



Dear Relatives & Friends :

It is Christmas time and I wish you and your family a very enjoyable Christmas and a progressive year in 2009.

Many of you know about the sadness of Sylvia's passing in Taiyuan, China as a result of a bleeding in her brain. I returned to Regina early November. With help from many friends , we held a simple and meaningful memorial service for Sylvia in the Chinese Alliance Church. Though many had a hard time to absorb the shock and reality of the news, on November 28 there were about 450 relatives and friends from Saskatchewan and outside of the province who came to " Celebrate the Life of Sylvia Yam". Besides five (5) speakers sharing their memory of Sylvia, there were two (2) special singing from the Regina Chinese Singers and the Vivace Singers .

Friends in Regina responded to a city Immigrant Recognition Project donation request to set up a plaque in memory of Sylvia for her contribution in promoting music and multiculturalism. This will be placed on an Artworks Platform by the east and west side of the fountain in front of the Regina City Hall . As well, we will utilize friends' contribution in lieu of flowers to establish a memorial fund or prize for children's music education as children and music have always been the love of Sylvia. The Vivace in which Sylvia sang as a soprano also dedicated their Christmas Concert in memory of her on December 13.

I am very blessed that I have had a talented, graceful and supportive companion for 34 years. She is a loving mother, true friend, wonderful teacher and always a joy to be around with her positive and vibrant personality. We all missed her immensely. We are lucky that our children had moved back to live in the same city and Sylvia had the happiest two years with the whole family together.

Sylvia's parents are now living in a unit in a Vancouver semi-independent senior citizen home where their daily needs are supported by caring staff and her brother Banny . My mom recently suffered a compression fracture on her vertebra . It has been painful for her. She is currently under temporary care awaiting specialist recommendation.

Warmest regards,

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