



## Herbert B Lee

October 10, 1934 - January 30, 2022

Herbert Bing-Leung Lee, of Tinton Falls, NJ, went to be with the Lord on January 30, 2022. He was born in Hong Kong on October 10, 1934, the second son of Woon Foo Lee and Yee Yong Lai. After graduation from Ying Wah College, he worked for the Kowloon Railroad in Hong Kong, where his duties included being a conductor. He graduated from Howard University with a B.S. in electrical engineering. One of the highlights of his time in Washington, D.C., was an invitation to the Rose Garden where he met then President John F. Kennedy and shook his hand. He was an electrical engineer at Central Hudson Gas and Electric Corporation in Poughkeepsie, NY, and while there, earned an MS degree in electrical engineering from Union College. In his spare time, Herbert enjoyed traveling the world with his wife, Assunta, cultivating a large vegetable garden, fishing in Brown's Pond, and playing golf with friends. Herbert is survived by his wife of 54 years, the former Assunta Wong; daughter Dr. Andrea Lee (Syracuse, NY), son Vernon (Jupiter, FL), siblings Frank (Julia, Cumberland Park, South Australia), Margaret Chui (Charles, Menlo Park, CA), Cecelia Ku (Hilary, Castle Hill, New South Wales) and Thomas (Fiona, Rockville, MD), as well as many nieces, nephews and friends. In lieu of flowers, donations can be sent in his memory to the Cardinal Kung Foundation (P.O. Box 17429, Stamford, CT 06907). A funeral Mass will be held at 11 am on Thursday, February 3, at the Seabrook Village Auditorium in Tinton Falls, NJ. Burial will be 12 pm on Friday, February 4, at the Poughkeepsie Rural Cemetery in Poughkeepsie, NY.



# Cemetery Details

## Poughkeepsie Rural Cemetery

342 South Avenue  
Poughkeepsie, NY 12601

# Previous Events

## Funeral Mass

FEB 3. 11:00 AM (ET)

Seabrook Village Auditorium  
Essex Road  
Tinton Falls, NJ 07753

# Tribute Wall

PM

“ *Assunta and family. We are so sorry to hear of Herb's passing and send our love and hugs from your St Paul's Staatsburg 'family's. The McKeon family.*

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**Peggy McKeon** - February 06, 2022 at 08:20 AM



“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



**Andrea Lee** - February 05, 2022 at 09:06 AM

AK

“ *Please accept our deep condolences !*

*Sincerely,  
Anne Kuo and family*

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**Anne Kuo** - February 04, 2022 at 06:01 PM

BC

“ Auntie Assunta, Andrea, and Vernon,

*Words cannot express how sorry I was to hear about Uncle Herbert. I will always remember him as an incredibly kind and thoughtful man whose passion for life really came out in everything he did. He was a loyal friend to my parents and I know they are enjoying catching up in Heaven today. I remember making a trip to Brown's Pond and having him show us how to fish, which became a lifelong passion of mine. He was an incredible role model to us all and had a way of always making you feel like the most important person in the room. I will always treasure my memories of golfing with him and my dad and admiring the wide brimmed hat he wore!*

*Uncle Herbert attended many of our families big events. One in particular I remember was my graduation from West Point and I found a picture of that event.*

*Please accept my sincerest condolences for your loss. I will remember you all in my prayers and I know God will comfort you during these trying time.*

*Love,  
Benson Chu and family*



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**Benson Chu** - February 04, 2022 at 09:27 AM

BS

“ Auntie Assunta, Andrea and Vernon,

*I went to church this morning and said a prayer for you all. You have been in my thoughts and prayers. I know my parents were there to shepherd Uncle Herbert to heaven and what a beautiful reunion it must have been.*

*I just finished watching Uncle Herbert's funeral mass. Andrea did such a beautiful job with the eulogy. Also the rendition of Ave Maria was so beautiful and reminded me of when you so beautifully sung it at our wedding.*

*I have many cherished memories of visiting your home, exploring the pond, shared times at the lakehouse, skiing at Windham and Dad and Uncle Herbert golfing together with Uncle Ray and Uncle Desmond. I remember how much help you and Uncle Herbert gave to Kan and Gigi when they first started Golden Wok in Red Hook. And just last night I was going through some things and found my baptismal candle where my dad's faint writing in pencil can be found with your names written in as my godparents❤️.*

