

Rev. Dr. David Kawai Tsang

IN LOVING MEMORY



January 8, 1943 – September 11, 2026





A LIFE OF FAITH

Courage & Love

Psalm 67:1–2
HIS FAVORITE SCRIPTURE

HIS LIFE

David Kawai Tsang was born on January 8, 1943, in Shaoguan, Guangdong, the seventh of ten sons, while his family fled the Japanese advance. He grew up through land reform, famine and the Cultural Revolution, his path to education barred by his family's landlord label. Working as a carpenter in Guangzhou in 1966, he saw a church occupied by Red Guards and made a promise: if God opened a way to Hong Kong, he would give his life to the church. In 1967, after one failed attempt and a month in prison, he swam to freedom by the stars.

He kept that promise for the rest of his life. He studied at Evangel Theological College, then at Trinity and Fuller in America, earning his Doctor of Missiology in 1977. He married Esther in 1975. Ordained in 1978, he founded churches in southern California and pastored congregations in Maryland and New York, preaching in Mandarin, Cantonese, Swatowese, Hakka and English. He wrote books, painted horses, and by his own count led several thousand people to Christ. He retired to Vancouver, moved to Austin in 2022 to be near family, and went home to the Lord on September 11, 2026.

A MESSAGE FROM SUNNY

To Our Family and Friends,

Thank you for coming today to honor and celebrate the life of my father, Rev. Dr. David Tsang. Your love, support, and prayers have meant so much to our family during this difficult time.

From a boy who grew up in the countryside of China with almost nothing, to earning a doctorate in America, I can see all the ways his faith has guided his life. Our dad lived his life in service: to God, his family, and to everyone God placed in his path. He was never scared or embarrassed. He lived fearlessly. Growing up, I did not fully understand. So many times I would tell my dad to not talk to strangers (but he never listened to me). But now looking back I am in awe, and hearing about how many lives he touched has brought me deep comfort.

My favorite memories are simple ones with him at home while I was growing up. He would always call me his #1 daughter (or "DUU-TAR" as he would say), celebrate and say "Praise the Lord" whenever he found a good parking spot, and always told me to trust in God. Although the last 6 years were extremely challenging for my dad health-wise, he lived with so much peace and joy. Even as his body slowed down, his faith never did. He never stopped trusting the Lord.

Thank you again for being here today, and for all the ways you have loved and supported our family.

With love and gratitude, *Sunny*

MEMORIAL *Service*

GATHERING AND OPENING PRAYER
Weylin Lee, Beloved Nephew in Law

HYMN OF COMFORT
Great is Thy Faithfulness,
Angell Tsang, Beloved Son

WORDS OF SCRIPTURE
Psalm 67:1–2,
Rachel Lee, Beloved Niece

MESSAGE OF HOPE
Officiant
Rev. Dr. Kenneth Law, Beloved Brother In Law

LIFE REFLECTIONS
Angell David Tsang, Beloved Son

TRIBUTE AND SPECIAL SONG
Sarah Chu, Friend of The Bereaved

PRAYER OF BLESSING & BENEDICTION
Rev. Dr. Victor Chayasirisobhon, Beloved Nephew

CLOSING & RECESSIONAL
Emma, Cook Walden Funeral Director



Read David's life story, his writings and artwork, browse the photo gallery, and share a memory at

revdavidtsang.com



FOREVER IN OUR HEARTS

Rev. Dr. David Kawai Tsang was a

Beloved husband of Esther Tsang.
Devoted father of Angell Tsang (and Eunice) and Sunny Chang (and Roger).
Cherished grandfather of Adele, Jude, Eli, and Keyan.

He is also fondly remembered by extended family present today: Rebekah Tsang, Rachel Lee, Weylin Lee, Rev. Dr. Sirichai Chayasirisobhon, Rev. Dr. Victor Chayasirisobhon, Tony Fung, Yvonne Fung, Kenneth Law, Vania Law, Niki Law.

OFFICIANT

Rev. Dr. Kenneth Law

Kenneth Law is the husband of Vania, the younger sister of David's wife, Esther. He has known David since his seminary days in Hong Kong, and their friendship — rooted in those early years of ministry — has continued across the decades.

PALLBEARERS

- *Angell David Tsang, Son*
- *Jude Tsang, Grandson*
- *Rev. Dr. Victor Chayasirisobhon, Nephew*
- *Weylin Lee, Nephew-in-Law*
- *Roger Chang, Son-in-Law*
- *Edwin Lui, Family Friend*
- *Peter Liang, Family Friend*
- *Rev. Dr. Clarence Chiu, Family Friend*

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