



## John Kent Wong

July 21, 1948 - November 19, 2025

John Kent Wong, age 77, passed away around 7:45pm on November 19, 2025 at the Sunrise Hospital in Las Vegas, Nevada after a sudden emergency heart surgery.

John was born to the late Leige and Sue Wong on July 21, 1948 in Aberdeen, South Dakota.

John grew up in his family's restaurant, The Rainbow Café in Brookings, South Dakota, where he developed his lifelong career as a cook. He went on to own and operate the Windsong Restaurant in Colorado Springs, where he met his wife of 43 years, Patricia Hiltbold. Together, they opened Peak's Palate Inn, also in Colorado Springs.

They moved the family to Palm Desert in 1987. John and Pat later followed Leige and Sue to live in Las Vegas, Nevada. John loved the desert and 24 hour nature of the city.

John was mechanically inclined. He could fix anything and really loved working with anything that had a motor. He spent many hours in his workshop tinkering with his remote control cars and boats. He loved tropical fish and owned an Aquarium Store in Brookings in the 1970s.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Leige and Sue Wong, first wife Lynda Bailey and stepson Jeff Hiltbold.

He is survived by his wife Patricia Hiltbold and her daughters Wendy Hiltbold (Rich) Rohrer, and Heather Hiltbold, daughter in law Jamie Hiltbold; his daughters with Lynda Bailey, Tami Wong (Michael) Quinn and Melanie Wong (Keith) Kraynak. There are seven grandchildren. He has three sisters, Connie Wong, Shirley (Dan) Savageau and Dolly Wong (Dave) Kast.

There will never be another person like John Wong. We will sorely miss his offbeat sense of humor and wisdom that always seemed to be boiled down to its most essential essence.

A Celebration of Life is tentatively planned for January 2026 in Fort Mohave, Arizona. In lieu of flowers, please donate to your local food bank.

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Patricia Hiltbold lit a candle in memory of John Kent Wong*



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**Patricia Hiltbold** - November 30, 2025 at 03:39 PM

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*I will do, Pat!*

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**Connie Wong** - December 30, 2025 at 01:30 PM

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“ *my sympathies to the family and friends Julie Begeman Lawyer*



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**Julie Lawyer** - November 26, 2025 at 01:14 PM