



Julie Tran Wu

June 1, 1932 - February 17, 2024

Julie Tran Wu peacefully passed away in her sleep at 5:01 am on February 17th, 2024, at her

home in Sanford, Florida at the age of 91.

Julie was born on June 1, 1932 in Saigon, Vietnam. She was the first woman to be accepted into

Phu Tho Polytechnique School, where she received her degree in Civil Engineering in 1958.

Soon after, she was one of 10 university graduates nationwide who was selected to receive a

Fulbright scholarship to pursue her masters degree in the United States, where she met her

husband James Wu at Purdue University and graduated in 1963. Her daughter Carolyn was born

in 1965, and she was raised in Chicago Illinois. In her career, Julie worked as a Civil Engineer at

Swift, the Internal Revenue Service, and New York Life Insurance before retiring in 1990.

Julie was known as an incredibly sharp woman who paved the way for female engineers in

Vietnam and in America. Despite being extremely accomplished in her career, Julie remained

incredibly humble, choosing to share her success with her family and the

underprivileged. A few of her contributions include funding a computer room at her elementary school in Saigon, and leading a project to build a bridge in her childhood neighborhood. As a result, she has made a strong impact on her community, and there is currently a street named after her in Saigon as a thank you for her generosity. Julie was truly a gem of a person - she had a genuinely kind soul, and she always made sure to take care of others before herself. While she had strong relationships with many friends and family in her life, her overwhelming capacity for love was most closely observed by her husband, James, whom she was married to for 60 years. While she will be deeply missed, she continues to be a role model, and her life, full of joy, success, and love, will always be an inspiration to those who were close to her. Julie is survived by her husband James, her daughter Carolyn, and her granddaughter, Sarah. A funeral is scheduled for 2:00 pm on February 24th at DeGusipe Funeral Home and Crematory in Maitland, Florida, with a reception to follow. All are welcome to attend and celebrate Julie's life.

Tribute Wall

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“ Oh, Jim, Carolyn, and Sarah, We are deeply saddened to hear of the passing of Julie. We came to know her (and you) as our neighbor in Lake Forest for more than 10 years. Her sharp mind and compassion for others stand out in our memories of her. She always put others before herself and adored her family. Sarah, your Grandmother was especially proud of you and all that you achieved! May our paths cross again one day. Love, Linda and Bob Peters

Linda Peters - April 02, 2024 at 12:02 AM