

DR. FRANCO CHUA, 69

Dr. Franco Chua, age 69, of Marshalltown, passed away Sunday, December 14, 2008,

while receiving care for post-transplant lymphoma at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester,



MN. Funeral services were held at St. Mary's Parish on Saturday, December 20, 2008. Memorials may be directed to the Child Abuse Prevention Services of Marshall County, Marshalltown Medical & Surgical Center, or St. Mary's Parish. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.vogelfuneralhomes.com. Pursel-Davis Funeral Home & Crematory has been entrusted with caring for Dr. Chua and his family.

Born on January 29, 1939, in Inobulan, Salay, Misamis Oriental, Philippines, Franco Labial Chua was the son of Yuguan Chua and Francisca Labial. One of six siblings, he earned his M.D. from the Cebu Institute of Medicine (CIM) before accepting a rotating internship position

with St. Barnabas Medical Center in New Jersey. Following his pediatric residency in New York City, and pediatric fellowships at Tulane University, Louisiana State University and the University of Kansas Medical Center, Dr. Chua opened a private practice clinic in Marshalltown in 1973. He remained in private practice for 23 years before joining McFarland Clinic from 1996-2001. He spent two additional years at Broadlawn Medical Center in Des Moines before retiring in 2003. Since then he has been working part-time at Primary Health Care in Marshalltown.

Dr. Chua was an active member of St. Mary's Parish, serving with the Knights of Columbus and other church activities. He enjoyed dancing and working around his home, as well as taking part in the Filipino American Association in Des Moines and the American Society of CIM alumni. As a pediatrician, he devoted his life to providing care to children and their families and was a recognized advocate for the prevention of child abuse. He was a member of the local and national medical

associations and the Academy of Pediatrics. He served as President of the MMSC Medical Group and the local medical association. A devoted husband and father, he will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

He is survived by his wife of 40 years, Thonia (Pajo); son, Nathaniel (Kelly) Chua; grandson Alexander; brother, Esteban; sisters; Segundina (Bagaipo), Antonia (Cabardo), and Narcisa (Santos); sister-in-law, Daisy Salas; brothers-in-law; Fernando (Darlene) Pajo, Catalino (Loretta) Pajo, and Benny Pajo. He also leaves behind many cousins, godchildren, nieces and nephews who loved him very much.

He was preceded in death by his parents; father-in-law, Fernando Pajo; mother-in-law, Maria Casenas Pajo; brother, Sebastian; brothers-in-law, Pedro Pajo and Bernardo Salas, and a nephew, Fernando Pajo III.



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