AAPA Statement on the Passing of Dr. Stanley Sue, One of the Founders of AAPA
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We are greatly saddened by the passing of one of AAPA’s beloved founders, Dr. Stanley Sue. Dr. Sue, along with his brother, Dr. Derald Wing Sue, led the formation of AAPA in 1972. Bringing together a group of Asian American psychologists and mental health professionals, Dr. Sue created a space for the study, advocacy, and pursuit of Asian American psychology. Although many of our current AAPA members may not have had a chance to know or directly work with him, I hope we can all take a moment of silence and gratitude for the vision that Dr. Sue and our elders had in creating a community where Asian and Asian American mental health professionals could support one another and expand the field of psychology for our communities. Dr. Sue’s impact on psychology and Asian American psychology, as well as on all of us, will forever be a part of his legacy, as many of us would not be where we are today had we not had AAPA. We send our deepest condolences to the Sue family, and we hope that you will take the time to read his obituary and leave a heartfelt message about Dr. Sue at this link: https://cypresslawn.com/obituaries/name/stanley-sue-obituary/CS-20240607-370864

In acknowledgement of our rich and storied history, here is a photo of Dr. Sue (can you spot him in the back?) and many of our AAPA elders in the early days, at the National Asian American Psychology Training Conference in 1976 in Long Beach, sponsored by AAPA.

Rest in power, Dr. Sue. And thank you for everything.