



## Gemo Young Wong

February 1, 1936 - December 2, 2020

At 84 years old and in the worst global pandemic, our dad chose to help his community, serve and heal, fight in the frontlines. No one could convince him to retire, especially not when the community he loved needed him most. Ultimately, he died doing what he loved. Covid took an amazing man, husband, father, and grandfather.

Married to his true love, Dialina Wong, on Nov. 21st, 1970. She was his sun, he was her air. They were made for each other. Soon after, Patrick, Kirk, Gemo Jr. and Christy were born and completed the Wong dynasty of Cairo, IL.

My dad was known as doctor to the community of Southern IL. He dedicated his life to serving and healing its people for almost 50 years. He worked to make sure he provided for his family, but primarily he worked because he knew that people needed him. He was selfless when it came to caring for others. His passion was truly providing....providing answers and providing hope to his patients. And although he was a very skilled physician, his greatest trait was his compassion. His compassion allowed him to connect with his patients in a lasting manner. This compassion is why every patient and co-worker are so affected by this loss.

Despite many other job opportunities over the years, my dad never left Cairo. My dad and Cairo formed a special bond, he truly loved that community and

its people. He faithfully served generations of its citizens and took pride in doing so. They, in turn, loved him back as evident by the overwhelming outpouring of love and support.

We lost a great man, husband, father, and grandfather. He selflessly gave so much to his community and his family, finding strength and inspiration from the people around him. Being a parent now, I'm not sure I could ever accomplish what he did in two lifetimes.

I've always said if there were more Gemo Wong's in the world, it would be a better place. But, I've come to realize there is no chance of that happening because he was unique, truly one-of-a-kind. No other person can ever be what he meant to those that knew him.

If you would like to donate to a charity in honor of my dad, we've chosen:

#FirstRespondersFirst- which provides essential supplies, support and resources to healthcare workers working the frontlines of this Covid pandemic.  
<https://thriveglobal.com/categories/first-responders-first/>

We've also chosen American Red Cross, who do so much for people around the world. If you find time to donate blood, please do. For monetary donations-  
<https://www.redcross.org/donate/blood-services-donation.html/>

Services for Dr. Gemo Wong will be private.

Flowers, cards, or tributes may be sent to the family at 1807 Calico Road,  
Marion, IL 62959

# Tribute Wall



“ *Gemo Young Wong*

October 23, 2023 at 06:26 AM



“ *I sadly just found out of the passing of Dr. Wong. I had the pleasure of working with him for more than 10 years at Union County Hospital. I had so much respect for him not only by the way he treated his patients but the way he treated the employees. He was one of the best and is sadly missed.*

**Terri McCann - Hartline** - March 28, 2022 at 10:21 PM



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**Terri McCann Hartline** - March 28, 2022 at 09:50 PM



“ *I have several nice memories of Dr. Wong. I worked as his receptionist during the time he had an office in Mt. Carmel, Illinois. He was a kind, gentle soul with a sense of humor. He was a most caring individual which was apparent in his treatment of each and every patient.*

**Shirley A Curry** - June 12, 2021 at 11:38 AM

LF

“ I shall never forget the day that I met this wonderful gentleman, Gemo Wong, M.D., on a frozen Valentine's Day evening, February 14, 1984, on my way to meet with administrators at Massac County Hospital to explore a job opportunity post Fellowship completion as part of a way to forgive some of the immense debt I had acquired in medical school. At the time, and likely now as well, Saline, Pope, Hardin and Alexander Counties were considered medically underserved.

*I honestly cannot recall how I ended up in Cairo that evening but I did. I was basically stuck there and ended up in a restaurant called the "Leevee" I believe. The bartender that cold, blustery evening looked as if he had not bathed for some time and a very ectomorphic waitress who was yelling at a patron named "Slim" quashed any appetite I may have had for food, drink and/or parenteral nutrition of any kind.*

*These facts notwithstanding, I was stuck there with nowhere else to go. About 20 minutes later, in walked a very engergetic Asian gentleman who, it turned out, was Doctor Wong. Immediately the mojo of the entire restaurant changed. It was as if St John the Baptist, hair shirt and all, entered to undue the sandal straps of one greater than he. That, however, was not the case because the Son of God himself, or so it appeared to me, had entered the building. His name was Gemo Wong, M.D.*

*He and I ended up discussing a plethora of issues about which I still think. He told me about Shawnee National Forest and how much he enjoyed going there with his family. He spoke of emergent changes in medicine and the hardships, yet joys, of practicing in a town like Cairo. He indicated that some of his patients, too poor to pay him with pecuinary, offered chickens, St. Louis Cardinals tickets and other bartered goods as a means to make him whole for the wonderful care he provided.*

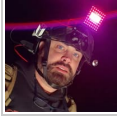
*After losing myself in the many yarns that Doctor Wong spun, I*

