



## Robert Chin

March 19, 1950 - March 8, 2019

Robert Chin, age 68, passed away on March 8, 2019. Robert was preceded in death by his parents On T. Chin and Yok Ping Chin. Robert was born in New York City and moved to San Antonio at the age of 3 with his family.

He is survived by his wife Dana Chin, daughter Ashley Roberts and her husband Joshua. Brother, Ronald and sister-in-law Karen, nieces Nichole Chin, Courtney Chen and husband Paul. Brother, Sam Chin and sister-in-law Elaine, nephew David Chin and his wife Kimnie, their children Judah and Hannah, Niece Deborah Mandel and her husband Larry.

In addition, Robert is survived by numerous family members; life long friends and loved ones.

Robert graduated from Winston Churchill High School in 1968 and the University of Texas in 1972. He will be the first to tell you that the Longhorns never lost a game while he attended UT!

Robert was an avid cruiser. He was days away from embarking on his 18th Carnival cruise. He wore his Platinum Ship Card proudly and was always eager to offer novice cruisers words of cruising wisdom. On one cruise, he had left a cold craps table to go on deck for some fresh air. A group of young men, who apparently had purchased the drink package, and asked him, "What do you think would happen if we jumped off from here?" to which Robert, in all

his wisdom, replied “You will die dumb @!%#”

Robert loved to bake and cook. We will all miss his wonderful cheesecakes, mandarin orange cake, black bean chicken wings and BBQ ribs.

Robert was a “fashion icon.” He loved shoes, velvet jackets, hats, and embellished shirts. His clothes and shoe obsession includes velvet jackets, Chuck Taylor Converse in every color, 1909 two-color Oxfords, and many pairs of cowboy boots (his favorite boots adorning cobra heads on the tips). His fashion rule was “shoes must match the shirt or jacket”. His style was his own and he “owned it”!

His taste in music matched his fashion sense. His playlist runs from opera, to country, ABBA to Willy Nelson, the Beatles to Vanilla Ice, and Frank Sinatra to Gangnam Style.

The family wishes to thank Dr. Ronald Wong, Dr. Lijuan Tong, Dr. William Wu, and the many doctors, nurses and staff at the downtown Baptist Hospital for their wonderful care and compassion.

A celebration of Robert’s vivid life will be held Saturday, March 16th at 1:00, Mission Park South Chapel. Please feel free to wear something colorful or in support of his Longhorns.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his memory to the San Antonio Humane Society, Animal Defense League, or your favorite charity.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

MAR 16. 1:00 PM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels South, Cemeteries & Crematories

1700 SE Military Dr

San Antonio, TX 78214

(210) 924-4242

<https://www.missionparks.com/>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mission Park Funeral Chapels & Cemeteries created a Tribute Video in memory of Robert Chin*



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**Mission Park Funeral Chapels & Cemetery** - March 13, 2019 at 02:27 PM

DC

“ *We're sorry that we are not able to join everyone at Uncle Robert's service today. We send our condolences and prayers.*

*I remember when I was in elementary school and we would visit the family in San Antonio. Robert had such an interesting collection of model kits on display.*

*As an adult, I enjoyed listening to Robert telling us about how much he had fun at the hockey games. Our whole family also enjoyed the times that we were able to get together on holidays to set off fireworks - especially the big ones that flew high and exploded.*

*Uncle Robert, you will be missed.*

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**David Chin** - March 16, 2019 at 03:46 PM

SP

“ I lost track of Robert after high school when he went to UT and I went to North Texas in Denton. I recall that Robert possessed a dry wit and an ever-present smile that said, "I'm having a good time, and I want you to have a good time, too."  
Robert will be missed.

Scott Parks - March 16, 2019 at 12:28 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Robert Chin.



March 15, 2019 at 01:37 PM

LQ

“ Lily and Jeff Johnson, Mamie Quan purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Robert Chin.



Lily and Jeff Johnson, Mamie Quan - March 15, 2019 at 10:44 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Robert Chin.



