

## OBITUARY

Bernard Cho died peacefully at his home surrounded by his four daughters and wife on November 22, 2017 in Hackettstown, NJ at the age of 68.

Bernard is survived by his wife, Soon Ja Cho and four daughters, Carol Cho, Bonnie Cho and her husband Justin Heim, Julia Cho and Gina Cho, and sister, Anastasia Ribnicky and her husband Mike Ribnicky.

Bernard Cho was born as Ung Whi Cho on July 1, 1949 in Seoul, South Korea to mother Anna Lee and father Han Gyung Cho. He served in the Republic of Korea Marine Corps stationed in Vietnam from 1969 to 1971, and was discharged in 1972. He moved to the US in 1973 to chase the American Dream. While in the US, he responded to a penpal ad in a Korean newspaper and started writing letters to a wonderful and special woman for three years, before he went to South Korea and asked Soon Ja Cho to marry him in 1976. He brought back his lovely wife to the US where they started their family. Both Bernie and Soonie worked hard at various factories, even cleaning shopping malls, until they found the company that they would retire from: the M&M Mars candy factory, where they proudly worked until they both retired.

He loved being physically active, his favorite hobbies being tennis and long walks and hikes with his wife. His pride in working for M&M Mars and his love for America and was never-ending, dressing head to toe in red, white and blue, and M&Ms clothing. He was an active church goer and heartfelt volunteer. He spent his 15 years of retirement extremely passionate about giving back to his local community and to various national humanitarian organizations and causes from soup kitchens and the VA to the Salvation Army (where he looked forward every holiday season ringing the bell outside of supermarkets). He often shared with others his love for America and giving to charity so that he might inspire them to do the same. He was truly a man of service, loyalty, duty and honor, both to his country and his family.

A viewing is scheduled for Sunday, November 26 from 2-pm - 4pm and 7pm - 9pm at Cochran Funeral Home, [905 High Street, Hackettstown, NJ, 07840](http://www.cochranfuneralhome.com). The funeral is scheduled for Monday, November 27 at 11 am at St. Mark's Church at [59 Spring Lane, Long Valley, NJ 07853](http://www.stmarkschurch.org). Rev. Marcin Michaloski will officiate the ceremony. All are welcome to attend and celebrate Bernard's life. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to any of the following places in his honor:

Paralyzed Veterans of America - <http://www.pva.org/>

World Vision - [www.worldvision.org](http://www.worldvision.org)

Salvation Army - <http://www.salvationarmy.org/>

Your local police, fire dept and first aid squad.

Cochran Funeral Home, Hackettstown

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