

## **IN LOVING MEMORY OF DR. JOHN TAI-YUAN CHEN**

Dr. John Chen passed away August 11, 2010 at his home in Apple Valley California. He was 60. Born in Chia-Yi, Taiwan, Republic of China, John grew up and received his education in Taiwan until 1982 when he came to the United States.

As the eldest son of his family and with Business Administration as his major, John was instrumental in assisting his father, the late Mr. Wu-Yin Chen, with the housing development business in Chia-Yi, in addition to being the Chief of Business Operations for his father's renowned Ho-Ping Judo Academy in Chia-Yi, a premier Judo Dojo (Academy) that produced countless champions nationally and internationally. With John's able assistance, Ho-Ping Judo Academy created a most glorious page in Taiwan's Judo history for over 3 decades. While growing the family's Judo business, John also exposed himself to the oriental medical practice through business associates and an extensive network of medical professionals, thus sparking his interests and desire to further pursue acupuncture as his career.

An avid reader and with a passion for learning, John continued to pursue oriental medicine and acupuncture soon after his arrival in the United States. He successfully completed his medical education and established the Mojave Holistic Clinic in Apple Valley. Over the past 18 years, John's medical practice steadily grew and expanded, with patients came from not only the Inland Empire, the High Desert area, but as far as Las Vegas and San Diego. Throughout his career, John tirelessly devoted his spare time in medical research and study in search of solutions. His compassion for his patients and effective treatments earned him much respect and credibility from the local community. A particularly worth noting area of his specialization is in the effective treatment of pain. A very humble and self-effacing person, John rarely boasted his own achievements. Many of his patients came from personal referrals and through word-of-mouth, among them were the late Hollywood legends and movie stars from the 40's-50's, Dale Evans and Roy Rogers; the King of All Cowboys and the Queen of the Western.

In addition to his acupuncture practice, John also established Chen Judo Institute alongside his medical clinic. John achieved a distinction of 6<sup>th</sup> degree black belt in Judo. His mastery of Judo came not only from his family roots but his own experience and numerous personal achievements in national competitions in Taiwan. Through John's unique coaching, teaching and technical assistance, one of his students recently won the national Judo championship in the United States, a proud accomplishment and evidence of John's talents.

John is survived by his mother, Ching-Shia; wife, Yi-Fang; son, Curvan; brother, Ray; sister, Judy; sister-in-law, Maria; nephews Alex and Brian ; and niece, Jennifer.

He will be missed by all.

