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# Fritz Chin

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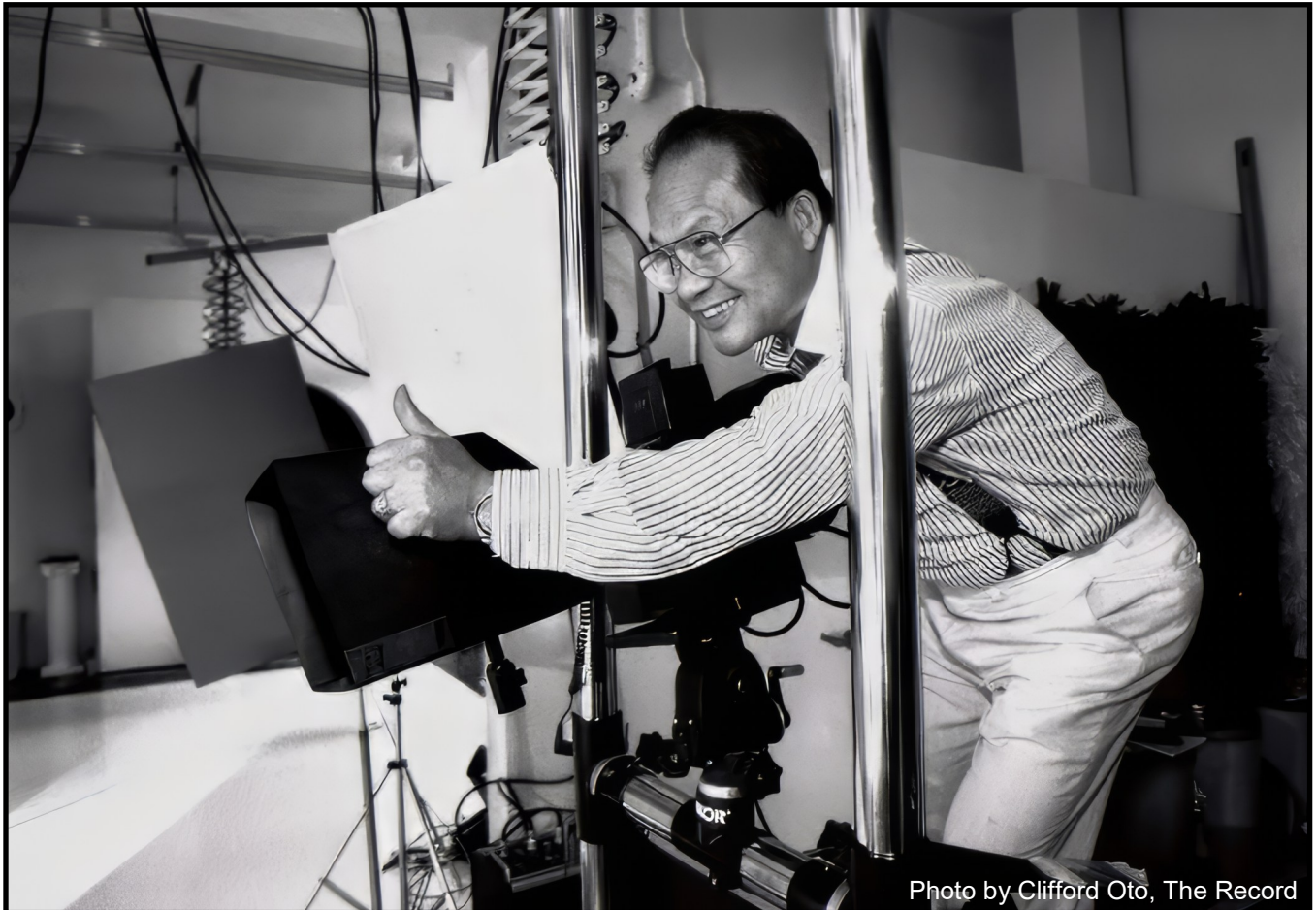


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## Fritz S.L. Chin

July 3, 1932 - June 22, 2025

We are grateful that you were able to join us today in remembering Fritz and how he was a part of your life. For over 40 years, he was fortunate to have captured and created so many special moments. Whether it was a wedding, children, families, proms, sports, and decades of graduation photos, his photography and the memories created span through generations.

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*Airman 2C Fritz while serving in South Korea.*

### Having Lived a Life that is the American Dream!

Fritz's life epitomizes the American Dream as an immigrant, overcoming adversity in many forms, and leaving his legacy that is Fritz Chin Photography!