*I hope you will hold onto all the wonderful memories you and Uncle Herbert made together until the day when you can be reunited. In the meantime, I pray that our Lord gives you strength and emboldened faith in his love. Sending big hugs to you all.*

*Love and sympathy,  
Bonnie Chu Sclafani & Family*

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**Bonnie Chu Sclafani** - February 03, 2022 at 09:19 PM

BS

*A donation was made in honor of Uncle Herbert's memory to the Cardinal Kung Foundation. I didn't know Cardinal Kung's full story and found his stewardship and grace in the face of the religious persecution he suffered for most of his life and discipleship nothing short of incredible and inspiring.*

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**Bonnie Chu Sclafani** - February 03, 2022 at 09:31 PM



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



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**Andrea Lee** - February 03, 2022 at 08:15 PM



“ Joyful Memory was purchased for the family of Herbert B Lee.



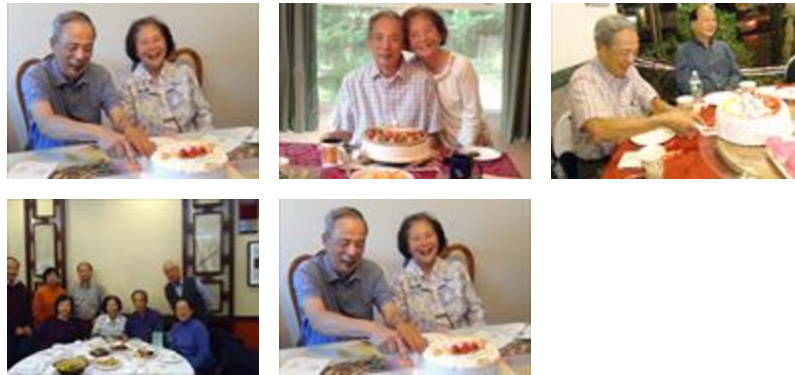
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February 03, 2022 at 04:07 PM

CO

“ I first met Uncle Herbert when I was 5 years old when our family moved to the United States from Hong Kong. He and Auntie Assunta welcomed us to their home where we stayed for 9 months - it was a life changing move for us and he was a key part of helping us settle in to a new country and way of life. It was incredibly generous of them to do this and we will be forever grateful for their hospitality. Our extended family gatherings for all the major holidays and trips to Chinatown throughout the years will always be cherished memories of laughter, joy and of course, amazing food.

*Auntie Assunta, Andrea and Vernon - my deepest condolences at this difficult time. Sorry that we could not be there in person now that we have moved so far away - but thankful that you are able to spend time together and reflect on the wonderful memories that we have had together over so many years.*

*Love and hugs,  
Connie*



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Connie - February 03, 2022 at 03:28 PM

Bongarzone

“ 2 files added to the album Funeral Mass



Bongarzone Funeral Home - February 03, 2022 at 01:46 PM

DM

“ Last night I started driving to NJ to attend Uncle Herbert’s funeral. For numerous reasons, such as weather, night, distance and Covid, I was discouraged from making the trip. I wanted to let Auntie Assunta, Andrea and Vernon know that I was very sorry for their loss and to pay respects to a man who was always kind and truly interested in your life and what you were doing. During my childhood, we would spend many of the holidays rotating between the homes of different Auntie’s and Uncle’s. When you walked through the door and removed your shoes, you were greeted with the smell of delicious foods and laughter. These gatherings were the gift of family and belonging. Uncle Herbert was an important flavor in this “familial soup”. He would stop and talk with you when you were gazing at the fish in his aquarium or plotting out notes on the piano. Uncle Herbert and Auntie Assunta were there for many of the important moments that make a life, both the happy and sad. Uncle Herbert knew what was important and what was not. He died preparing for the next celebration and I wanted to share this note to celebrate his life. Prayers for Andrea and Vernon, and especially Auntie Assunta.