*looked at my watch and realized it was almost 9PM, much too late for a city slicker like me, from Dundas, IL, originally but freshly minted from an interventional radiology fellowship at the University of Michigan, to be up. I politely bid the good Doctor Wong a sincere "good night" when in walked this absolutely amazing woman. I had no idea "what" she was doing there at that time but intended to find out. To make a very long story short, Doctor Wong knew this beautiful goddess who was visiting nearby Carbondale where she was supposed to play the Sibelius Opus 47 violin concerto with the school's symphonic orchestra the next day. Her name was Veronica and she was originally from Venezuela. Doctor Wong had treated her. five years earlier, I learned, for a Lisfranc fracture of her left foot. As luck would have it, this woman was studying at Julliard and I was never to see her again but the joy and relaxation I received, in her presence that one evening for about 75 minutes, far exceeded anything I had theretofore experienced the entire previous year. If, in fact, she had recommended my procurement of pork fritters and cheese doodles from the previously described waitress and implored me to eat it off of the bathroom floor, I would have complied. Truth be told, Veronica left me her phone number, written on back of a receipt from a McDonald's I visited, earlier that day, in Paducah, KY, which I promptly lost, I believe, while trying to get into much too small Dodge Omni auto that I had rented for the pilgrimage to Mecca. That, and refraining to invest regularly in Sun Microsystems and a good orthodontist, are perhaps my two biggest regrets to date.*

*Anyway, when I learned of this great healer's death I thought immediately back to that Tuesday evening so long ago and the immense debt of gratitude this poor, tired town of Cairo, and others in its vicinity, owe this amazing individual. Every now and again, God sends us angels whose move us in ways previously unknown. Gemo Wong, rest in peace.*

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**Lance F. Coardill M.D., FACR** - December 29, 2020 at 10:40 PM



*Dr. Coardill, thank you for sharing this story of the late, great Dr. Wong. I read each line and felt each word. Amazing story!!*

**Scott Poole** - July 01, 2025 at 12:37 PM

SK

“ *I am a friend of Gemos daughter, I have had the pleasure of meeting him a few times. I remember his warm smile. I also know how much he loved his family and how generous he was.*

*He basically paid my rent while I was in college with his daughter. I was always so grateful for that because I would not have had most of my favorite life*

*Experiences without being there. He creates a Wonderful family, with kids who all Share his same selfishness.*

*We will donate to the charity suggested. 🙏*

*Love,  
Sandra Tarsitano klebba*



**sandra klebba** - December 20, 2020 at 04:48 PM

MN

“ *I lived in Cairo from 1976 through 1981. While I lived there, Dr. Gemo Wong "was my doctor." During a one-year span I received many shots from him for an allergy desensitization therapy (weekly and then gradually less often). Thank you for sharing His obituary with us. I knew Dr. Gemo Wong as a good and decent person, full of peace and joy, following his calling.*

**Mike Nolan** - December 20, 2020 at 07:40 AM

MM

“ I had the pleasure of working with Dr. Wong at Union County Hospital. He was kind, generous, and funny. Dr. Wong helped pull off the best prank ever. One that only a few of us were part of and none of us talked about outside of our circle. It was the greatest prank of my life for sure and I love good pranks! I'm so sad to hear that Dr. Wong had passed. I know those of us who worked with him share your grief. I know for certain he will be rewarded for all of his goodness I'm heaven. My deepest condolences.

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**Melissa McCord** - December 18, 2020 at 02:14 PM

AG

“ Dr Wong was truly a unique beautiful human being loved by all. I think of the time he swam with Patrick trying to show Patrick how to do the back float and keep his feet up. He only swam with us this one time as he stayed so busy being "the" doctor for a large community. I have wonderful memories of all the Wongs: the children in swim class, Lena's so delicious birthday food at the pool, the Montessori days. Dr Wong will be missed but the peoples' love for him will live forever. My deepest condolences.

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**angela greenwell** - December 16, 2020 at 03:06 PM

SD

“ Doctor Gemo was my doctor for 20 years. He was patient and kind. He did everything he could to help his patients. I can't believe he's gone. He also helped my husband with his heart condition. I'm not sure what we will do without our Gemo. He was our doctor and our friend. God help his family heal.

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**Shelley Durham-Howell** - December 15, 2020 at 03:21 PM

CH

“ I work as a family doctor at Rural Health in Anna and had the privilege of working with Dr Gemo Wong when he covered the ER at Union County Hospital. His calm demeanor and kind manner with patients was truly an inspiration to me as I was just starting my career at that time. Nothing seemed to phase this man, no matter how crazy or challenging the situation seemed to me. He had a methodical approach and would just run through his impression of the patient and even give me suggestions for a treatment plan if I was unsure. When I was on call and he was in the ER, there were many late night/early morning phone calls to coordinate patient care. I once ran into him at a medical meeting at John A Logan and told him how I missed talking with him in the middle of the night...and then we both started laughing as we realized how that comment might have sounded funny to someone who did not understand the context of our conversations!! Whenever I encountered one of his patients who had moved into the Anna area they always spoke so highly of him I quickly realized he had set the bar for primary care quite high. I remember thinking that I hoped my patients would say the same about me someday when they were establishing care with a new doctor. His legendary service to the Cairo community set a powerful example for me personally and has given me something to strive for in my own work. To his family-I am so very sorry for your loss. He has left some huge shoes to fill and will be deeply missed. Absolutely a class act. Christine Lucas MD

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**Christine** - December 10, 2020 at 02:11 PM

AR

“ Amanda Robinson-Harned lit a candle in memory of Gemo Young Wong



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**Amanda Robinson-Harned** - December 10, 2020 at 01:12 PM

AR

“ *My Father, Robert Michael Rose (born & raised in Cairo), was a patient of his throughout his entire life. We Live in St. Louis and he refused to see a doctor here - he only wanted to see Dr. Wong. My dad spoke so very highly of him, not only as a physician, but as friend as well. Unfortunately we lost my father to Covid last month so I understand what you are going through. I wish your family nothing but the best and I will be keeping all of you in my prayers. What a great man your Father was - he will be dearly missed by many.*

