



## Ming-Liang Shen

October 7, 2019

Ming-Liang Shen passed away peacefully on October 7, 2019 at the age of 86 with his family by his side. He was the beloved husband of Ching-Tzy Shen and the adored father of Jeanne Shen and Lily Shen. He will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

Ming-Liang was a gifted man who was both a physics scholar and a talented poet. He read many books about the fields of science and art, and his family often found him in his office or favorite nook with an open book. Leonardo da Vinci and Michelangelo were among his heroes. Ming-Liang graduated from National Taiwan University and was a member of the first graduating class of Tsinghua University in Taiwan. He won a scholarship to attend the University of Rochester, where he received a PhD in physics. While he was working on his PhD thesis, he met the love of his life, Ching-Tzy, who was pursuing a master's degree in math in Kansas.

After earning his PhD, Ming-Liang then completed a postdoctoral fellowship at the Bartol Research Foundation of the Franklin Institute in Pennsylvania. In addition, he was awarded grants from the National Science Foundation to conduct research at Brown University and Oak Ridge National Laboratory. Subsequently, in 1973, Ming-Liang and his family moved to Connecticut, where he worked as an engineer at United Technologies for almost 20 years.

During his well-deserved retirement, Ming-Liang enjoyed living in Farmington, CT, surrounded by beautiful trees and flowers. He was an avid gardener and knew about many different species of plants and trees. He designed his gardens to show off his favorite peonies. In his free time, Ming-Liang wrote poetry in classical Chinese about beauty and nature. He also loved food and travel, and looking at great works of art. Over the years, Ming-Liang had memorable family trips to see masterpieces at the Louvre, Musée d'Orsay, the Vatican Museums and Sistine Chapel, and the Metropolitan Museum of Art. Just a week before he passed away, Ming-Liang had a wonderful time visiting the Prado Museum and the Picasso Museum in Spain.

Ming-Liang's family will always treasure the time they had with him and remember him for his jovial personality, great sense of humor, and radiant smile. His family is grateful that he enjoyed life up until the end. They have many cherished memories of laughter and good times with him.

Family and friends will gather for a private memorial service for Ming-Liang Shen on November 16, 2019. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the American Heart Association, 7272 Greenville Avenue, Dallas, TX 75231 ([www.heart.org](http://www.heart.org)). For online condolences, please visit [www.molloyfuneralhome.com](http://www.molloyfuneralhome.com).

# Tribute Wall

“ My Friend – Ming Liang Shen

*Good afternoon! My name is Li Sen Lin and known also as Jim.*

*Back in 1978, I first met Ming Liang at the library of United Technology Research Center. He told me he graduated from the Physics Department of National Taiwan University, and I was so happy to meet an alumni from Taiwan even though he was 13 years ahead of me.*

*My first impression about him was that he was a quiet scientist with a humble smile. Later on we became close friends and I was astonished to find out he had ample interest in many different areas other than his own expertise. In his era, nuclear science was one of the hottest areas of study. It was a big advantage for a physics major because they could easily cross fields to work in many different engineering disciplines.*

*Let me mention one of his contributions while he worked for P&W. I remember in the early 80's, he called me one day to join his research project on geared turbofan for materials support. I did not participate though because, my team was busily involved in supporting single crystal turbine blades for the PW4000 program. He and many other engineers at P&W made such great efforts in more than 20 years of their research program that finally the geared turbo fan was made a reality to improve jet engine fuel efficiency by at least 15%. As an airplane passenger, you may not notice the fuel savings, would certainly notice that the engines are much quieter.*

*As we both worked for P&W and also were members of the Taiwanese Association of CT, I had many fun memories with the Shen family. I remember playing volley ball with Ming's daughters Jeanne and Lily. I enjoyed so many good dishes from TZ and cheerful conversations at their houses in Glastonbury, West Hartford, and Farmington. I appreciate very much to have been your friend, and although you no longer here, the good memories will be*

*always with me.*

*May God bless Ming in eternity. I can easily imagine him innocently smiling at all of us now. May his spirit stay close to all his family members and all his friends around the world. Let's stay connected, A-men!*

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**Li Sen Lin** - November 17, 2019 at 08:39 AM

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“ *I remember so well Ming-Liang's warmth and graciousness when he welcomed me into his home to celebrate Thanksgiving with Lily, her mom and sister. His zest for life and avid interest in art, travel, literature made a great impression on me and on those whose lives he touched. I'm so glad he was able to share many wonderful moments of travel and enjoyment with his beloved family throughout his life. His legacy of love for them and for lifelong learning will always live on. Rest in peace.*

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**Gwen** - November 16, 2019 at 12:17 PM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Ming-Liang Shen.*



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November 12, 2019 at 03:06 PM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ming-Liang Shen.*



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November 12, 2019 at 10:53 AM