

Yong Kun Kim, aged 95, passed away peacefully on November 8, 2024 in his home in Jonesboro, Georgia. He was born on November 24, 1928 in Kimhae, South Korea to Won Doo Kim and Yun Ni Kang, the youngest of 6 children. His mother passed away when he was three and his father passed away when he was eight years old. He went to Seoul National University and graduated in 1952. On January 31, 1953 he married Lily Young Yae Kim. He went to the University of Missouri on a Fulbright scholarship where he got his PhD in physical chemistry. They moved to Florence, Alabama where he worked at the National Fertilizer Development Center which was part of the Tennessee Valley Authority. In 1988, he retired and moved to Jonesboro, Georgia where he became deeply involved with the Korean American Scholarship Foundation, serving as President from 1991 to 1996 then working at the national level for years. But his greatest passion was his family. For years, his family would have family reunion trips around the world where his children, their spouses, his grandchildren and great grandchildren would gather to share love and laughter. And every Thanksgiving, the family made it a tradition to gather at the oldest son's house to keep the family close. His most enduring legacy is his children, grandchildren and great grandchildren, all of whom looked up to him as the foundation of the family with his loving smile, gentle presence and words of wisdom.

He is survived by his wife Lily, his five children, Joon, Sung Mi, Jackie, Edmund and Lynda, fifteen grandchildren and five great grandchildren. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, November 30 at 11 am at the Eagles Landing Country Club. In lieu of flowers, please send donations in his name to the Korean American Scholarship Foundation.