



John Gin

July 8, 1925 - December 3, 2021

John Gin (Gin Gim Yin) passed away at home on December 3, 2021. John was born on July 8, 1925. He is survived by his wife of 72 years Mary Gin, five adult children David (Jane), Donald (Jennifer), Dick (Cynthia), Alice (Daniel), Doug (Amy); eleven grandchildren and thirteen great grandchildren. John came to the United States as a young teen. He attended Safford Junior High School and served in the US Army. He was recently honored with a congressional gold medal for Chinese American Veterans who served during WWII. John and his wife Mary owned and operated a small neighborhood grocery store, Johnny's Complete Foods, located in Barrio Sovaco (the armpit barrio) on the west side of town. The family lived in the back portion of the store. The store served the neighborhood for approximately fifty plus years. The store was a gathering place for young and old. Credit was extended to those whom could not pay until the next pay check or until they were able to pay. Since John's family lived in the back of the store it was always open to customers even in the late evenings when someone would forget to purchase something during normal open hours. They would knock on the door and John would give them what they needed. John and his wife Mary raised five children while working the store. John's greatest passion in life was his family and grandchildren. From these humble beginnings they made numerous life time friends and customers spanning many generations. The family would like to express our gratitude to the staff of the Veteran's Administration Hospital, Total Care, and Hospice Amedisy (Carondelet). We would like to specifically thank Ruby Jaramillo, Ana Romero, and Letha Pare for their kind, sympathetic, understanding and care of our dad as he battled with Parkinson's.

Those wishing to do so can contribute in his memory to the Arizona Department of Veteran's Services or Tucson Chinese Cultural Center.

Services will be held at 10 am at Evergreen Mortuary and Cemetery, 3015 North Oracle Road in Tucson on Saturday, December 18, 2021

Cemetery

Evergreen Cemetery

3015 North Oracle Road
Tucson, AZ, 85705

Events

DEC 18 **Service** 10:00AM

Evergreen Mortuary
3015 North Oracle Road, Tucson, AZ, US, 85705

Comments



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of John Gin.



December 17, 2021 at 12:09 PM



“ Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of John Gin.



December 16, 2021 at 05:41 PM



“ Steve & Terry Fung Fung Family purchased the Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray for the family of John Gin.



Steve & Terry Fung Fung Family - December 15, 2021 at 10:55 PM



“ The Mar Family Melvin & Mitchell purchased the Touching Tribute Spray for the family of John Gin.



The Mar Family Melvin & Mitchell - December 14, 2021 at 04:25 PM



“ John and Mimi Dong & Family & Taik Chu purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of John Gin.



John and Mimi Dong & Family & Taik Chu - December 14, 2021 at 02:21 AM



“ Our deepest sympathies to your family. He was always a supportive and loving father to his family. He worked hard all of his life to provide the best financial foundation to make sure his family was taken care of. He guided his children through love and kindness to make sure they would glean those qualities to his grandchildren. I remember he would take us to the airport to see planes take off or railstation to see incoming trains. As children, we would cram into his car like sardines. Most of all, his wife worked just as hard beside him at the grocery store. A very kind loving man will be most welcome in heaven.

Steve and Iona Li - December 13, 2021 at 09:45 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of John Gin.



December 13, 2021 at 08:43 PM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of John Gin.



December 13, 2021 at 12:45 PM



“ Our deepest condolences to the Gin family. May Perpetual Light shine upon him and may he rest in peace. Cherrios says how can he ever forget Johnny and his meat cleaver. We could always count on Johnny's Complete Market. Thank you for our childhood memories. It really was an honor for us to have grown up with him. Sandy and Cherrios Morales

Sandra Miranda Moralews - December 13, 2021 at 02:03 AM



“ Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of John Gin.



December 12, 2021 at 04:33 PM



“ My fondest memory of Johnny Gin was him working at the store with an apron; in fact, he wore an apron everywhere he went, he made it look fashionable! He was a generous and hardworking man for his family and friends. I will never forget his sense of humor and contagious laugh that makes you feel at home and lights up the room.

It is truly an honor to know this man.

Arnold & Carol Jee Family - December 08, 2021 at 11:41 PM