



Yi Ying (Eva) Tsien

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Yi Ying (Eva) was born and raised in Beijing, China. Though her college training in Beijing was interrupted by the Japanese invasion, she did eventually complete her training as an R.N. at the Beijing Union Medical School. After working as a nurse for one year, she managed to get out of Beijing to unoccupied free China via one of the underground organizations.

Her late husband, originally from China, got his education at MIT, went back to China, but later returned to the U.S. on VJ-Day and stayed. Eva and their three boys joined him in New Jersey in 1947.

During the last 10 years she has lived on the West Coast to be near two of her sons who are on the faculty at Stanford and UC San Diego. In years past, besides nursing, Eva has spent much of her time teaching Chinese both at the UN Language School in New York and also to children and adults at various venues.

Eva has returned to China many times, most recently in 2004 to introduce her youngest son and daughter-in-law to her native country. Weaving, crocheting and sewing are among her favorite pastimes. She happily refers to the fact that in Palo Alto she had to cross the road to visit her neighbors, C.K. and May Liu, whereas now she only has to go down one flight of stairs in The Manor to see them,