**Amanda Rose** - December 09, 2020 at 04:13 PM

DW

“ *David Westermann lit a candle in memory of Gemo Young Wong*



**David Westermann** - December 09, 2020 at 01:49 PM



“ *Heavenly and Harmony was purchased for the family of Gemo Young Wong.*



December 07, 2020 at 09:44 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Gemo Young Wong.*



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December 07, 2020 at 01:34 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Gemo Young Wong.*



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December 07, 2020 at 01:06 PM

SD

“ Gemo Wong is truly “what best looks like”. In a hurting world with multitudes of hurting people, COMPASSION is the first thing that comes to my mind when I think about Dr. Gemo Wong. I am a pharmaceutical representative and have called on Dr. Wong off and on for 20 years. In 2009 I lost the Cairo part of my territory and did not get it back for 7 years. When I walked into Dr. Wongs office, he said Stacey where have you been. Of all of the people that Dr. Wong had to remember in his life, I ABSOLUTELY COULD NOT believe that he remember me and certainly not by name. This man spent most of his time listening with care and intent. He made me laugh and he made me cry (in a good way).  
The family of Dr. Wong that I have had the privilege to work with and interact with are truly GREAT people. It just goes to show that Gemo not only rubbed off on me and his community but also his caring son Kirk and DIL Christa. They are true friends and have always treated me just like Gemo had, with trust, love and respect. Nice job Gemo your legacy lives on within those you have trained up.  
I will NEVER forget Dr. Gemo Wong and I pray that I take away some of his people caring characteristic and pay them forward. This one’s for you Dr. Wong! RIP



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Stacey Dury - December 06, 2020 at 11:33 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Gemo Young Wong.



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December 06, 2020 at 10:50 PM

SD

“ *This man has helped me for many years. He was wonderful and kind. I can't believe this. Actually he gave his life for others to be helped. I miss him already.*

Shelley Durham-Howell - December 06, 2020 at 07:38 PM

BO

“ *Brenda Siegelman Ohara lit a candle in memory of Gemo Young Wong*



Brenda Siegelman Ohara - December 06, 2020 at 04:46 PM

JJ

*Dr. Wong was my mother's (Martha Jarvis) physician, and she was head of the hospital switchboard for many years. She thought Dr. Wong was wonderful and liked and genuinely admired him.*

Joan Jarvis - December 06, 2020 at 11:02 PM

MS

*I had the privilege to work with Dr. Wong during my 40 year nursing career whether it was hospital, home health, nursing home, CHESI or just stopping by to visit at times. He always had time to visit and always available to answer any questions. He was one of a kind and will definitely be missed. Prayers for the family during this season of life.*

Mary E. Smith - December 07, 2020 at 10:32 AM

JT

“ I had the privilege to work with Dr. Wong for 23 years. He was an amazing doctor and special co-worker. Staff meetings were always more fun when he was present. We had some great rant sessions together throughout the years. You will be greatly missed Dr. Gemo Wong. Mrs. Wong, Kirk and the rest of the family you are in my prayers daily for comfort and peace.  
Jerri Tehandon

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**Jerri Tehandon** - December 06, 2020 at 04:17 PM

SS

“ Sharon Spencer sent a virtual gift in memory of Gemo Young Wong



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**Sharon Spencer** - December 06, 2020 at 03:10 PM

SS

“ Gemo wong was a great doctor to the community he loved his patients very much he was a great man

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**Sharon Spencer** - December 06, 2020 at 03:09 PM

AL

“ Anthony Lee lit a candle in memory of Gemo Young Wong



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**Anthony Lee** - December 06, 2020 at 01:30 PM

NT

“ PLEASE ACTUALLY READ. This is a story about this man and my life. When someone says oh so and so is why I'm where I am today, do they actually mean it? No, most likely they are just glad that person was along for the journey. But for me this is the later. When I was 2-3 years old, we where in Mounds, visiting my great grandmother Jackson. I went into her room and found her blood pressure pills. Thinking they were candy I ate an unknown amount. Luckily my older brother found me and went and got my parents and told them my lips were blue. They then rushed me to Cairo hospital in my hometown. The attending ER physician didn't know what to do and was looking through a PDR about having Combepress in your system. Luckily the attending nurse, Shirley Hottinger, saw Dr. Wong walking down the hallway and yelled out for him. Dr. Wong immediately rushed into action. My father went up to the table with them as Dr. Wong began to pump my stomach. During this procedure my heart had stopped beating and without hesitation they said Dr. Wong gave me an injection of Adrenaline directly into my heart muscle saving my life. As I set here writing this crying, I know in my heart and soul, I would literally not be where I am today without Dr. Gemo Wong being in my life. You hear people say tomorrow is never given. WRONG so WRONG your next heart beat is not promised. Live your life to the fullest, take chances, do something crazy and out of the norm for you might not have another heart beat to try and do it later. DO IT NOW. My story is just one of many of this man among men of how he impacted so many lives in such a small town throughout his life. He was a unknown ANGEL among us. Fly high and rest in peace Dr. Gemo Wong you will truly be missed down here. I hope his family knows how much this man meant to our small town of Cairo, IL.

