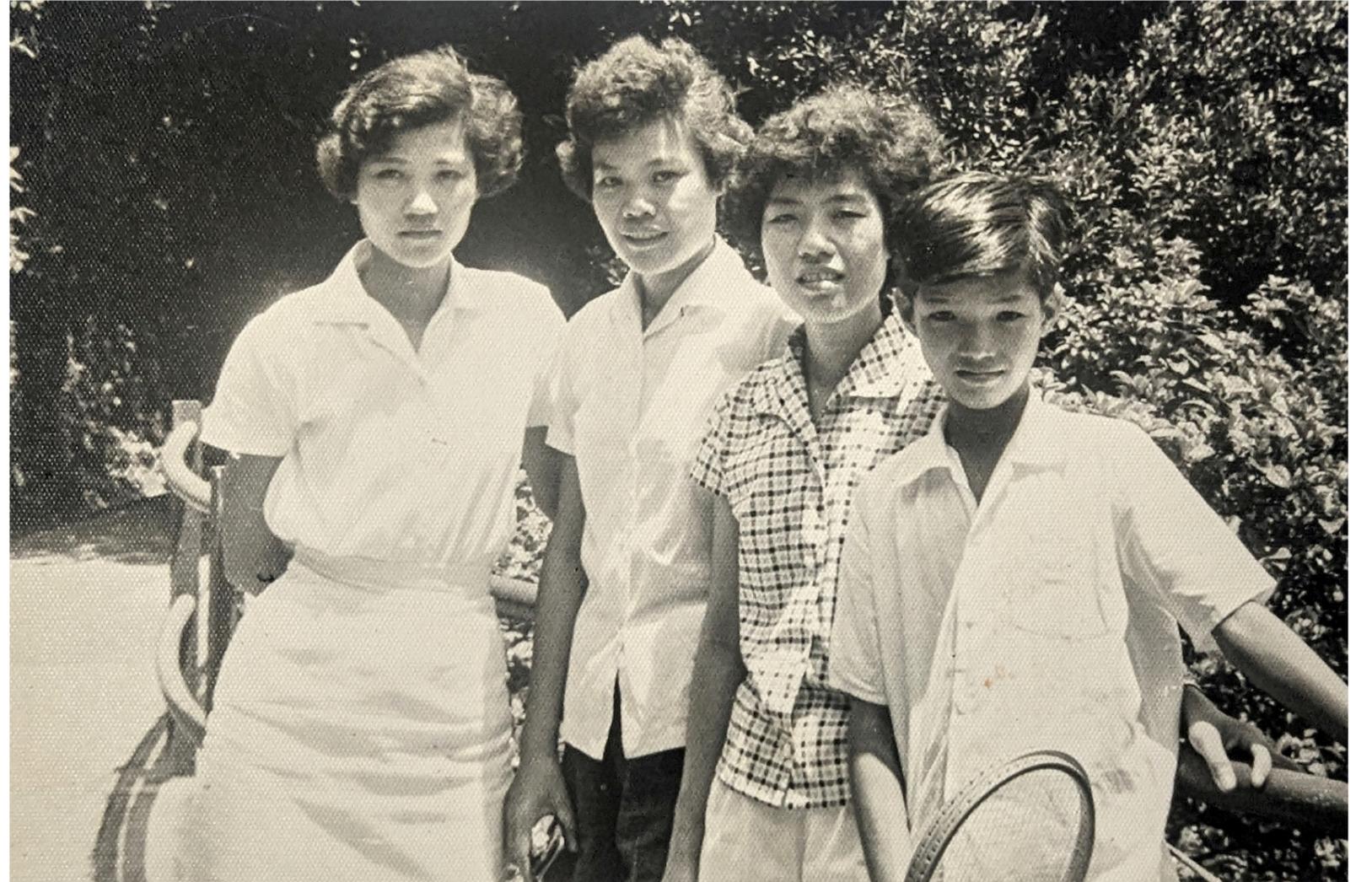




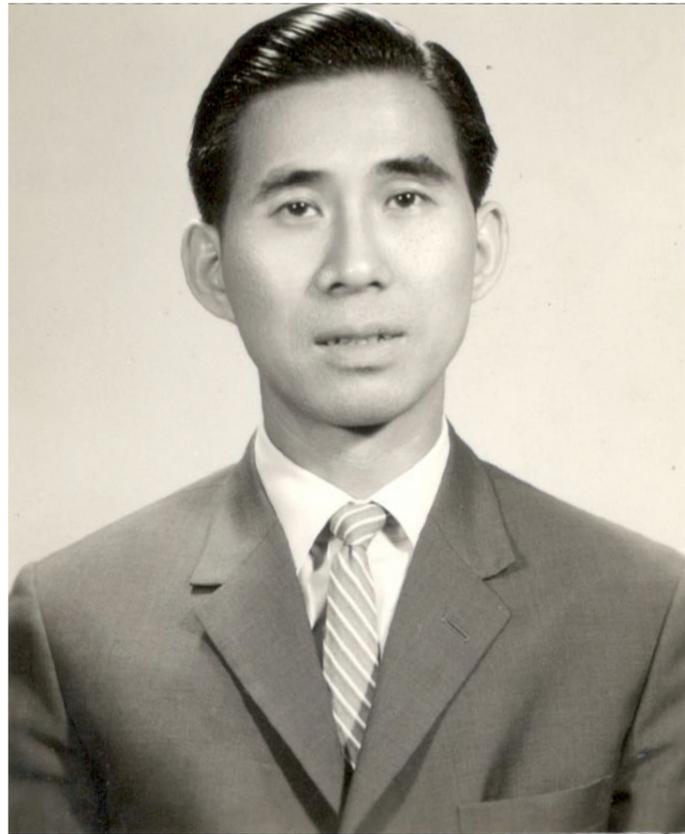
A remembrance on your 90th birthday,
 from your loving family. We are very
 proud of your achievements, and are
 grateful for all you have done for us, and
 continue to do for us. Wishing you the
 very best for the next decade!

With much love,
 from Donald, Marina, Melany and Tim.









Dear Nancy,

I was privileged to proofread your excellent autobiography. It was always a warm and welcome time when we could meet. I am glad I came to know you as a dear and wonderful friend who is dedicated to her family and to all others' welfare. I am grateful that you are in my life and that we have stayed in touch. Although we are miles apart, please know that I think of you often. I wish you a very Happy Birthday and good health and joy in the year ahead!

Love,
Nina Theiss



Dear Nancy,

On your 90th birthday, I am glad for this opportunity to tell you how much you mean to me. When you first enrolled in my world literature class many years ago, I was astonished to see how deeply you valued a community college education and how diligently you applied yourself to your studies. I welcomed those times when you came to see me in my office to ask questions about the reading or the papers you had written. It was inspiring to me to help such an eager student. When you began to share drafts of your original poems and memoirs, I realized how truly extraordinary you are. You seem to have been, since you were young, a courageous student of life, observant and aware and equal to its tests. While you often asked me questions about your use of verb tenses and word choices in your writing, I was struck by the richness of the life story that was unfolding. I learned that you have met many challenges with grace, acceptance, and enormous self-effort, always doing your best, and always for the benefit of others. Increasingly, I have come to appreciate just how wise and resilient the process has made you. I am grateful that you have been so dedicated to the hard work of writing in English. Your books record the history, wisdom and virtues of a life well-lived; they are treasures for others. You have been a wonderful inspiration to me in your continued pursuit to live with joy in purpose. As I contemplate what I would like these later years of my life to be--for myself and those around me--you are my example, and I thank you. Much as you have credited me with being your teacher, you long ago became my mentor and my dear friend.

Happy, Happy 90th Birthday, Nancy, and congratulations on your many accomplishments! I hope this year will be one of wonder, joy, and new adventures for you. May you be surrounded by love and have the good health and the time you want to accomplish all your heart desires.

Fondly,
Susan Sterr