Born in Canton, China in 1932 Fritz fled the Communist regime to Hong Kong, and eventually emigrated to the United States at age 23. He enlisted in the United States Air Force as a ground support mechanic following the Korean War. That is where he met his wife, Liza in Pyeongtaek, South Korea who was a government official by day, and an night school teacher at a local orphanage. While frequently synonymous with photography, he was also an excep-

tional mechanic and worked at the Sharpe Army Depot in Lathrop. He was passionate about his hobby of photography and eventually saved enough money to purchase a "Professional" camera. While raising their family and working from home, Fritz and Liza started photographing weddings and established Fritz Chin Photography. While attending photography seminars and conventions, they honed their craft, having photographed thousands of weddings, families, children, special events, graduation portraits and many other milestones until their retirement in the early 2000s.

Fritz attended the Stockton Chinese Community Church, was an avid lover of dogs, and enjoyed ballroom dancing and traveling with Liza. He was also an enthusiast of classic cars, woodworking, and Chinese martial arts.

He will always be remembered for his smile, jovial personality, talent for connecting with people and his strong work ethic. From his humble beginnings to creating a lasting legacy within the local community, we will miss Fritz every day. His memory will live on with everyone who he ever met or was photographed by him.

Fritz is preceded in death by his parents, his brother David Chin, sister Ellen Sabato, grandchildren Matthew Lefkowitz, and Annica Chin. He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Liza, his children Ansel (Jian) Chin, Marjorie (Wayne) Lefkowitz, Arnold (Erica) Chin, his grandchildren Daniel Chin, Jessica Chin, Michael Lefkowitz, Ezri Chin, and his siblings Margo Mah, and Bo Hung Ma.

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# *The Celebration of Life*



*Fritz & Liza loved to travel around the world.*



*Fritz & Liza with grandsons Matthew and Michael.*



*Liza and Fritz enjoying ballroom dancing.*

## **Program**

**Welcome,** Arnold Chin

**Opening Prayer,** Chaplain Bob Morgan

**Scripture Reading,** Ezri Chin

**Eulogy,** Arnold Chin

**Benediction,** Chaplain Bob Morgan

**TAPS,** United States Air Force

In lieu of flowers or gifts, please consider a donation in Fritz's memory to Hospice of San Joaquin, or O'Connor Woods.

Fritz's obituary and virtual guest book can be viewed online at [www.legacy.com](http://www.legacy.com), or by scanning this QR code.



If I get dementia, I'd like my family to hang this wish list up on the wall where I live. I want them to remember these things:

1. **Every time you enter** the room announce yourself. "Hi Dad- it's Marjorie."
2. **NEVER ask-** Do you know who I am??? That causes anxiety.
3. If I get dementia, I want my friends and family to **embrace my reality**.
4. If I think my spouse is still alive, or if I think we're visiting my parents for dinner, let me believe in those things. **I'll be much happier** for it.
5. If I get dementia, **don't argue with me** about what is true for me versus what is true for you.
6. If I get dementia, and I am not sure who you are, **do not take it personally**. My timeline is confusing to me.
7. If I get dementia, and can no longer use utensils, **do not start feeding me**. Instead, switch me to a finger-food diet, and see if I can still feed myself.
8. If I get dementia, and I am sad or anxious, hold my hand and listen. **Do not tell me that my feelings are unfounded**.
9. If I get dementia, I don't want to be treated like a child. **Talk to me like the adult that I am**.
10. If I get dementia, I still want to enjoy the things that I've always enjoyed. **Help me find a way** to exercise, read, and visit with friends.
11. If I get dementia, **ask me to tell you a story** from my past.
12. If I get dementia, and I become agitated, **take the time to figure out** what is bothering me.
13. If I get dementia, **treat me the way** that you would want to be treated.
14. If I get dementia, make sure that there are plenty of snacks for me in the house. Even now if I don't eat I get angry, and if I have dementia, **I may have trouble explaining what I need**.



*Fritz dancing with his granddaughter Ezri.*

15. If I get dementia, **don't talk about me as if I'm not in the room**.
16. If I get dementia, don't feel guilty if you cannot care for me 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. It's not your fault, and you've done your best. **Find someone who can help you**, or choose a great new place for me to live.
17. If I get dementia, and I live in a dementia care community, please **visit me often**.
18. If I get dementia, **don't act frustrated** if I mix up names, events, or places. Take a deep breath. It's not my fault.
19. If I get dementia, make sure I always have **my favorite music playing** within earshot.
20. If I get dementia, and I like to pick up items and carry them around, **help me return those items** to their original place.
21. If I get dementia, **don't exclude me** from parties and family gatherings.
22. If I get dementia, know that **I still like receiving hugs or handshakes**.
23. If I get dementia, remember that **I am still the person you know and love**.

Share this with someone you know or knew who has dementia. In Honor of all those I know and love and lost who are fighting Dementia/Alzheimer's.