

Rui Lian Luo

June 23, 1940 ~ December 31, 2024

With hearts broken yet full of love, we announce the passing of our extraordinary mother, sister, grandmother, and friend: **Rui Lian Luo**, who left us peacefully on December 31, 2024, at the age of 84. She was born on June 23, 1940, in Buddha Shan, China, and lived a life that was as rich, beautiful, and vibrant as it was inspiring. To know Rui Lian was to experience the embodiment of strength, grace, and unyielding love.

As the eldest of five siblings, Rui Lian learned early what it meant to take responsibility. Her fierce determination and innate intelligence led her to achieve incredible things. At just 14 years old, she began working as a technological mechanic—an unusual and remarkable path for a young girl in her time. Her brilliance never faded; it only grew, and she went on to become a renowned company's doctor of internal medicine in China. Her life in the medical field was a testament to her skill, her compassion, and her unwavering commitment to helping others. She was a healer at heart, a woman who poured herself into everything she did. But Rui Lian was not one to be defined by a single chapter of her life. In the early 1990's, she left everything familiar behind in China and followed her children to the United States, driven by a love so profound it knew no borders. Though her medical credentials did not translate, she refused to be deterred. She reinvented herself and threw herself into new work, first at Salt Lake Community College and later at the Little America Hotel. Through it all, her warmth, kindness, and unwavering determination remained constant, leaving an indelible mark on everyone she encountered. No task was too small for her; no challenge too great. She embodied resilience in its purest form.

In 1960, Rui Lian married Nai Keng Yang, the love of her life, and together they created a family founded on love, respect, and mutual devotion. They had two children, a son and a daughter, and raised them with unparalleled care and tenderness. Even after the heart-wrenching loss of her beloved husband in the early 1990's, Rui Lian remained an unshakable force of love and strength. She took her children's lives and dreams as her own, supporting them through every hardship and joy. When her son moved to the United States, Rui Lian followed him to Utah with a spirit of adventure and hope. It was here, in this new land, that her grandchildren would enter her life—five beautiful, cherished souls who filled her heart with boundless pride and joy. She reveled in every moment spent with them, and her love for them was something fierce, pure, and everlasting.

In 1999, Rui Lian's faith blossomed when she joined the Chinese Baptist Church in Utah, and it was there that her soul found peace and purpose. Her belief in God became the cornerstone of her life. She was not just a member of the church—she became a radiant force of love and joy within it. Her smile, as bright as the sun, never wavered as she introduced her grandchildren to the church community, always eager to share the love she had found. Even after a difficult surgery that affected her mobility, she remained an ever-present figure in the lives of those she loved, her spirit unbroken and her heart always open.

Rui Lian’s love for life was boundless. She was an explorer, a lover of nature, a seeker of beauty. She reveled in the great outdoors, and nothing made her heart soar like hiking through the deserts of Southern Utah with her family by her side. But her adventurous spirit didn’t stop there. She traveled across the world—through China, to Canada, and across North America—always with loved ones, creating lifelong memories, and spreading her infectious joy. Every trip she took, every laugh shared, every adventure embraced, was a testament to her enduring passion for life.

To her children and grandchildren, Rui Lian was more than a grandmother, more than a mother. She was a source of light, a sanctuary of warmth. There was a magic in the way she loved—simple, yet profound. Whether sharing a bowl of ramen, toasting a cold Coke, or just sitting together in the quiet joy of each other’s company, she was always present, always radiating love. Her grandchildren were the beating heart of her existence, and the bond they shared was one of pure, unfiltered joy. She cherished every moment spent with them, and in those moments, you could see the entire universe reflected in her eyes.

Rui Lian was a woman of unparalleled kindness, a living example of grace. She never sought the spotlight, yet she shone brighter than anyone around her. Her generosity knew no bounds, her humility endless. Her strength was quiet but unshakable, and her love was an ocean—vast, deep, and ever-present. She gave without expectation, loved without reservation, and forgave without hesitation. To be in her presence was to feel safe, to feel seen, to feel loved.

She was a role model—not just for her family, but for everyone fortunate enough to know her. She taught us all that true beauty lies in kindness, in humility, and in the quiet courage to live life with integrity and grace. Her legacy is one of profound love and unwavering strength, a love that will carry on through her children, grandchildren, and all who were touched by her.

Rui Lian, you were the heart of our family, the light of our lives. Your laughter, your love, your wisdom, and your incomparable spirit will never be forgotten. You were a beautiful woman, inside and out, and your legacy is woven into the fabric of everything we are. We will carry you in our hearts always, and every day we will be reminded of your strength, your love, and the indelible mark you left on this world.

We love you beyond words. We will always save you a seat at the table, always cherish your memory, and always carry your spirit with us.

Rest in peace, dearest Rui Lian. You are so deeply missed, but your love will continue to shine brightly in the hearts of everyone you touched.