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Nicholas Taylor - December 06, 2020 at 12:27 PM

TW

“ Tammy Spencer Whiteside lit a candle in memory of Gemo Young Wong



Tammy Spencer Whiteside - December 06, 2020 at 12:05 PM

AB

“ A life well lived and so giving of his talents to others. He is taking a long awaited and well deserved break. Long distance love to the family because it is never easy no matter the length and quality of life. Hugs and kisses to Kirk, Christa and the girls and please take comfort in his peace. Dave will be giving blood today in his honor. Andrea Banach and. family

Andrea Banach - December 06, 2020 at 11:17 AM

KS

“ Dr Wong was a great healer, my condolences to his family. I fist met Dr Wong in the 1980s while I was working as an EMT in Alexander County. He was very much a fixture of the Cairo community.

Kevin Snell - December 06, 2020 at 02:47 AM

KJ

“ Keyana Johnson lit a candle in memory of Gemo Young Wong



Keyana Johnson - December 06, 2020 at 12:22 AM

KJ

*It was an honor working with Dr. Gemo he will truly be missed. Praying for Mrs. Wong, Dr. Kirk and the other children. Know we loved him just as much and his legacy will forever live on.*

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**Keyana Johnson** - December 06, 2020 at 12:24 AM

AB

“ *I'm so sorry for your loss. Doc took care of or saved many people, a savior here on earth. I worked with him from his first day until I retired, many sad times but also many happy times. May he rest in peace, he left a wonderful legacy.*

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**Anna Marie Bowers** - December 05, 2020 at 11:42 PM

LH

“ *I'm so sorry.  
Dr Wong was an amazing person.  
He will be greatly missed.  
Prayers and love to all.*

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**LaDonn Hilla** - December 05, 2020 at 11:17 PM

DR

“ *I know Dr.Wong since his days In ER of old MMH ,Marion.He was a great physician and Gentleman.May God bless his soul and my heartfelt condolences to family  
Dr.Ravin,Marion*

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**Dr.M.Ravindranathan** - December 05, 2020 at 11:01 PM

MM

“ I worked in Cairo, Mounds, and Tamms as a Physician Assistant in the mid to late 1980s. Dr Wong was my supervisor during 1988. He was always just a phone call away if I needed a consult on any cases. Although he had been a general surgeon, he was able to help with any family practice issues that arose. I was saddened to learn of his death. I pray that God gives His peace to Dr Wong and comforts his family in their grief. Mike McCrea (fshrmem@gmail.com)

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**Mike McCrea** - December 05, 2020 at 10:17 PM

 John  
Antoon

“ The Antoon Family sends our deepest condolences to the Wong Family, God Bless you all and may Dr. Wong Rest In Peace. His impact and memory will always be remembered.

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**John Antoon** - December 05, 2020 at 08:54 PM

MH

*Thank You For Your Service, Ms. Mary Holder.*

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**Mary Holder** - December 05, 2020 at 09:40 PM

SG

“ My mother worked for Dr. Wong for years. She helped raise his kids. I am so sorry for your loss, Mrs. Wong, Christy, Kirk, Patrick and Gemo.. My mother (Josie), may she RIP loved you all like family. Dr. Wong will truly be missed. Sending my sincere condolences and praying for you all 🙏🙏🙏. Love. Sheila Ivory Gatewood

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**Sheila Ivory Gatewood** - December 05, 2020 at 05:03 PM

MH

*Dr. Gemo Wong, You Will Truly be Miss but Never Forgotten, May you Rest In Peace You did what you love Doing, Helping Peoples. May You Rest In Peace. Ms. Mary Holder 🌹🙏❤️*

**Mary Holder** - December 05, 2020 at 09:36 PM



*Sheila,  
I loved Josie so much. I miss her to this day.  
Christy*

**Christy Shumaker** - December 05, 2020 at 10:55 PM

SG

*Christy ❤️🙏❤️*

**Sheila Ivory Gatewood** - December 06, 2020 at 12:22 PM

GR

*“ My mother worked with Dr. Wong for many years. He was a dear friend to her. She spoke of him often with fond memories. I remember having picnics with his family when his children were very young. I pray that God will wrap the children, grandchildren and Lina in a blanket of peace and comfort them as they deal with their loss. God bless them and may it bring them comfort in knowing he was loved and respected by all. He will be greatly missed.*

**Gigi Roushdi-Norris** - December 05, 2020 at 04:13 PM



*“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Gemo Young Wong.*



December 05, 2020 at 12:05 PM

DS

“ Such a tremendous personal loss to all of us who knew Dr. Gemo Wong, and to our community. Having been expressed so many times already, he was certainly one of a kind!  
He lived the best example of a true man of God, husband, father, grandfather, physician and friend. Having had the privilege of working along side Dr. Wong inspired me to be a better nurse. The love, compassion, concern and respect Dr. Wong had for his patients was so evident, as was their respect for him. Hoping your family gets peace from the memories and the faith you all have during this time of loss.

*Donna Story*

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**Donna Story** - December 05, 2020 at 10:20 AM

PK

“ We had moved to East Moline when the Wong's moved to Cairo. I remember my sister Mary Emma telling us all about this new doctor and his family moving to Cairo. She was so excited and happy. Doctor Wong could have made more money many other places but he stayed in Cairo because he was committed. Cairo needed him and he knew it. He kept working long after he should have retired because there was no one else to take his place. He was a great man with a huge heart. He will be missed but remembered from all who knew or met him for many years. My prayers are fir his lovely, devoted wife and his children. Rest In Peace Dr. Wong.