Doreen Mack - February 03, 2022 at 10:23 AM

HC

“ *Dearest Auntie Assunta, Andrea and Vernon,*

*We are deeply saddened to hear of Uncle Herbert's passing, and our thoughts and prayers are with you in this difficult time of loss.*

*I first met Uncle Herbert as a baby when he and Auntie Assunta became my godparents, or at least that's what I'm told. I have fond memories of the times we spent together on family gatherings, playing ping-pong and badminton, fishing, and, of course, enjoying Auntie Assunta's delicious cooking. He was always kind and caring to me and my family, and I am glad that we were able to see his smile and hear his laugh one last time over video on New Year's Eve.*

*I will remember him dearly for he lives on with us in our minds, hearts and souls.*

*Love,  
Herman and family*



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Herman Chui - February 03, 2022 at 01:36 AM



“ [Memorial Trees](https://www.bongarzonefuneralhome.com/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was purchased for the family of Herbert B Lee.

February 03, 2022 at 12:53 AM



“ Bongarzone Funeral Home lit a candle in memory of Herbert B Lee



Bongarzone Funeral Home - February 02, 2022 at 11:07 PM



“ I first met Uncle Herbert in June, 1980 at a family reunion in Poughkeepsie. Though we are a bit further away on the west coast, I enjoyed seeing him here and there for family gatherings and a great sense of humor and presence! We were glad to see him at our wedding in 2009. Our sincerest condolences to Auntie Assunta and my cousins Andrea and Vernon. We wish you strength during this time and celebrate the life lived for my uncle Herbert.

-Solomon, Vi, XL and Zach



Solomon Wong - February 02, 2022 at 10:43 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Herbert B Lee.*



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February 02, 2022 at 09:52 PM



“ *It is with a sense of gratitude for the relationship and sadness over his loss that I reflect upon Uncle Herbert Lee and send my deepest condolences to Auntie Assunta, Andrea, and Vernon. My memories of him are abundant and fond. I think about his presence and participation in so many important moments of our family's lives from the fun times to the milestones. I remember him with a smile as I think back to Christmases, Thanksgivings, and summer outings. He was there for weddings and graduations as well as through difficult periods. I always found consulting with him on important matters fulfilling and enjoyable because I knew he would provide intelligent and well thought-out insight. He was a wonderful man who made a beautiful home for my Auntie Assunta and his children, Andrea, and Vernon. His extended family also loved and respected him. He touched so many lives in a positive way. So, all whom he left behind are sad as we say goodbye. But we know that God has called Uncle Herbert to a better place with Him in heaven. As we emerge from our grief and draw upon the memories he made with all of us, we can draw comfort in knowing that God has him in His loving arms now.*

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**Eric H. Wong** - February 02, 2022 at 04:33 PM

GN

*It is with much sadness over the loss of such a gentle and wonderful man. Our deepest condolences to my cousin Assunta and all the family. Mass will be offered for the repose of his soul. We know that he is with our creator and loving Father. 💕🙏😭*

**grace Ng** - February 02, 2022 at 08:08 PM

VM

*“ What a wonderful man, husband and father. His warmth and love are felt. I pray for the family members to find comfort and peace.*

**Victoria MacVicar** - February 02, 2022 at 01:17 PM

FH

*“ Fairmount Animal Hospital purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Herbert B Lee.*



**Fairmount Animal Hospital** - February 02, 2022 at 09:18 AM



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**Andrea Lee** - February 02, 2022 at 08:26 AM



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Andrea Lee - February 02, 2022 at 06:27 AM



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February 01, 2022 at 09:02 PM

CL

“ I am so sad that we’ve lost such a prominent member of the Lee family. Aunty Assunta, Andrea, and Vernon - my heart goes out to you, and I am sending you much love during this difficult time. Please know that I will always cherish my memories of family gatherings hosted at Uncle Herbert’s house in Poughkeepsie where we enjoyed delicious family feasts together, learned to play mah jong with very patient aunts and uncles, and went fishing in, skating on and swimming in the lake (from my childhood memories it was a big lake and not a pond). Only in more recent adult years did I come to realize and admire what a courageous, hard-working and strong man Uncle Herbert was in immigrating to DC by himself and finding a way to get a college education in a city and at a university with very few Asians at that time. I wish we had more time together so that I could have taken him around DC again now that I live here. Nevertheless, I will always value the time we did have together in person and most recently on Zoom.

Much love,  
Christine



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Christine Lee - February 01, 2022 at 08:45 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Herbert B Lee.



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February 01, 2022 at 08:09 PM