



Ru Ling Luo

April 18, 1961 - December 22, 2025

Ru Ling Luo, 64, of Jackson, Missouri died Monday, December 22, 2025 at Mercy Hospital Southeast.

She was born April 18, 1961 in Shaoxing, China to Yongqing Luo and Yuezhen Zhu.

She and John Cai were married in 1983 in China.

Ling found her greatest joy in caring for her garden and spending time with her grandchildren. She loved a lively home filled with family and friends, and she expressed her love through generosity — cooking meals, sharing vegetables from her garden, and always giving without expecting anything in return. Ling also cherished her time at the restaurant and enjoyed seeing familiar faces; even after selling the business, she continued working there so she could stay connected with the community and the people she cared for. She had a warm, generous heart and loved those around her deeply.

She owned and operated China Palace for 21 years.

Survivors include her husband, John Cai of Jackson; a son, Johnny (Grace Li) Cai of Cambridge, United Kingdom; a daughter, Alice (James Liu) Cai of Jackson, Missouri; three grandchildren, Quentin Lee Cai, George Colton Cai

and Emma Cai all of Cambridge, United Kingdom; two brothers; and a sister.

She was preceded in death by her father.

Visitation will be 11:00 am to 1:00 pm on Tuesday, December 30, 2025 at Ford & Sons Mt. Auburn Chapel in Cape Girardeau.

Funeral service will follow at 1:00 pm Tuesday at the funeral home with the Rev. Paul Short officiating.

Burial will be at Cape County Memorial Park Cemetery in Cape Girardeau.

Online condolences may be made at www.fordandsonsfuneralhome.com.

Ford & Sons Funeral Home - Mt. Auburn is in charge of arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Cape County Memorial Park Cemetery

2315 Highway 61 North
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701
(573) 334-1909
<https://www.fordandsonsfuneralhome.com/>

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **30**. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Ford and Sons Mt. Auburn Chapel
1001 N. Mt. Auburn Rd.
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

Funeral Service

DEC **30**. 1:00 PM (CT)

Ford and Sons Mt. Auburn Chapel
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Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

Tribute Wall

JP

“ John P. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ru Ling Luo.

John P. - January 01 at 06:35 PM

AR

“ Always smiling, always so kind.

Amber Riggs - December 30, 2025 at 09:26 AM

KM

“ Kriste & Barry Martin purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Ru Ling Luo.



Kriste & Barry Martin - December 30, 2025 at 08:56 AM

KM

“ Kriste & Barry Martin planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ru Ling Luo.

Kriste & Barry Martin - December 30, 2025 at 08:56 AM

EL

“ Every message posted here captures the beauty of our friend Ru Ling. Our families have shared many good memories together. Our thoughts will be with you, John, mommy, Johnny, and Alice. God bless each of you.
With love, Alberta Loos' family



E Loos - December 29, 2025 at 10:30 PM

SW

“ We were shocked when we heard this tragedy news. We could not believe it was true. Ruling was such a nice lady and sweet and care to other people. We know each other very well. We sheared garden funs and other feelings. Because Ruling was such a great gardener that she grew so many vegetables and fruits. We got many Chinese chestnuts, pears, and other fresh vegetables that could not find in grocery stores. Also we ate lot of “Bian Cai Fan “ in her house. The “Bian Cai Fan “ means simple fast food the family daily eats. But every time it turned out to be a special local Shaoxing famous traditional food. Now, we missed Ruling. We could only have local Shaoxing food with Ruling in our memory. Ruling, hope you have peace in heaven. Shaojun Wang and Yifeng Ren

Shaojun Wang - December 29, 2025 at 06:19 PM

GL

“ We are so sorry for your loss John. Ling was such a sweet lady. Always smiling. Prayers to you and your family.

Paul and Ginger

Ginger Lufcy - December 29, 2025 at 10:55 AM

AA

“ Anna & Aiden purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Ru Ling Luo.



