

## Joyce Chen

(September 12, 1917-  
August 23, 1994)

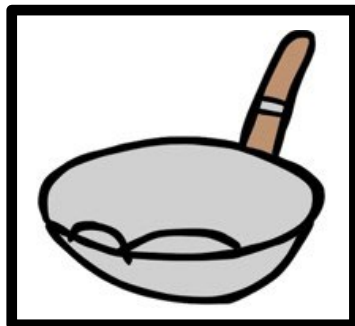
**Chef, Restaurateur,  
Entrepreneur**

**Chinese American**

**Place of Birth:** Beijing,  
China

**Place of Death:** Lexington,  
Massachusetts

**Invention:** Peking Wok



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Joyce Chen was born in Beijing and moved to Massachusetts in 1949. As a groundbreaking chef, author, television personality, and entrepreneur, she had a plethora of achievements. Joyce popularized Chinese dishes in America like Peking duck and moo shu pork. She established Joyce Chen Products, which sold Chinese cooking utensils. Most significantly, she invented and patented the Peking wok. This unique wok was designed with a flat bottom so it could sit on electric and gas stoves. Joyce received multiple awards, among them being the Outstanding Achievement Award for Business and Industry in 1985. She was inducted into the James Beard Foundation Hall of Fame in 1998.