



The art of Jeet Kune Do underwent some significant changes from the Chinatown curriculum after Bruce began to teach privately in his backyard.



A devoted friend: Ted still makes the trip to Seattle as often as he can to pay his respects to his sifu and friend, Bruce Lee.



Bruce Lee's love for his wife, Linda, was profound and heart-felt. He once told Ted Wong that he was "very, very fortunate and lucky to have Linda for my wife." Here the Lees smile for the camera at Ted Wong's wedding.

money was simply a by-product of being a very dedicated martial artist. How he found the time to do all the things he did, I've always been amazed by.

I would like to get your thoughts on Bruce Lee's love for his wife, Linda.

TED WONG: He loved his family tremendously and really, really loved his wife Linda. Most people don't realize that about Bruce Lee. Linda Lee was the most important person in his life. Certainly she was the one who made him successful -- Bruce Lee told me that himself. People don't realize the credit that she should receive. I remember one time, it was after the success of his second

movie, and Bruce Lee came back to California and stopped by my house. I gave him a ride over to Herb Jackson's house and as we were driving along the freeway, and he said, "You know what, Ted? I feel that I am very, very fortunate and lucky to have Linda for my wife. All of those years when we were down financially and I was down emotionally, she never once complained. She even had to go to work when I hurt my back and couldn't support my family. I was so depressed at that point, and yet there she was -- not complaining, but ready to support me. I feel that I will make it now. I've finally gotten to where I want to be, and it's solely because of Linda's love and support. I'm a very lucky man."

In a related vein, Bruce Lee's daughter, Shannon, is now studying Jeet Kune Do under your instruction. And in speaking with Linda, she feels that is just great. How do you like teaching Shannon?

TED WONG: Shannon has really inherited some genes from her father. She's got great form and she picks up things so quickly. You know, one person I really wanted to teach was Brandon. I wished I could have taught him all that I learned from his father, but I never had the opportunity except a few times when he was really, really little. But now I feel so fortunate that I have been given the opportunity to teach Shannon the art of Jeet Kune Do, and I couldn't ask for anything better. I feel so honored and she's a really, really good student.

On a personal note, you've often told me that Bruce Lee not only helped you as a martial artist, but also as a person. I'm guessing that this latter category had to do with teaching you his philosophy. What part of his philosophy has influenced you the most?

TED WONG: Bruce Lee always encouraged me to be myself and not to be afraid. He really changed me, the way I looked, the way I dressed. I used to wear a crew cut and was terribly bashful. I mean, I couldn't even get a date (laughs)! But Bruce took me and took



Shannon Lee is now studying Jeet Kune Do under her sifu Ted Wong's watchful eye.

me to a store and told me what shirts and pants to buy, and even took me out to get my hair styled. A complete makeover! (laughs) He gave me confidence. What he helped me with far exceeds what he taught me in martial art. He was a great person and he gave me confidence.

Finally, Ted, as you were one of the people most instrumental in getting the Jun Fan Jeet Kune Do Nucleus started, I wanted to get your thoughts about the Nucleus, and what your thoughts are for the future of Jun Fan Jeet Kune Do.

TED WONG: I think the future is really, really bright. For the first time in twenty-some years, I feel that the people who should be getting together have gotten together to preserve Bruce Lee's art. I've been hurting; honestly, I've been hurting for many years. There were many people out there who had been misrepresenting Bruce Lee's art to the point where, for years, it really hurt me. It's really fortunate that people like you and Linda Lee and other first generation students of Bruce Lee, and members of the second generation of Bruce Lee's students have come together and pooled their resources and knowledge of Bruce Lee and his art, and are now working as one unit. I really am starting to feel that Bruce Lee's art will survive and come back again. There has been a lot of support and the people have been wonderful. Hopefully, through me and other members of the Jun Fan Jeet Kune Do Nucleus and through Jun Fan Jeet Kune Do, people will now come to know Bruce Lee a little better, and come to appreciate and understand his art more fully.