Anna & Aiden - December 29, 2025 at 12:07 AM

WF

“ With Love, Qinnan Ding and family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Ru Ling Luo.



With Love, Qinnan Ding and family - December 28, 2025 at 11:21 PM



“ Ling was one of the kindest most humble people I have ever known, I sure will miss her. Jon and family have my sincere condolences_ Brad Jones

Brad Jones - December 28, 2025 at 10:40 PM

WQ

“ Weidong Luo & Suzhen Qian planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ru Ling Luo.

Weidong Luo & Suzhen Qian - December 28, 2025 at 05:33 PM

WQ

“ Weidong Luo & Suzhen Qian purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Ru Ling Luo.



Weidong Luo & Suzhen Qian - December 28, 2025 at 05:33 PM

JC

“ Dear John and family—My deepest condolences on the loss of your wife and loved one. I always enjoyed visiting with all of you at China Palace. I moved to Florida in 2021



John Campbell - December 28, 2025 at 05:21 PM

HB

“ HaEun Park & Jaebum Byun purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Ru Ling Luo.



HaEun Park & Jaebum Byun - December 28, 2025 at 12:12 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Ru Ling Luo.



December 28, 2025 at 09:45 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Ru Ling Luo.



December 28, 2025 at 02:12 AM

CC

“ Curt & Kathy Casteel planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ru Ling Luo.

Curt & Kathy Casteel - December 28, 2025 at 02:12 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Ru Ling Luo.



December 27, 2025 at 05:28 PM

TF

“ The Loos' family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Ru Ling Luo.



The Loos' family - December 27, 2025 at 02:36 PM

CA

“ Chien and Annie purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Ru Ling Luo.



Chien and Annie - December 26, 2025 at 11:10 PM

CA

“ Chien and Annie planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ru Ling Luo.

Chien and Annie - December 26, 2025 at 11:10 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Ru Ling Luo.



December 26, 2025 at 05:15 PM

CG

“ Celeste Goff planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ru Ling Luo.

Celeste Goff - December 26, 2025 at 05:15 PM

RF

“ Romana Muller & family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ru Ling Luo.

Romana Muller & family - December 26, 2025 at 03:33 PM

RF

“ Romana Muller & family purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Ru Ling Luo.



Romana Muller & family - December 26, 2025 at 03:33 PM

EM

“ Emma McAtee purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of Ru Ling Luo.



Emma McAtee - December 26, 2025 at 02:22 PM

DB

“ Dr Gary Riddle and wife Beth planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ru Ling Luo.

Dr Gary Riddle and wife Beth - December 26, 2025 at 02:08 PM

DB

“ Dr Gary Riddle and wife Beth purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Ru Ling Luo.



Dr Gary Riddle and wife Beth - December 26, 2025 at 02:08 PM

LU

“ I am grieved to hear of her sudden passing. May the family receive peace and comfort during this difficult time. She was such a bright spirit and she will be deeply missed.

Lucy - December 26, 2025 at 01:08 PM

AG

“ So very sad. She was absolutely so sweet. I remember when me and my little girls father, Mike, surprised her and her husband 28yrs ago with several china palace shirts that we made for them when they were located across from the 7-11 quick shop on Broadway St. They were so surprised and just so humbled and appreciative. They insisted we eat lunch on them and they never forgot after all those years because they ask about Mike and the kiddos EVERYTIME I come through. Heaven gained and angel for sure.

Angela Grimes - December 26, 2025 at 12:52 PM

RH

“ Our deepest condolences to John and the entire Cai family. With deep gratitude, we remember Ling's warm hospitality, steadfast kindness, and the many memories and friendships she made possible through China Palace. In addition to keeping our families, SEMO friends, and us well fed over many years (always with the warmest of welcomes), Ling and John hosted our wedding rehearsal dinner at CP 23 years ago. It remains one of our most cherished memories. May her memory be a blessing. - Ryan & Lynn Harper

Ryan & Lynn Harper - December 26, 2025 at 12:16 PM

LH

“ Lynn Casteel Harper and Ryan Harper planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ru Ling Luo.

