My Heart-Felt Condolence

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Dear John,

I am De-Maw Chuang, Scientist Emeritus of NIMH, NIH. I learned the extremely sad news about the passing of Betsy from my good friend Mike Iadarola. Late Betsy and I were colleagues at St Elizabeths Hospital of the NIMH, NIH in Washington DC. I had known Betsy since day one when she came to work in the Laboratory of Preclinical Pharmacology under the leadership of Late Dr. Erminio Costa. She and I remained to be close colleagues until I relocated my lab to the NIH main campus in Bethesda in 1990, although we never belonged to the same laboratory section.

I missed Betsy greatly already and am sure will continue to miss her for many years to come. I will remember her as being a friendly, warm-hearted and highly intellectual colleague. She had a sun-shining personality and was a great communicator; everyone in the LPP enjoyed talking with her. In fact, in several occasions, she served as a peace-maker to help resolving some conflicts in the lab. Betsy was very intelligent and I enjoyed the scientific discussions with her after attending a seminar or domestic meeting. Once late Dr. Costa made a private comment to me that Betsy was one of those with the highest IQ among his lab members. The last time we saw each other was when she stopped by my office in building 10, saying that she was also relocated to the Bethesda campus and updating me the status of our mutual friends. Betsy will have a special place in my heart.

Please accept my sincere, belated condolence. My heart is with you and your loved ones. Meanwhile, please take good care of yourself during the devastating COVID viral pandemic.

De-Maw