain.
Light a candle for the loved one who has left us.
She is free to travel through time and space.
When we think of her, she is near.
When we sit in a beautiful garden, her voice we hear.
When we listen to a divine symphony,
We close our eyes, her face we see.
Light a candle for the loved one not really gone.
With each flickering flame, in your hearts she will always belong.

Sylvia's departure is a great loss to those of us who dedicate this plaque to her. Sylvia was a loving wife, a devoted mother, a caring grandmother, daughter, and daughter-in-law. She was a tireless teacher, performer, and conductor. Sylvia's choir members and friends will remember her brilliant soprano voice and her signature radiant smile. She will forever shine in our collective memories. This memorial plaque is a lasting and meaningful salute to Sylvia, who enriched the city's musical scene and the lives of many citizens of Regina.

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From the singers and good friends of the Regina Chinese Singers:

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