



UNA CHANG STRAUSS

April 8, 1953 - March 6, 2015

On March 6, 2015, our gentle and beloved Una Chang Strauss lost her courageous battle with cancer. Graveside services will be held at Rose Hill Cemetery at 11:00 am Tuesday, February 10. In lieu of flowers the family suggests that contributions in Una's honor be made to a charity of your choice.

Una was born April 8, 1953, the daughter of Sheng Juang Chiu and Tse Huan Chang. She attended Ming Chuan University in Taipei, graduating in 1972 with a degree in accounting and statistics. She was then employed as a Bilingual Executive Secretary for the American Chamber of Commerce in Taipei. It was there that she met her future husband, Leonard Strauss, who was in Taipei on business.

In 1978 Una was the president of the Taipei Secretarial Association, and in 1980 she received a two year Rotary Foundation Scholarship to Kansas City. She received a Bachelor's Degree in Business from UMKC and in 1983 a Master's Degree in Business and Investment Finance from Avilla College. She later went into real estate with a local firm and in 2000 formed her own company, USC Properties LLC. Una also completed the prestigious CCIM designation for International Real Estate Marketing from the National Association of Realtors. She remained active in real estate until the onset of her illness. In 1987 Una married the love of her life, Leonard Strauss. Together they enjoyed years of world travel and adventure. They were great patrons and benefactors of the arts and gave generously. They also had an extensive collection of art in their home. According to family members, Leonard's mother passed the torch of hospitality, grace and generosity to Una. She carried it with sweetness, love and elegance. Una was a lover and creator of beauty. She was a gracious hostess – her gatherings were always known for their ambiance, gourmet food and elegant floral arrangements. Una represented the very best of two cultures – the quiet grace and gentleness of the Chinese and the outward openness and love of people from the American way of life. She combined a maturity, sophistication and wisdom with the energy and freshness of youth.

Una was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Leonard; her parents; brother: Wei Chang; brother-in-law: Norman Strauss.

Her surviving family includes two step-daughters: Susan Feld Strauss and Leslie Ann Strauss; brothers: Ning Chang, Hsin Chang, Yi Mei Chang; sisters: Ling Mei Chang, Hsin

Mei Chang, Tai Mei Chang, Xue Mei Chang; brother-in-law: Eugene Strauss; two granddaughters; one grandson; and ten nieces and nephews.

Cemetery

Rose Hill Cemetery

6900 Troost Avenue
Kansas City, MO,

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Graveside

11:00AM

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Comments



“ My younger sister Una is a wonderful and generous person. She loves her family and friends, and she is a very considerate person who cares deeply about everyone in her life. I love her and will miss her greatly. Good bye my dearest sister. May God bless you forever.

Teresa Liu

Teresa Liu - March 11, 2015 at 10:39 PM



“ Una, You are always a heroine in my mind. Your ideas and thoughts influence me very much. I admire you! You are a really great sister! God will bless you forever!

Your sister,
Shelley

Shelley - March 11, 2015 at 01:14 AM



“ My heart goes out to Una's dear family, friends, and neighbors who were the lights of her life and blessed by her love. She was deeply loved by our Strauss family, winning the hearts of all generations. She made Uncle Leonard so happy, comfortable and safe, and was a great comfort to our family.

I agree with everything already so perfectly written about Una's many gifts and talents. She was a star. Gentle, smart, stylish, sophisticated, loyal, giving, devoted to family, and fun, She was wise and mature beyond her years and so capable. Her zest for life, strength, courage, determination, and endurance triumphed long over the many grim prognoses. I am sure that the loving visits and tender loving care of her family and friends added years to her life.

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The beautiful 50th birthday party that Una gave for my brother, Frank, just months before he passed, was a highlight of his life. He was overjoyed! I loved meeting Una's nieces and nephews at a Christmas dinner at my father's house years ago. When able to attend, her smiling glow lit up my father's birthday parties the last few years of her life. My dad adored her, as did my mother, and we will both miss her so much.

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Boo Bullis - March 10, 2015 at 05:02 PM



“ Aunt Una was a wonderful person. She was a warm and generous person who demonstrated her love for her family and friends whenever they met her. She was always ready to listen to what was going on in ones life and would listen eagerly and intently to whoever was speaking and giving her best advice to help the person she was speaking to. Aunt Una was the consummate hostess and always did her best to make sure that everyone had fun and enjoyed their stay. It is with great sorrow that she has passed on but she will never be forgotten because the people who she knew will never forget her and through memory her spirit will live on forever. We love you, Aunt Una.

Eric Chang - March 10, 2015 at 02:05 AM



“ Aunt Una was an indomitable force with a passion for life, family and friends. She loved her nieces and nephews as her own children and we loved her in equal measure. I will always remember Aunt Una for her warmth, care, sophistication but mostly for her strength. She passed on life lessons and amazing memories to her nieces and nephews, for which we will always be grateful and will carry forever. We love you, Aunt Una.

Charlotte C. - March 10, 2015 at 01:44 AM



“ My Aunt Una can only be described as amazing. She was the most caring woman with the sweetest soul. Her sense of sophistication made the world around her more beautiful and her thoughtful wisdom made the people around her even better. My aunt had an absolute grace and an admirable confidence that made her the perfect mentor. I will miss her loving smile and her enthusiastic spirit during our chats. Aunt Una will always be loved for the kindness she showed, the guidance she provided, and the example she set. She will always be in my heart in everything I do.

Angela Chang - March 09, 2015 at 11:18 PM



“ I am very thankful to have known Aunt Una in my life. She has always had a caring heart for everyone in her life. When my cousins and I visit her in Kansas City when we were young, she always treated us like her own children and have given us life advice that have helped us grow up to be mature adults. Also, I have always enjoyed our phone conversations because of her interest in my life and her words of encouragement. She has had a positive influence on everyone in her life. Aunt Una will be greatly missed.

Mark Liu
Houston, Texas

Mark Liu - March 09, 2015 at 10:39 PM



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Alison - March 09, 2015 at 06:10 PM



“ What a privilege to have known Una. A dear, sweet, kind friend of many years. We shared many good times and few sad ones. Una was always caring and thoughtful, gracious and kind. Her family meant so much to her, and gave her great comfort in her courageous battle with cancer. My love and condolences to her family and the ones that loved her.

Peggy Baldwin
Southern Pines, NC

Peggy Baldwin - March 09, 2015 at 10:57 AM



“ Una was a tremendous neighbor who loved to visit at our house and to have us visit her. She was such a good friend to our Mother and they spent many hours visiting with each other. My brother, Mark, was already eager to assist her in whatever she needed and they were wonderful friends. During my annual visit to Kansas we enjoyed spending time with her and she will be missed so much. Una was always so pleasant and we had great visits. Blessings,
Father Michael Stechmann
Cristo Rey Catholic Church
Los Angeles, CA

Father Michael Stechmann - March 07, 2015 at 08:10 PM



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Boo Strauss Bullis - March 10, 2015 at 02:17 PM



“ Una had a light that came from within; she will be missed by so many of us.

Amy Nelson, RN - March 13, 2015 at 08:52 AM