

Betsy

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Hi John,

I have received this mail and sent you a reply. From the mail I receive from my son, it appears that you did not received my reply. I will resend my reply in this mail. Betsy will remain deeply in my heart always.

Please just think Betsy is resting in peace and free from all the pain of old age illnesses,

Hsiu-Ying

Hi John,

I am deeply saddened to learn Betsy's passing away. Though everyone has to go sometime but it just cannot happen to our loved ones. Betsy has been my best coworker, helper and dear friend for a very long time and I am very grateful for my good luck to have such a rare person to work together. She was very smart and capable in the research laboratory and further-more was always ready to help others thus created a family like atmosphere in our group. Many memories are appearing in my head continuously now and I am very sad that I was not able to see her again after moving to California.

I remember a hard to forget event at an out of town scientific meeting where she was schedule to make a presentation. She was practicing the talk early morning with her slides laying on the hotel room table then we decided to go for breakfast. When we came back to the hotel room we were shocked to find that slides had been cleaned out by the chambermaid. Betsy very quickly went to the hotel manager, found the chambermaid, dug into the garbage bins and retrieved all her slides. Luckily the slides were not damaged and her presentation went very nicely. There was another hard to forget event during the scientific meeting in Hawaii. We were struggling very hard trying to press our posters on poster-board with thumb

tacks but without much success. Soon I heard big bang bang and found Betsy standing bare feet using her shoes to nail down posters to that very hard poster board. If I had the iPhone that time I sure would have a very nice picture.

I will miss Betsy very much but she will remain deeply in my heart always. I understand the pain of losing someone who is very dear to you but just think she is resting in peace and free from all the pains of old age illnesses.

With best wishes,

Hsiu-Ying Yang

Dr. Yang

I am so sorry to tell you that Betsy has passed.

She died yesterday at 9:25 am in Sibley hospital.

Her death was apparently caused by heart failure. No covid found after 2 tests.

The really hard part was that we were in almost constant communication (couldn't see her) and Saturday morning at 6 am I get a call from the emergency room where they had sent her from rehab that her pulse was 15 and she was in bad shape.

I was with her to the end though she was not really conscious.

I don't have to tell you what a wonderful person she was. The love of my life and best friend for 63 years.

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