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**Pete Kaha** - December 05, 2020 at 09:57 AM

MH

*Mrs. Wong, I use to see you all at Nu- Diner From Time to Time, , You no i had to Say Something to you Guys before I Left Out, You both Would have a Smile on your Face, Please Take Care of Yourself , Also Kurt Children & Family. Much Much Love, I Would love to hear your Voice, My Num if you decide to Call, I No you Guys are Hurting , Well Likewise, 618-306'0694 Mary Holder, 🙏🙏🙏*

**Mary Holder** - December 05, 2020 at 10:09 PM

MM

“ We are so very sorry to hear of Dr. Wong’s passing. He was a loved member of the Cairo community and will truly be missed. May he rest in God’s arms.

*Larry & Mary Ellen Mohundro*

**Mary Ellen Mohundro** - December 05, 2020 at 09:33 AM



“ Heart Wind Chime - Bronze was purchased for the family of Gemo Young Wong.



December 05, 2020 at 08:36 AM

CC

“ Praying for the family



**Carol Childress** - December 05, 2020 at 02:20 AM

CC

“ To the family Dr Wong was my doctor to the end never had a doctor who was so passionate and kind and listen to your problems as he did the love for his patients was truly amazing that's why we honored him and gave him the keys to the city he truly earned it Cairo Illinois has suffered a great loss we will forever have him in our hearts praying for his family that the Father continue to keep you all in his Loving arms he will be missed in our community praying for your strength

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**Carol Childress** - December 05, 2020 at 02:16 AM

TU

“ Tammy Upshaw lit a candle in memory of Gemo Young Wong



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**Tammy Upshaw** - December 05, 2020 at 01:15 AM

MC

“ Morrissa Clanahan lit a candle in memory of Gemo Young Wong



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**Morrissa Clanahan** - December 04, 2020 at 11:59 PM

TG

“ To the family  
Our community loved him just as much as he loved us. He will never be forgotten

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**Theophilus and Regina Guerin** - December 04, 2020 at 10:35 PM



“ *Comfort & Light 30" Sonnet was purchased for the family of Gemo Young Wong.*



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December 04, 2020 at 08:57 PM



“ *Not enough words to express what a great loss this is to all who have ever met Dr. Wong. My sincerest condolences to Mrs. Wong, all of his children, grandchildren, and the rest of the family, and close friends. What a great loss this must be for you. Dr. Wong has been such a blessing to the community and we all mourn with you. We pray for peace and comfort for you all. You have been truly blessed to have had such a wonderful patriarch. He is, and will always be, cherished by all of us who ever had the pleasure of working with, and learning from, the legendary Dr. Gemo Wong.*

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**Chelsea Rentfro** - December 04, 2020 at 08:42 PM



*My deepest condolences to Mrs. Wong, Kristy, Gemo, Patrick and Kirk on the loss of the amazing patriarch of your family. Everyone who know your dad admired his tireless dedication and selflessness that he demonstrated in his decades long commitment to the people of Cairo. You must be so very proud of his legacy. May he Rest In Peace.  
Love,  
Debbie Profilet-Fontenot*

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**Debbie Fontenot** - December 04, 2020 at 11:11 PM

MC

*Our hearts are broken at the loss of Dr. Wong. He was my Doctor and friend for over 40 years. His dedication and compassion for his patients and the Cairo community will never be forgotten and I will never have another doctor that will measure up to him. A doctor's visit with Dr. Wong was never rushed and he always had time to answer all my questions. May he rest in peace and may his family know that he will forever be in our hearts. With love and friendship. May God bless his wonderful family.*

*Morrissa Clanahan*

**Morrissa Clanahan** - December 04, 2020 at 11:45 PM

CM

*“ Dr Wong was a great Doctor not only to me and my family but also to my patients when I worked at Meridian Manor many years ago. He was a very compassionate man to his patients . I know the community of Cairo will be at a loss . Prayers to the family*

**Cathy McDonald** - December 04, 2020 at 08:15 PM

LD

*“ Linda & John, Leigh & TJ, Laine & Daniel purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Gemo Young Wong.*



**Linda & John, Leigh & TJ, Laine & Daniel** - December 04, 2020 at 08:02 PM



*“ Southern Magnolia Tree was purchased for the family of Gemo Young Wong.*



December 04, 2020 at 07:35 PM

SA

“ I only had the pleasure of working with Dr. Wong for a short period of time, but I greatly admired his dedication to his patients and his community. He will leave behind a treasured legacy & also a huge void in the community he proudly served. My thoughts & prayers go out to the family & the C.H.E.S.I. team.  
Sincerely, Sarah B. Anderson

Sarah Anderson - December 04, 2020 at 07:05 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Gemo Young Wong.



