

Donald K. Tsang
1968-2015

Donald K. Tsang, 47, passed away unexpectedly at his home in Seattle on Wednesday, September 2, 2015.

Donald was born August 4, 1968 in Berkeley, California, the first child and only son of Floris and Annel Tsang.

Donald was tremendously proud of and devoted to his children, Daniella and Constantina. They and his beloved wife, Daisy, were the center of his world. He was an active and involved father, encouraging the girls to pursue all their interests, including participation in piano competitions, playing violin, swimming, and learning everything they could about anything that interested them. His greatest joy was spending time with Daisy, Dani, and Dina.

Donald loved to entertain, especially if it meant combining good food and social games. Donald's parties were always lively events, and almost always included gaming of some sort, whether the game was poker, team chess (aka "bughouse") or Magic: The Gathering, which he played avidly from the time it was introduced. He greatly enjoyed teaching others to play, and took great delight in introducing Magic to his children and the children of many friends. This next generation of players will carry on Donald's passion for the game.

Donald earned a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science from the University of California, Berkeley, in 1990. He spent three years in the graduate program at the University of Washington Department of Computer Science & Engineering before he followed his passion for working in startups. He was one of the earliest developers at Amazon.com, creating the technology that secures customers' credit cards. Donald also worked at a number of Seattle-based startups, including Marchex, Ground Truth, Relevant Data, and OpenCar, returning to Amazon for a few years between start-ups. He most recently worked at the Seattle office of Disney, working on the Playmation game platform.

In addition to family and work, Donald donated his time and expertise generously. He served as the Technology Committee Chair for the Seattle North APP PTA. He was also very involved with the Ravenna String Orchestras. Over the years he played violin, viola, cello and even double bass with the orchestra. He helped create and maintain the organization's website. Donald and Daisy also helped found the soloists program, in honor of Daisy's late father.

Donald is survived by his wife, Daisy (Chai), his two daughters Daniella and Constantina, and his mother-in-law, Xundu Wu, all at home in Seattle; his parents, Floris and Annel Tsang, his sister Dale Tsang and her children Abby and Jeremy Tsang Hall, all of Berkeley, California; many aunts, uncles, and cousins around the world; and countless friends. Donald was preceded in death by his father-in-law, Haili Chai.

A Celebration of Life in Donald's honor will be held on Sunday, September 27, from 2 to 4pm at the University of Washington Center for Urban Horticulture. All are welcome to join Donald's family in remembering and celebrating Donald by sharing stories, companionship, and very likely, some hands of Magic: The Gathering.