Lynn Casteel Harper and Ryan Harper - December 26, 2025 at 11:46 AM

LH

“ Lynn Casteel Harper and Ryan Harper purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Ru Ling Luo.



Lynn Casteel Harper and Ryan Harper - December 26, 2025 at 11:46 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Ru Ling Luo.



December 26, 2025 at 11:20 AM

AW

“ Alice, Jeff and Layton Wille planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ru Ling Luo.

Alice, Jeff and Layton Wille - December 26, 2025 at 11:20 AM

CL

“ I have such wonderful memories of seeing and talking to Ling at China Palace over all the years. She was a blessing to our community and a special woman! My thoughts are we John and their family and friends.

Cindy Lange - December 25, 2025 at 11:03 PM

LO

So very sorry to hear of her passing. She was a very sweet lady and we always enjoyed talking with her when we came to eat at China Palace which was at least once a week. 🌹🌹

Lois - December 26, 2025 at 02:03 PM

LO

See above

Lois - December 26, 2025 at 02:04 PM

WS

“ Waseem Syed purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Ru Ling Luo.



Waseem Syed - December 25, 2025 at 10:47 PM

WS

“ Waseem Syed planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ru Ling Luo.

Waseem Syed - December 25, 2025 at 10:47 PM

WL

“ Wing L. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ru Ling Luo.

Wing L. - December 25, 2025 at 06:52 PM



“ Sweet Sincerity was purchased for the family of Ru Ling Luo.



December 25, 2025 at 06:06 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Ru Ling Luo.



December 25, 2025 at 06:03 PM



“ Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Ru Ling Luo.



December 25, 2025 at 05:42 PM



“ Teresa, Calvin, and Ng Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ru Ling Luo.

Teresa, Calvin, and Ng Family - December 25, 2025 at 05:42 PM



“ Raniah Al Bayati planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ru Ling Luo.

Raniah Al Bayati - December 25, 2025 at 10:43 AM

RB

“ Raniah Al Bayati purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Ru Ling Luo.



Raniah Al Bayati - December 25, 2025 at 10:43 AM

RF

“ Rex and Becky Li and family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Ru Ling Luo.



Rex and Becky Li and family - December 25, 2025 at 06:45 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ru Ling Luo.



December 24, 2025 at 10:58 PM

GF

“ Will forever cherish how Ling always lit up a room, her generosity, and how she felt like family. Until we meet again! ☐☐



Grace Fuhrmann - December 24, 2025 at 09:46 PM

CR

“ Cedar Hill Family Medicine Residents purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Ru Ling Luo.



Cedar Hill Family Medicine Residents - December 24, 2025 at 07:53 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Ru Ling Luo.



December 24, 2025 at 06:34 PM

AJ

“ An and Julie purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Ru Ling Luo.



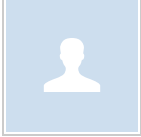
An and Julie - December 24, 2025 at 06:33 PM

LC

“ Linda and Charlie purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Ru Ling Luo.



Linda and Charlie - December 24, 2025 at 04:17 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Ru Ling Luo.



December 24, 2025 at 04:08 PM



“ Zhou Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ru Ling Luo.

Zhou Family - December 24, 2025 at 04:08 PM



“ Linda L. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ru Ling Luo.

Linda L. - December 24, 2025 at 04:01 PM



“ Jiao's family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ru Ling Luo.

Jiao's family - December 24, 2025 at 03:16 PM



“ Jiao's family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Ru Ling Luo.



Jiao's family - December 24, 2025 at 03:16 PM

DF

“ *Our hearts are broken to get this news. Ru Ling was indeed one of the kindest, most generous woman we have had the privilege of knowing. Her smile will not be forgotten. Go Bless John and the entire family.* 🌻🙏

Don and Tammy Frazier - December 24, 2025 at 02:45 PM