December 04, 2020 at 06:33 PM

FB

“ It was my singular honor to work with Dr. Gemo Wong for forty years. He was an astute and discerning clinician, and he never stopped learning. He was also a compassionate provider, never failing to comfort as well as care for his patients. He had a delightful sense of humor, which made him a joy to work with, and we shared a love of Chinese food and culture. On one occasion, I took my family to the Evergreen Restaurant in Chicago, only to find we were seated next to the Wong family, all of us hundreds of miles from home! I will never have another colleague with whom I could share the love of service and sense of purpose that we found together in service to the community, and the good people of Cairo and southern Illinois. I will let my son close for our family: "oh, man! He was a great doctor and a really good person. [We will] remember him fondly." Fred Bernstein

Frederick L Bernstein - December 04, 2020 at 05:19 PM

CM

“ *Dr. Wong was the most amazing doctor/professional person I have ever worked with. His passion for providing the best care possible never faded and was never selfish in sharing his knowledge with others. No matter your role or education, he treated all with dignity and respect. I continue to maintain Dr. Wong as a role model of professionalism and the common good in us all.*

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**Chris Morgan** - December 04, 2020 at 04:40 PM

WS

“ *Dr Gemo Wong was a wonderful doctor and a spectacular person...my family will forever remember him...heaven has been blessed...thoughts and prayers to his family and staff...*

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**Wendy Siegelman** - December 04, 2020 at 03:47 PM

CC

“ *I was so sad to hear about Dr. Wong. I worked with him many times over my career and have so many stories about him going above and beyond the call of duty. Being born in Cairo and started my nursing career at Daystar I got the luxury and honor of learning from him. He loved to teach, if you just asked. Being the same age as his kids probably also helped. I don't think it's possible to be from Southern Illinois and not know him. He will definitely be missed and was loved by many. My memories of him always make me smile. Prayers for his family and friends ~Carrie (Bankson) Campbell*

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**Carrie Campbell** - December 04, 2020 at 03:30 PM

LO

“ Love, Mt.Vernon PC office purchased the Rainbo  
w Reflections Basket for the family of Gemo  
Young Wong.



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**Love, Mt.Vernon PC office** - December 04, 2020 at 01:26 PM

KJ

“ Kathy and Jodi purchased the Comfort & Light 3  
0" Sonnet for the family of Gemo Young Wong.



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**Kathy and Jodi** - December 04, 2020 at 01:13 PM



“ Large Basket Garden was purchased for the  
family of Gemo Young Wong.



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December 04, 2020 at 12:22 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of  
Gemo Young Wong.



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December 04, 2020 at 11:35 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Gemo Young Wong.*



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December 04, 2020 at 10:44 AM



“ *Our hearts go out to the family of Dr. Wong. This is also a great loss for Cairo, Illinois. He came and devoted his life and talents for the people in Cairo and surrounding area. His heart was one of compassion. He was also a fine surgeon. No one will be able to fill his shoes. He and his wife raised wonderful children in Cairo, who have gone on and accomplished great things where they live. We have all lost a caring, talented, loving man.*

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**Mary Susan Worthington** - December 04, 2020 at 10:01 AM



*There are no words to Express the void he will leave in our town and in our hearts. Truly an angel on earth. Now he is resting after so many years of selfless dedication to all he encountered on a daily basis. Prayers for his wife and children. May God cover you in a peace that surpasses all understanding. Love, Lynn*

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**Lynn Webster** - December 04, 2020 at 12:49 PM



“ *Dr.Wong you have been my Dr. since I was a little girl so many great conversations with you that I loved having with you. My family and I will miss you deeply...RIP Dr.Gemo Y. Wong <3*




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**Suzanne Gaskins** - December 04, 2020 at 10:00 AM

KC

“ Kim and I are so sorry to hear about Dr. Wong. We worked with him for many years at Union County Hospital. He was a wonderful physician and friend. We pray for God’s comfort and His perfect peace for the family during this time and in the days ahead.  
Kim and Toni Capel

Kim and Toni Capel - December 04, 2020 at 09:59 AM

 Adrienne Calvert

“ My family and I have so many wonderful memories of Dr. Wong that I could fill a book. I honestly think my Daddy would not have lived as long as he did if it wasn't for Dr. Wong. He was a great Doctor and a beautiful, caring human being. The world has lost a beautiful soul and heaven has gained a beautiful angel. RIP, Dr. Gemo Wong!  
With great sadness, Adrienne Hughes Calvert

Adrienne Calvert - December 04, 2020 at 09:50 AM

JJ

“ We will all miss Dr. Wong. I worked with him when I had just graduated from nursing school. He and Miss Ritchie taught me the ins and outs of being a good surgical nurse, He was such a caring man. And he was so proud of his children and grandkids. 🙏 for his family. May it comfort you to know how much he was loved by all the community.



Jane Junkerman - December 03, 2020 at 11:14 PM

DO

“ Dear Dr.Kirk & Family,Just wanted To say Your All in Our Very Deepest Thoughts & Prayers at this very difficult time in life.May God Comfort & Give Peace To Each Of You Give You Strength and Carry You Through These Days,Months and Years Ahead.Let Those Special Precious Memories Of You Loved One Help You Through This. Dr.Wong Will Be Greatly Missed By Many For He Has Helped So Very Many Through His Years Here On Earth.Take Comfort In Knowing He's Rejoicing Walking On Those Streets Of Gold He's Earned His Crown of Life and Is Now At Rest. Love & Prayers Terry,Donna & Jennifer Bennett

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**Donna** - December 03, 2020 at 09:59 PM

SB

“ The world just won't be quite as bright without him. My heartfelt sympathy and love to Kirk and all the rest of the family. May our God comfort you.

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**Stacy Bertrand** - December 03, 2020 at 07:02 PM

MM

“ We can't tell you how sorry and sad we all are to hear about Dr. Gemo. Michael and I truly loved calling on him. He's such a joy to be around. Always smiling, in a great mood, caring, empathic, I could go on and on. My son asked me, "what made him such a good man?" I told him how he was always so kind. How when I would hear him talk about his patients and practicing medicine how he would light up. He would welcome us into the clinic w/ open arms, appreciative of anything we brought for his staff or patients. He's someone I've really missed seeing face to face since March. I can't imagine driving down to Cairo and him not being there. He has and will always be one of my favorite people. Dr. Gemo, you are already missed very much!

