



## Yiai Chen

September 17, 1921 - February 24, 2009

### Yi-Ai Chen

Mother and grandmother, a career physicist, Yi-Ai Chen died February 24, 2009, in peaceful sleep at the age of 87. She was born on September 17, 1921 in Rangoon, Burma. Yi-Ai lived with her loving mother, Wang, Rui-Tang, during her early childhood, and graduated from Pooi To Middle School, Hong-Kong. In 1942 she entered National Central University in the city of Chungking, China. After WWII, she studied physics at the University of Leicester, UK, and married late Dr. Chengzhong Yang in Liverpool. She and her husband later returned to China and devoted their lives in the physics research. Chen specialized in nuclear electronics and became one of the founding members of the Institute of Modern Physics, Lanzhou, China, where she was the director of the electronics division. She had a long successful research career, retiring in 1986. After the death of her late husband, Chen spent most of her time in the US with her children and grandchildren. She fought a long battle with cancer and cardiovascular diseases in recent years. Her weakened heart and lung finally ceased to function in the early morning of February 24, 2009. Yi-Ai Chen is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Bingwei V. Yang and Rui Liu of Montgomery, NJ; daughter and son-in-law, Bingrong C. Yang and Yongshun Jin of Dix Hills, NY; Son and daughter-in-law Bingxin T. Yang and Yi Lin of Naperville, IL; son and daughter-in-law, Bingen B. Yang and Haiyan Wang; grandchildren, Ken Liu and Lisa Tang Liu of

Boston, MA; Richard Jin of Dix Hills, NY; James Yang of Naperville, IL; Sonia Yang and Tanya Yang of Arcadia, CA. A wake service will be held on Saturday afternoon, 28 February 2009 at the Jacobsen Funeral Home, New York Avenue, Huntington Station, New York.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Yiai Chen*

November 27, 2022 at 05:33 PM



“ *I will always cherish the beautiful memories of the hours with Prof. Chen. Her rattling laughter as well as her marvelous insight will always stay with us. Prof. Chen's life was a brilliant life. May she be in rest.*

吴本荣(**Peng-Yung Woo**) - April 05, 2009 at 12:00 AM

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欧阳健 - March 11, 2009 at 12:00 AM

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“ Mrs. Chen is a great lady: kind, smart, intelligent, passionate in character. We are sad she left us, but we truly believe she is now in better place and in better hands. We pray God's peace and love be with you all.

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**Wei Zhang & Ling Huo** - March 09, 2009 at 12:00 AM

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**Lan Hu** - March 04, 2009 at 12:00 AM

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“ Dear Mrs. Yang,

*We'd like to pay our greatest respect to you and wish God make your soul peaceful in the Heaven. Your spirit of devote in science, society, and family would be with us, and you will be living in our heart, forever.*

*Zhongli Gao and family*

*(Class of 77, Lanzhou University)*

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**Zhongli Gao** - March 04, 2009 at 12:00 AM

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“ Dear Aunt Chen,

*You are a great mother, a kind grandmother and a persistent scientist. You have so many to be proud of, from your gifted talents in your early childhood, to scientific interests and accomplishments in your young age, to your joining your husband and dedicating your life time to Chinese nuclear physics research.*

*Your smile is memorable; your legendary life story is inspiring!*

*Written on March 04, 2009 by Yubing Tang, Bingwei's friend and college classmate*

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**Yubing Tang** - March 04, 2009 at 12:00 AM