



**Frank Tao**

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Frank was born and grew up in Hunan, China. After graduating from high school he attended college at the Zhejiang University in Hangshou, majoring in chemical engineering, with classmate Yvonne Yao and upper classmates May and CK Liu, all now residents here at SRC. Frank moved to Taiwan where, with his chemical engineering background, he worked with a chemical fertilizer company for seven years before emigrating to the U.S. He attended the University of Missouri, Rolla, where he earned his PhD in chemical engineering in 1964. He then worked with Exxon Research and Engineering Co. in Linden NJ on such projects as Multigrade Oil Research. A year after the oil embargo of 1973, he transferred to Houston, TX and worked with the newly formed Synthetic Fuel research team. After retirement in 1990 Frank moved to Dallas, coming recently to SRC.

His late wife was an accomplished musician with a beautiful soprano voice. They raised two sons, one of whom lives in Los Gatos, and have six grandchildren. Since retirement, duplicate bridge has been his main pastime, in addition to traveling and going to the theater and concerts.