We regret to announce the passing of our dear friend, Bil (William S) Tom, also known as "May Ling", who died on Tuesday, September 27th at the age of 85 in Los Angeles.

Bil served as a past President of A/PGF (Asian/Pacific Gays and Friends) and contributed his knowledge and talent to our organization. The past few years, Bil was the treasurer of iTION (IFW and ICON merged a few years ago, forming iTION) which held their annual gatherings in different cities over the Labor Day weekend. This organization consists of Gay Asians and Non-Asians from the United States and from around the world.

Even at his advanced age, he traveled to Europe and Southeast Asia several times each year. He traveled "on a shoe string" studying the public transportation system of each city and never used taxi's to the exasperation of his travel mates. You could always count on Bil to be the best tour guide you could ever have.

He attended Gay festivals in major European cities often going from one to another. Bil loved to take photographs of hunky guys in the parades and never had a problem getting people to pose for him. (Hundreds of these pictures have been donated to the ONE Gay Archives, here in Los Angeles.)

Bil had a sharp wit and blurted out snide remarks as often as possible. Even on good days, his friends could not keep up with his humor!

This past Labor Day weekend, Bil attended the iTION gathering in Chicago. Those in attendance noticed that he slowed down dramatically. Regardless of his health - he still had a smile on his face and enjoyed every minute of his trip with his friends.

Memorial arrangements are incomplete and being handled by his brother, Jim who resides in Oakland.

He will be sadly missed by all.

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