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**Michael and Lori Miller** - December 03, 2020 at 06:17 PM

MC

*I will add to what Lori said. Dr Wong is/was the kindest individual I have ever met. He truly cared for his patients and coupled with his absolute love for his family made him a complete human being. He will be missed by so many. I know you can't live for ever but, I guess I thought he might! I am thinking about his family and how grateful they are that he was here with us for so long. I hope someone compiles a memoir about his life. He shared many stories about the old days and what he had experienced. He wasn't just a doctor, he was a phenomenal man in so many ways. I miss you already. Marty Cross*

**marty Cross** - December 03, 2020 at 06:34 PM

ET

*My deepest sympathy to the Wong family. Dr Wong was a wonderful doctor and a great man who loved his family dearly and served this community selflessly. Loved by all who knew him, he will be greatly missed. Much love and prayers for his sweet wife and wonderful children. I love you all.*

**Elizabeth Turner** - December 04, 2020 at 02:10 PM

RE

“ Dear Wong Family,

*We are very sorry for your loss! Our thoughts and prayers are with your family!!*

*Love, Julio, Regina, Michelle & Andy*

**Regina** - December 03, 2020 at 05:45 PM

DG

“ Our sincere condolences to the Wong Family.  
From Dayana, Brener, Deijan, and Brendalys



**Dayana Garcia** - December 03, 2020 at 05:17 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gemo Young Wong.* ”



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December 03, 2020 at 05:15 PM



“ *Debbie Johnson lit a candle in memory of Gemo Young Wong* ”



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**Debbie johnson** - December 03, 2020 at 04:48 PM



“ *Crystal Smith lit a candle in memory of Gemo Young Wong* ”



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**Crystal Smith** - December 03, 2020 at 04:07 PM



“ *Dianna Hite lit a candle in memory of Gemo Young Wong* ”



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**Dianna Hite** - December 03, 2020 at 03:02 PM

IS

“ *Izzy, JP, JJ, Scottie purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Gemo Young Wong.*



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**Izzy, JP, JJ, Scottie** - December 03, 2020 at 02:22 PM

KB

“ *Kellie Brann lit a candle in memory of Gemo Young Wong*



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**Kellie Brann** - December 03, 2020 at 02:04 PM

MC

“ *Doc treated our family until we moved from Cairo n early eighties. He treated my father until he passed away in 2003. Nothing but good can be said. He touched many lives and always positively.*

*Mike Coffman  
Phoenix, AZ.*

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**mike Coffman** - December 03, 2020 at 01:38 PM

J1

“ It was a great privilege to work with Dr Wong during the 26 years I lived and worked in Cairo.

Just as special though was his love and devotion to his wife and family. Beautiful Soul, he will be missed by so many that love him still. His legacy will live on at the clinic and with the many patients he helped over the years and his amazing children who carry on that legacy. My prayers for his family ❤️

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**James A. Kinder 111** - December 03, 2020 at 12:56 PM

JA

“ Janet Adair lit a candle in memory of Gemo Young Wong



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**Janet Adair** - December 03, 2020 at 12:49 PM

CG

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you. It was such an honor to have worked with Dr. Wong when he first came to Cairo and to have had him as our Dr. for many years. He will be missed and was loved by so many of us.



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**Carol and Randy George** - December 03, 2020 at 12:34 PM

AD

“ *Dr. Gemo Wong was an incredibly special man. He was one of my doctors for 38 years. He cared about people. He will be very much missed. I have so many memories of Dr. Wong. He was a wonderful caring doctor. He didn't see dollar signs, he saw ME. I'd tell him, as I kissed his cheek, I just love you, Dr. Wong. I love you Dr. Wong, and no one can replace you.*

*Praying for the family.*

*Amy Lee Day*



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**Amy Lee Day** - December 03, 2020 at 11:11 AM

HM

“ *Hope Mallory-Green lit a candle in memory of Gemo Young Wong*



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**Hope Mallory-Green** - December 03, 2020 at 10:06 AM

HM

*Rest peacefully Dr. Wong. Thank you for your service to the community of Cairo, IL. You will be sorely missed. My condolences to your beautiful family.*

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**Hope Mallory-Green** - December 03, 2020 at 10:07 AM

DW

*Dr. Wong was a Godsend to the city of Cairo. He was an excellent and dedicated physician and surgeon. He will be missed terribly. My condolences to your wife and entire family. Rest In Peace in the arms of our savior, my friend.*

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**David Westermann** - December 03, 2020 at 10:22 AM

TP

“ *Most caring bedside manner as a doctor and friend! He and his family helped to keep Cairo alive in more ways than one. Prayers for this beautiful family.*

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**Tim and Ilene Pierce** - December 03, 2020 at 08:41 AM



“ *Tammy Upshaw lit a candle in memory of Gemo Young Wong*



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**Tammy Upshaw** - December 03, 2020 at 02:49 AM

WC

“ *Dr. Wong was our family doctor many years ago when we lived in Cairo. He was always pleasant and kind - and sometimes showed off a little sense of humor. And in my opinion he was one of the best doctors we had. Back then (mid 1970s) your doctor treated everything. He contributed a lot to the care of people for many years. RIP Dr. Wong.*

