



## DAVID JEN KAYO

March 15, 1943 - April 15, 2025

David Kayo was a talented jewelry designer, gemologist, and painter, whose creativity knew no bounds. He began showing his artwork at the age of 7 and represented Taiwan as a young artist. Throughout his life, he worked independently and unconventionally, creating a modest living as an artist and craftsman. David created art his entire life.

From a young age, David was a self-taught orchid hybridizer, creating orchids accepted by the Royal Horticultural Society; a self-taught fancy goldfish breeder with award-winning fish and he eventually became a judge in fancy and tropical fish competitions; and a self-taught rosarian who cultivated roses with such care and artistry that he was invited to judge rose shows. David had an endless thirst to learn. Though his life was marked by both brilliance and struggle, his unique spirit, wit, ingenuity and artistry left a lasting impact on all who knew him.

David had a deep love for classical music, opera, and American country music. While David was Christian all of his life, his faith deepened significantly during his later years, and he enjoyed weekly Bible studies.

David is survived by his children, Rebekah Kao, Margaret Kayo, and Jonathan Kao; his former spouse, Cecilia Kayo; and his sister, Deborah Wang; his nephew Joseph Wang, nieces Anna Wang, Caroline Kao and Patricia Kao-

Hutt. He was predeceased by his brother, Samuel Kao, in 2023.

A private cremation ceremony will take place in Orlando, and a celebration of David's life will be held at a later date.

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Mr. Kayo has always been quite a funny man with a great sense of humor. I'll never forget the morning after his daughter's wedding (Rebekah) during breakfast 😂😂 concerning Big B and my friend Oscar!! I am truly going to miss the pictures of his art he would send me from time to time. ❤️* ”



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