Remembering Chandler Davis
12.08.1926 – 24.09.2022
Chan and Natalie sharing a dance
Chan at his 90th birthday, reciting his poem "Successors"
Cover of Astounding Science Fiction (August 1953)

featuring
Chan’s story
Share Our World

illustrations for Share Our World (not by Chan)
Hannah, Aaron, & Simone circa 1958
58 years and 7 months later…

(August 2016)
Natalie, Chan, and their friend Ustun
Chan and Carlos attending the weekly vigil against the Israeli occupation

circa August 2019
At Sandwich/Shawme Hill for Chan’s 90th birthday
left to right:
Terry, Natalie, Chan, and Mina
Chan and Hannah
Andre, Hannah, Natalie, Chan, Sofia, and Hockey Bear
Chan and Peter Rosenthal and some other friends
Chan’s anti-nuclear novelette *The Nightmare* makes the cover story of *Astounding Science Fiction* (May 1946)
Chan, Natalie, and Sofia at Carlos’ Bar Mitzvah (January 2012)
Fellow Mathematicians

Bruce Chalmers,
Hugh Barr, Chan,
Peter Rosenthal,
Man-Duen Choi,
and
Rajendra Bhatia
Chan, Mina, Terry, Munga, Grandpa, and Bersha
Aaron, Peter, Natalie, Simone, Chan, and Gabe

Aaron’s birthday, May 2016
Chan at political demonstration in Toronto, Ontario (circa 1967)
Chan and Natalie greet trick-or-treaters on Hallowe’en (in his trademark propeller beanie) (October 2016)
Chan’s birthday cake, featuring a mathematical object he wrote about, the dragon curve.
At Hockey’s 95th birthday at Sandwich/Shawme Hill (August 1993)
Chan and Céline
Chan photographed by Johnny Siera
Chan’s name between those of Isaac Asimov and Damon Knight (Infinity Science Fiction, August 1958)
Chan and Natalie celebrating his 85th birthday at the house of their friends the Kleins
Chan, Simone, and Natalie at Inside Out graduation (2009)
Chan in his office at New College
Nanie, Hockey, Chan, and Bersha
Birthday banner for Chan’s 90th
at Sandwich/Shawme Hill
(August 2016)
Chan, Candy, Natalie, Aaron, and Peter
(Peter’s Cottage, Georgian Bay, Ontario)
The vigil against the Israeli occupation, a common haunt of Chan’s on Friday evenings

(Outside the Israeli Embassy February 2017)
Aaron, Mira, Niamh, Chan, Natalie, Simone, and Peter.

Hannukah 2017/5778
Sofia,
Natalie,
and
Chan
Niamh, Natalie, Hockey Bear, Chan, and Gabriel
Chan at SFContario 2013

a science fiction convention
where he held the position of
author/guest of honour
Chan with other mathematicians

1989

(speaking with Allen Shields (RIP), political ally and fellow mathematician)
Gathered Bear Clan
(almost all of us at that time)
at Chan’s 90th birthday
August 2016 at Sandwich/Shawme Hill
Natalie, Tom Caulfield, Chan, and Dirk Struik

at Sandwich/Shawme Hill
Chan at Migrant Rights Network demonstration

(political until the very end, this picture is from about a week before he left us)

(September 2022)
Chan with one of his biggest fans—Josh Lukin (RIP)—who compiled some stories and other writings of Chan’s for a collection published by Aqueduct Press named after one of Chan’s stories, the Byron nod 100% intentional on HCD’s part.
HARRIET waved to Max from the end of its row, but Max's thoughts were far away. He wandered back down the line, half his mind on his job, the other half on the woman he loved. Jim called to him, "Hey, Max! Wake up. Didn't you see Harriet?"
Max shook himself and glanced toward it, but it was

it walks in beauty
CHAN DAVIS

A Novelette
Dear friends and kin,

If you're in Toronto on Friday, August 12th, please join us at 768 Euclid Avenue from 3 to 6 to toast Chandler's 90th birthday.

Yes, 90th!

The picture here, drawn by our granddaughter Sofia Szamosi, recalls a tree he climbed in front of our house in Toronto one day in the 1990s when she was a girl. He claims that he last climbed one in 2003. He doesn't promise to do it at the party!

Please let me know by August 2 if you can come. (I'll remind you.)
- Natalie

P.S. No gifts. If you want to, make a gift in his honor to your favorite charity, or to Médecins sans frontières, Amnesty International, or Independent Jewish Voices.
Chan, Carlos, Natalie, and Amelie (Paris, France in December 2019)
Candy, Niamh, Sofia, Gabe, Johnny, Aaron, Simone, Chan, and Natalie
(Xmas 2016)
Chan and Natalie at Natalie’s 88th birthday
(November 2016)
Natalie, Aaron, and Hannah c. 1955

Grand Central Station Photobooth, New York City, New York
Various members of the Bear Clan gathered at Sandwich/Shawme Hill around the time of Chan's 90th birthday (August 2016)
In addition to writing many poems, Chan wrote a certain amount of music, some of which has words based on his own verse, and many others are art songs based on his own settings of works by poets he admired. His daughter Hannah collected these pieces in an anthology.
Chan, Natalie, and Aaron canoeing at Peter’s cottage in Georgian Bay, Ontario (2014)
Natalie, Chan, and Niamh (July 2022)
Chan’s cake from the family celebrations in Sandwich/Shawme Hill on the occasion of his 90th birthday
Chan and Natalie arrive at Sandwich/Shawme Hill for Chan’s 90th birthday (August 2016)
Chan, with Jon Thompson and Lee Lorch.

Lee was one of Chan’s best friends, a fellow red mathematician committed to a life of activism.