



Song Won Shin

April 12, 1973 - February 21, 2026

Song Won Shin was born “Sin Sung Won” to Sin Kyong Yol on April 12, 1973, in Seoul, South Korea. His beloved mother, Kyong Yol, married his father, Army NCO, WC McGehee in 1980. His family moved to the United States in 1981, settling in Wilson, Oklahoma in 1982. Song officially became a proud US Citizen on April 18, 1989.

While growing up in Wilson, Song was known as “Tom” to many people in his small community. Song excelled in both academics and sports including baseball, basketball, and football. He graduated from Wilson High School in 1992 as co-Salutatorian.

Song attended Southeastern Oklahoma State University from 1992-1996 where he earned his Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration. He was an active member of the Baptist Student Union and other on-campus organizations where he made lifelong friends and connections. He spent his summers as a camp counselor at Camp Cullen.

After college, he moved to Huntsville, AL, where he worked at Aviation Challenge for two years. He returned to SOSU in the fall of 1998 to pursue his MBA while working in the Office of Student Affairs. He spent a short time as a youth minister at Blue Baptist Church in Blue, OK, and he had the privilege to go on a mission trip to Malawi, Africa. In 2000, he chose to leave SOSU to

start his career in the Cellular Communication industry where he worked in Texas, New Mexico, and Arizona before moving back to Durant, OK, with his family in 2017.

Song married Leslye Haggard on 10/22/2005 in Durant, OK. His daughter, Annalye Bell Shin, was born on 2/20/2009 in Albuquerque, NM. His son William "Liam" Carlton Shin was born on 9/07/2013 in Phoenix, AZ. His two children were the light of his life, and he loved them so very much. Song was an avid golfer, tennis player, and lover of all sports. He especially enjoyed watching his favorite team - the Oklahoma Sooners.

In 2021 following the amicable end of his first marriage, Song moved to Ft Payne, AL, to live near his brother Marc and his father. While living in Alabama, Song worked for Heil Corporation as a Technical Writer for three years.

In 2024, Song reconnected with an old friend from his graduate years at SOSU, Jennifer Beasley. Their long-time friendship and unique connection blossomed into a strong love that neither of them could explain. The two were happily married on August 7, 2025.

Sadly, their love story was cut way too short. Song passed away at Texoma Medical Center in Denison, TX, after battling an illness that his ailing, physical heart could not defeat. His life slipped away peacefully from his loving wife's arms into the arms of his Lord, Jesus.

Song will be forever missed in this world, survived by his wife Jennifer (Beasley) Shin of their home in Denison, TX; his two children Annalye and Liam Shin and their mother, Leslye Haggard, of Durant, OK; his three bonus children Kinsey, Katelyn, and Connor Gray of their home in Denison, TX; his brother, Marc McGehee of Ft. Payne, AL; and Jerrod & Mendy Lingle (and

their family) of Altus, OK. Song had countless friends from around the world and family members in South Korea. Song was preceded in death by both his mother and father, Kyong Yol and WC McGehee.

Funeral services will be held at 10:00 AM on Friday, February 27, at Brown's Funeral Home chapel in Durant. Bro. Jeremy Parham will officiate. Committal services will follow at Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Hugo with Jerrod Lingle, Jaden Lingle, Jake Lingle, Jason Hicks, Michael Gelsthorpe, Greg Idell, Connor Gray, and Liam Shin, serving as pallbearers. Honorary pallbearer will be brother Marc McGehee.

The family will receive friends on Thursday evening from 6-8 PM at Brown's Funeral Home in Durant.

