Program

Emcee: Moon-Ki Chai

Photo Slideshow: Sun-Ki Chai

Korean Fan Dance: Madeleine Chai

This Little Light of Mine: Ricky and Julie Chai

Pearly Shells (Ukulele): Mary Lou Chai

Guitar Performance: Koji Taniyama

Violin Performance: Yoon-Ki Chai

Ribbons (Piano): Alexander Chai

Looking Glass River (Piano): Madeleine Chai

Thank you to everyone for attending this celebration!

Waikīkī Resort Hotel
July 10, 2008

HAPPY 80th BIRTHDAY!
ALICE YOUNG-KOO YUN CHAI
Alice Yun Chai was born as Young Koo Yun on 7/10/1928 as the oldest child of 7 siblings (5 sons and 2 daughters) of Dr. Il Sun Yun and Margaret Young Sook Cho, both of whom were second generation Chung Dong Methodist Church members in Seoul.

She graduated from Kyunggi Girls High School on 1945 and graduated from Seoul National University in 1950 majoring in music. She worked for the U.S. Air Force Chaplain as an interpreter working for Korean War orphans from 1950 to 1952.

She came to the U.S. in January 1952 to attend Ohio Wesleyan University by recommendation of Dr. William Show, a Methodist Missionary in Korea from U.S. She graduated from Ohio Wesleyan University in January 1955 and married Korean student Hi Chang Chai, who was a graduate student of Mechanical Engineering at the Ohio State University and son of a Minister of Oriental Missionary Society Church (Sungkyul Kyohoe) who was abducted by the North Koreans during the Korean War.

She received her M.A. degree and Ph.D. degrees from the Ohio State University in Anthropology in 1957 and 1962, respectively. She and her husband Hi Chang returned to Korea in 1959. She taught Anthropology at Ewha Womans University and Seoul National University from 1959 and 1963. Hi Chang Chai taught at Yonsei University.

Her oldest son, Moon Ki, was born in 1960 and second son, Sun-Ki, was born in 1961. The family came to Hawaii in 1963 to Hawaii to teach at the University of Hawaii at Manoa. Her daughter, Yoon-Ki, was born in 1966. She worked for the East West Center and taught at the Women's Studies Program of the University of Hawaii. Hi Chang Chai passed away in 2001. She and her husband were members of Christ United Methodist Church since 1963 and she continues to attend the Church now.

She has four grandchildren: Moon-Ki and Mary Lou Nakagawa have children Ricky Sun-il and Julie Sun-yun. Sun-Ki and Hye-ryeon Lee have children Alex Sun-young and Madeleine Sun-woo.

After her retirement, she has been working for the Chungshindae (“Comfort Women”) Movement globally with Korean and other Asian feminists. Her research publications focus on Asian immigrant women, Asian American and Asian Women.