



Steve Shih Teng Tsai
April 29, 1925 – January 27, 2025

The Self-Help for the Elderly family mourns the loss of a major Benefactor Mr. Steve Shih Teng Tsai. A devoted family man, visionary entrepreneur, and passionate philanthropist, Mr. Tsai passed away peacefully on January 27, at the age of 100.

Born on April 29, 1925, in Fujian Province, China, Steve lived a remarkable life filled with resilience, ambition, and unwavering dedication to his family, faith, and community. At just nine years old, Steve assumed the responsibility of supporting his family after his father's early passing. This experience instilled in him a deep sense of responsibility and a belief that one's contributions to society extend beyond one's own lifetime.

Steve started his career as a reporter, working to build connections between Taiwan and the Philippines. In the 1960s, he made a significant contribution to the liberalization of Taiwan's insurance and banking industry

by establishing related businesses. Steve also played an instrumental role in establishing offices for the Taiwan Chamber of Commerce in the United States and Canada after diplomatic relations shifted in 1979.

In 1976, Steve founded his business in hotel management in the United States which expanded over the years. With his vision and leadership, he founded the United Pacific Hotel Group in 1990, which grew to oversee several hotels in Northern California.

As a respected business leader, Steve served as the President of the Taiwan Building Trade Association and Managing Director of the Overseas Bank in Taiwan. He also served as the Executive Director of the General Chamber of Commerce of the Republic of China for twenty-five years.

Despite his business success, Steve never forgot his roots. After achieving financial prosperity



in Taiwan and the United States, he dedicated his resources to giving back to his hometown. His generosity was a testament to his deep gratitude and unwavering commitment to uplifting others.

Through it all, the family remained at the heart of Steve's life. Steve and his beloved wife, Tina Tsai, shared a passion for dancing, traveling, and embracing life's adventures together. He was the proud father of four children—Tenny, Solomon, Elizabeth, and Vivien—and the cherished grandfather of eight grandchildren, among a growing legacy of 25 children and grandchildren across four generations.



In 2016 celebrating a Jubilee, Self-Help for the Elderly had the great honor of presenting the Tsai Family with the esteemed Golden Family Award, recognizing their unwavering dedication to service and community. The Tsai Family's journey with Self-Help for the Elderly



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began when they found compassionate care for Mr. Tsai's beloved mother, who bravely faced Alzheimer's disease. Since then, the family has consistently championed our mission and strongly supported our work. In honor of Steve's remarkable legacy, the Tsai Family invites friends and family to make memorial contributions to Self-Help for the Elderly in lieu of flowers.



Photo taken at the 15th Anniversary of Autumn Glow Alzheimer's Care Home in August 2016.

Mr. Tsai's life was characterized by perseverance, achievement, and boundless generosity. His legacy will continue to inspire and uplift all who had the privilege of knowing him. He will be deeply missed and fondly remembered. We pray for Mr. Tsai, his family, and those who mourn for him.

Thank you, Mr. Tsai! May you rest in peace.