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**Wendy Coleson** - December 03, 2020 at 12:22 AM

VC

“ *A man who truly dedicated his life to service to his community and vocation of healing. I will forever be grateful to have know such a man - a great inspiration and role-model, a kind and caring person, a loving husband and father, and most of all a loyal and sincere friend! I will miss you doc and your laugh. Thank you, we love you!*

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**Vel Criste** - December 02, 2020 at 11:43 PM

HG

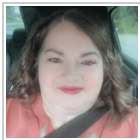
“ *What a tremendous loss to our community. 😞 Dr Wong was a great doctor, but more importantly a compassionate and self less man. He gave his all to help those in our area. He could have moved anywhere, made more money, and not worked near as hard, but he chose to continue to care for his patients in Cairo. He was one of a kind, I will sure miss him. My sincere condolences to his family.*

Heather Green - December 02, 2020 at 10:44 PM

AD

*That is so true, Heather. I often told him it was so glad he didn't leave the clinic, because I always knew he could practice anywhere and be paid so much better. Thank God he wasn't interested in being greedy. He just wanted to help people. And he did help so very many people.*

Amy Lee Day - December 03, 2020 at 11:14 AM



“ *Dr Wong.. was family, he dedicated his life as a doctor to our town....We will forever be grateful....He will be missed, by this entire community...We love you Dr Gemo Wong...Forever in our hearts...*

Susan Snelson - December 02, 2020 at 09:45 PM

RS

“ *Prayers for the family. Dr. Wong saved my moms life in Cairo in October of 2001. He gave us another year with her before passing. He was our Hero. 🙏🙏*

Rachel Price Sarabia - December 02, 2020 at 09:23 PM

AD

*Yes, Rachel, there are hundreds, if not thousands, of stories just like yours. What...oh what will we do without him?*

Amy Lee Day - December 03, 2020 at 11:16 AM

RN

“ *My deepest condolences to the family.*

*<http://cairoassociationofteachers.com/2020-21/12-2-20.htm>*

*Ron Newell*

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**Ronald E Newell** - December 02, 2020 at 08:58 PM

TP

“ *Dr. Wong was my family's doctor until his passing. He will be greatly missed by my entire family. He was a great asset to our community. The best doctor to ever grace Cairo, Illinois. RIP ❤️*

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**Tasha Posey-Blake** - December 02, 2020 at 08:33 PM

EH

*Sadden to hear the news of Dr. Wong's passing. You were an asset to our community and Christ Temple COGIC. God bless his wife and family. We're sending our prayers to God you. He will never be forgotten.*

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**Elder Terry Holder** - December 03, 2020 at 09:58 AM

MB

“ *Dr Wong was a great dr and a good man. Will be greatly missed by Cairo and all the area and all the people that had the chance to work with his . If people can't see this virus is real now please look at the loss of a great dr.*

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**Mike busby** - December 02, 2020 at 08:25 PM

SI

“ God Bless you Dr. Wong.  
You were a delightful man and a true asset to  
our community.  
Rest in peace.



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**Sidney** - December 02, 2020 at 06:58 PM

PT

“ My thoughts & prayers are with you, Lena & family. Dr. Wong was a  
friend as well as my doctor. I owe my life to him as he diagnosed  
me in 1977 & sent me for treatment . He will be forever in my heart  
& the hearts of many. Cairo lost a great man today as did you. RIP  
Doc.

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**Paula Willis Thomas** - December 02, 2020 at 06:16 PM

MF

“ Went to Dr wong in 1978 had a problem everytime at ate spicy food I  
would have a lump come up on the side of my throat he said I had a  
saliva duct . Years later it came up and didn't go down. It got very  
large to the point I went to the E.R. in another town. I informed the  
doctor what I was told by Dr wong and he told me he never heard of  
it. The next morning he performed surgery and removed 2 stones  
from my gland and removed the gland. He told me he NEVER  
believed it until he saw it.

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**Mark Franklin** - December 02, 2020 at 06:01 PM

RC

“ Sincerest condolences to the family. Dr. Wong has rendered unwavering help to so many of my family members. In addition to providing health care, he always made me feel better just by asking, "How is it going?" Thank you very much for sharing Dr. Wong with our community!

Regina Carlton - December 02, 2020 at 05:14 PM

JT

“ Dr. Wong was a great Man and Doctor this is a great loss not only for his family, but Cairo and the surrounding area. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

Joey & Buffy Thurston - December 02, 2020 at 03:13 PM

KK

“ Dr Gemo came into my husbands CPA office way back in 1977. He told Jim “we have the same name, I’m GEMO and your Jim”. They set his business things then Jim left a couple years later. Dr Gemo was a young man then. So sorry for the families loss.

Karen Kaufman - December 02, 2020 at 03:09 PM

LR

Doc was not just a physician but a all-around compassionate and caring guy who did all he could with the people of Cairo and the surrounding area with his sense of humor and fun with many of the patients in his care and especially to the staff at St. Mary's Hospital and with the people helping kids learn how to swim in his home swimming pool. He wasand still is a Saint in all that he and his family did for the people of Cairo----and I can imagine the time he is having in Heaven right now reuniting with co-workers like our Mother and Sister who worked with him. R'I.P. from the

Reisinger Family. His kids are very special to me while working atSt. Joe and with the Rotary t-ball. Special prayers and love to the Family!  
Love, Loretta

Loretta Reisinger - December 06, 2020 at 11:52 AM