March 15, 2019 at 02:22 AM

SH

“ *Where to begin - a tall Chinaman with the voice of Ronald Coleman. Robert took me on a surveillance when he was working as a Private Eye. At least that is what he hold me and I always believed Robert. We saw the most unbelievable pimpmobile. There were crowns where the head rests were suppose to be. There was gold trim everywhere and a jeweled dash. So much more. I wish I had a picture, of course Robert wouldn't let me take one. He was a Renaissance Man, so many and varied interests and talents.*

*Susan Melton Harden*

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**Susan Melton Harden** - March 14, 2019 at 09:35 PM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Robert Chin.*



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March 14, 2019 at 11:06 AM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Robert Chin.*



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March 12, 2019 at 06:41 PM

LR

“ We will miss you, big guy! We have shared some great memories and laughs since meeting in 1969. I will always cherish the memory of your taking me in my dusty pink corduroy hot-pants suit and matching over-the-knee pink suede boots to the Arkansas-UT football game on my birthday! We loved you and husky laugh so much...we will be seeing you again soon. Truly, Linda & Gary Ray

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**Linda Ray** - March 12, 2019 at 04:06 PM

MP

“ Melissa Preal purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Robert Chin.



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**Melissa Preal** - March 12, 2019 at 03:03 PM

CM

“ He will be so deeply missed. Robert always helped with the cooking at our family get togethers. He was the only man that jumped up to help me with the dishes but he would never let me help him with the dishes.  
He would always bring me cookies especially if he knew I was not feeling well. I think he was the only person in the family that could make our mother's patato salad. His stories always made me laugh so hard. He was a wonderful brother in law and friend and I will forever miss him.

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**Carolyn Machado** - March 10, 2019 at 07:00 PM

WC

*We have known Robert since the mid 60's. He was always cheery and funny.*

*Even though we haven't seen him for a long period, when we did see him.. he was always cordial and friendly. We will miss his laughter.*

*God bless him, Hapa and Winsome*

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**winsome chee** - March 11, 2019 at 11:27 AM

LB

*Robert Chin was a kind & beautiful person! Everytime I saw him I knew that I was going to experience joy. Like the sound of a beautiful bird singing was Robert's commentary about living on this earth. I miss him already.*

*Louis Barrios*

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**Louis Barrios** - March 12, 2019 at 09:33 AM

MP

*Robert Chin was one of my best past guests at Carnival Cruise Line. We always had the greatest conversations and he always educated me on cruising and I was the vacation planner. That's how knowledgeable he was about cruising!!! I am going to miss your phone calls Robert and although I never met you, I felt like we were family. Thank you for always being so kind to me, you will truly be missed.*

*~Melissa Preal*

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**Melissa Preal** - March 12, 2019 at 02:58 PM

SW

*It was great growing up with Robert during the 1960's and we will always remember him for his smile, his kindness to others, and his zest for life. Best of all he was always there for my parents and took such good care of my mom (Little Fong Sim)....We will all miss him very much and he leaves a lasting legacy to all of us.*

*Sue (Fong) Woo*

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**Sue (Fong) Woo** - March 14, 2019 at 04:42 AM

YD

*Robert will remain in my memory as a joyful, fun-loving and stylish man who loved Dana, Ashley and his whole family very much. He always made me feel welcomed (even though I'm an Aggie). He also made me laugh and smile every time we met. He will be greatly missed.*

**Yvonne Donel** - March 14, 2019 at 11:41 AM

BS

*I'm so sorry to hear of Robert's passing. We were classmates at Winston Churchill and shared an apartment our first semesters at UT. I'll miss his stealth-like comings and going fall of 1969 and unique humor.*

**Bruce Safley** - March 16, 2019 at 03:46 PM

CS

*When Adrienne let me know about dear Robert's passing on to glory I was shocked, saddened & then we started reminiscing about him being our forever friend from 1970 at UT Austin thru now. And we laughed til our sides hurt! He was always the center of attention, but in a sweet, funny & witty way. He led us Boerne girls on many adventures & of course, cheering on our Longhorns, that he had a luv/hate relationship with...On my hippie wedding day at Zilker Park Rose Garden in Austin I can still hear him reassuring me that it won't rain on my wedding ceremony...& it didn't, even tho it stormed all that day up until an hr before. I think the last time I saw him was with a huge smile on his face the day he married you, Dana! He was a unique & special character w/ a ❤️ as big Texas. I looked forward to his calls & emails thru the yrs. The last one only a couple of months ago...looking forward to another cruise! "Roberto" made an impression on all who met him & everytime he crosses my mind, there will be a Big Smile on my face. My thots & prayers are w/U & ur Family.  
Fondly, Cheryl Koenig Sword*

**Cheryl Lynn Sword** - March 25, 2019 at 11:03 AM