Online condolences may be sent to Song's family at www.brownsfuneralservice.com

<https://www.tributeslides.com/tributes/show/YD9K9W4HBKXZT6PW>

Cemetery Details

Mt. Olivet Cemetery

1198 South 8th Street
Hugo, OK 74743

Previous Events

Family and Friends Visitation

FEB 26. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Brown's Funeral Service - Durant
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Funeral Service

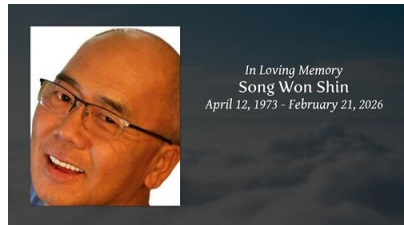
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Brown's Funeral Chapel
4900 West US Hwy 70
Durant, OK 74701

Tribute Wall



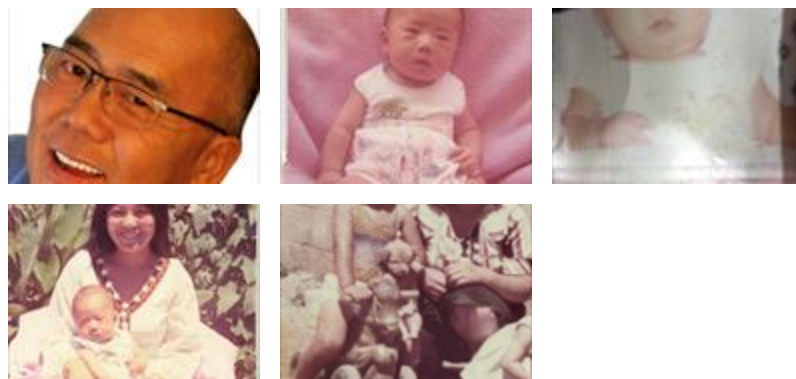
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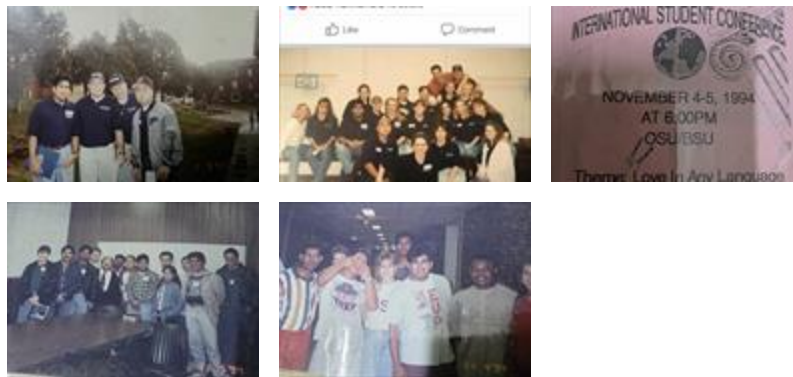
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“ I met Song when I was 15. He was like a big brother to me and looked after me when I attended SOSU. He teased me and guided me and got on to me like only a brother type could. It was because of him I was recruited to Aviation Challenge and we made many wonderful memories together. We lost touch when he moved back to Oklahoma but stayed in contact through Facebook. I will never forget him and am so happy I was fortunate to be in his sphere for the time I had with him.

Sarah Tormey - February 25 at 12:22 PM

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Md.Rezaul Ahasan - February 25 at 09:26 AM

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“ Melissa Noble, Sarah Tormey, Rita Yaunt purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Song Won Shin.



Melissa Noble, Sarah Tormey, Rita Yaunt - February 24 at 08:12 PM

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“ *Melissa Noble, Sarah Tormey, Rita Yaunt planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Song Won Shin.*

Melissa Noble, Sarah Tormey, Rita Yaunt - February 24 at 08:12 PM



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Jason Hicks - February 24 at 07:13 PM

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“ *Song was my protector when I was at college in Durant. I cannot list the many ways that he changed my life. He was a friend to many and dearly loved by all of us. He is also the reason I appreciate Korean food.*



Kellie Scott - February 24 at 05:45 PM

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“ *Your Aviation Challenge Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Song Won Shin.*



Your Aviation Challenge Family - February 24 at 01:25 PM