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The family has established the Professor James Ting-Shun Wang Memorial Scholarship Fund. Contributions may be made to the Georgia Tech Foundation, 177 North Ave., Atlanta, GA 30332-0182.

Thank you all for coming to my father's memorial service today. My mother, sisters, and I are all so touched by the tremendous amount of support, kind words of sympathy, and offers of help you have sent us. It is so wonderful to see that my father's life had such an impact on all of yours and that we are here together today, unfortunately without him.

For those of you who only knew him at certain phases of his life, you might not have known that he grew up in the Chiang-Su province of China or that his family fled to Taiwan after the start of the Communist Revolution. You also might not have known that he earned his undergraduate degree in civil engineering from the National Taiwan University, then attended the University of Kansas and Purdue University where he earned his Ph.D. in 1961.

You probably do know that he was a professor at Georgia Tech, teaching in the Engineering Sciences and Mechanics department and then Civil and Environmental Engineering. It was at Georgia Tech that he spent his career doing what he loved most... teaching. Even after retiring in 1992, he continued to teach and do research at the National Chung-Hsing University in Taiwan. He also visited the University of Stuttgart in Germany, as a senior scientist of the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation; this was his 2nd invitation from the foundation following his 1974-1975 trip. And he was never far from Georgia Tech, even teaching a class this term.

But no matter when you knew him, you most certainly had to know that he was a very thoughtful man - thoughtful of people and thoughtful of ideas. Many of you have shared stories about how he was so kind and generous and always willing to help out. This trait, combined with his strong work ethic, kept him a busy man. He often spent long, late hours agonizing over seemingly small details, but it was because he cared so much about being thorough and accurate, completely addressing any questions or problems. He never wanted anything in return, embarrassed to ask anyone to go to any trouble for himself. The fact that you are all here today, some of you from thousands of miles away, is a tribute to his dedication and involvement, and much more of a thank you than he would have ever expected.

My children, Christopher and Sasha, will not have the memories that we do, but I hope that our stories will help them to "remember" their Grandpa fondly in years to come. We will all miss him in our own ways, and I am thankful that you are here to share yours with us.

Caroline Wang