

The Name Of Larry Chiem

Figuring out my first name from my parents was interesting. When they thought about my name, Larry came from the Basketball Player: “Larry Legend” or Larry Bird. They had high hopes (and a great sense of humor) in naming their child Larry. I inquired about Larry Bird, and they told me that he was a legend when he was playing for the Celtics. His score was so great, and him winning NBA Championships three times in a row (or known as a three peat) that I was named after Larry Bird.¹

For the middle name, my parents had omitted my middle name because they thought it would be simpler just to have a first name, and a last name for forms. I was saddened to hear that, as there was a lost opportunity that could have been made if I did have a middle name.

For the last name, Chiem means bird in Vietnamese (How ironic). When researching the name Chiem, it comes up as Chim, which shows up as a bird.² Chinese and Vietnamese names sometimes get incorrectly translated and would cause a discrepancy in meanings. When looking up the literal name of Chiem, it comes up as excellent, verbose.³

My feelings overall when learning about the origin of my full name is that It is funny and great on how my parents had thought about my name. Even though the middle name could have been added, it's a great story to tell about my current name.

¹ <https://www.espn.com/classic/s/moment010528bird-mvp.html>

² <https://en.bab.la/dictionary/vietnamese-english/chim>

³ <https://www.mychinaroots.com/surnames/detail?word=Chiem>