



Du Hui Fang (Helen) Lee

March 22, 2023

We are deeply saddened by the passing of 杜慧芳 Du Hui Fang (Helen) Lee. She demonstrated an extraordinary amount of strength and grit throughout her life, even at the very end in a courageous battle with cancer. On March 22, 2023, she passed away in her sleep at Mississauga Trillium Hospital. We look for solace at the end of her suffering and mourn the loss of an unforgettable spirit.

Du Hui Fang was born on December 10, 1944 in Kwangtung China, the eldest of six. She grew up in Taiwan and was one of the few women at the time to earn a university degree. She worked as a teacher, before starting a family. In 1977 she immigrated to Canada with her husband, Thomas Shih Chang Lee, and four children, Wilfred, Penny, Linda, and Betty. She worked many jobs, the longest as a catering chef, until she retired. She was an honest, skillful, industrious, and dedicated person.

Du Hui Fang enjoyed spending time in the garden and planted many flowers that flourished under her care. Some of the little things that she adored include: babies, the scent of jasmine, luxurious items, and a well-delivered dry joke.

Du Hui Fang leaves us as a devoted mother, wife, sister, grandmother, aunt, great aunt, and friend. She gave so much and asked for so little. She was a

force of nature and there was nobody quite like her. We wish her peace and send her love. May she have a safe journey to paradise 山天堂.

We will respect her request for no service. One of her last wishes was for everyone to stay safe and keep good health.

A memorial cherry tree was planted for Du Hui Fang Helen Lee in her honour at Brueckner Rhododendron Gardens. Everyone is welcome to visit Mrs. Lee's memorial, year round during park hours. The garden is an accessible park in the City of Mississauga along the Waterfront Trail. Free public parking, trails, and washrooms on site.

The cherry tree typically blossoms in April to early May. It is situated near flower beds of roses and peonies, and it is a beautiful place to visit through the summer months. To locate the tree, look for the bronze plaque in the ground, southeast of the parking lot and south of the washrooms.

Brueckner Rhododendron Gardens

660 Lakeshore Rd W, Mississauga, ON L5H 1H7

<https://www.mississauga.ca/events-and-attractions/parks/brueckner-rhododendron-gardens/>

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Tribute Wall

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“親愛的大姊，我很感謝維寧，她很像您，善良仁慈，很體貼您，很護著您！老天愛護您，總有女兒瞭解您，在這裡我深深的謝謝維寧！維寧的一兒一女，更是您的開心果，他們一出生就是您照顧到上學，您很愛他們，他們也很愛婆婆！我替您感到高興！

中國有句話：「德不孤必有鄰」意思就是有德行的人就會有人親近他。我也感謝您在加拿大的朋友，她們鼓勵您，安慰您，帶給您溫暖！在這裡我深深的感謝她們陪伴我的大姊。

大姊，我永遠懷念您，我與您深厚的手足之情永不磨滅，我會照顧維翰的，您放心！您安心唸佛，隨佛菩薩往生西方極樂世界，我永遠祝福您！我們來世再續前緣！

Lily Tu - July 05, 2023 at 03:14 AM

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“大姊，您驟然離世，我很難接受。我太捨不得了，老天爺怎麼就把您帶走了呢？

腦海中一直浮現您的音容笑貌，我實在太難過了！

我天天誦經，唸「南無阿彌陀佛」把功德迴向給您，祈求佛菩薩牽引您往西方極樂世界！我將一直誦經到您百日，甚至一年，確保您平安祥和，快樂幸福美滿！

爸爸媽媽在天之靈會與您相會，保護您，安慰您！

大姊，我深深的祝福您，我永遠愛您！

Lily Tu - May 21, 2023 at 09:20 AM

LT

“親愛的大姊，今天是您離世的「七七」，自您離世後，我們在臺灣的承天禪寺，幫您立了牌位，每隔七天就去誦經祈福，祈求佛陀接引您往生西方極樂世界，已經圓滿完成。

您好嗎？我非常想念您！願您在天之靈平安祥和，快樂幸福！

您要放下一切塵緣，您所掛礙的事情我們都會為您處理好，您放心。

您只要專心唸佛，跟著佛陀往生西方極樂世界，您就離苦得樂了！

大姊，祝福您，我們永遠愛您！

Lily Tu - May 11, 2023 at 11:17 AM

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“我親愛的大姊：我非常想念您，今天我和二哥、二姊到土城的承天禪寺誦經祈福，祈求觀音牽引您往西方極樂世界無障礙！

我們五個弟妹都深深的感恩及懷念您，您是我們最敬愛的大姊，永遠活在我們心中！爸爸身職軍旅，常駐防外地，媽媽身兼教職，您就成為媽媽的得力助手，小學三年級就會升火燒煤球煮飯，並且把家裡打掃得一塵不染，很得父母喜愛！記得大哥初中2年級獲得全縣英文演講比賽得獎，您買了一個雞腿獎賞大哥，要大哥好好讀書，做弟妹的榜樣。大哥受到鼓勵，發奮用功。

我們小時候，您照顧我們，帶我們玩，也會指導我們功課。您都是把好東西給弟妹，自己少吃點少用點都沒關係，對弟妹非常有愛心。鄰居們都稱讚您，將來誰娶到您，是前世修來的福！

我很感嘆，「對的人要放在對的地方」，否則一塊玉石耀眼的光芒會被隱沒！大姊，您很聰慧，勤儉持家，您這一生坦坦蕩蕩，光明磊落，不愧於天地！爸爸曾告誡我們：「別人做得對或不對，我們不管，但是我們自己要做對！」您做到了！「忠厚傳家」是我們杜家的家風，您也做到了！上天會眷顧您的，菩薩會保佑您的，佛陀會牽引您往西方極樂世界！我們弟妹深深地祝福您！

Lily Tu - May 06, 2023 at 01:17 AM

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“ 爸媽大姐他們此生已功德圓滿，他們所迎接的下一期全新的新生命，將會更具智慧、更光明，更幸福。我也會為他們念佛，願他們皆得佛光加被，離苦得樂，往生淨土，蓮品高升，華開見佛。

Hui Feng Tu - April 30, 2023 at 09:04 PM

HT

“ 這張古早舊照，從我懂事以來就百看不厭，如今在群組裏看到它，簡直是如獲至寶。

當時我們都還小，平常難得全家出門，那天好像是黃昏，聽到媽媽說：我們要去照相館照相哦！阿小胖、阿弟梳西裝頭啊！我和小清梳劉海，頭上的簡飾，媽媽手編的。還聽到媽媽說，女生穿洋裝，男生穿白上衣，卡其短褲。

相片裏，媽媽美麗又能幹，自身穿的，我們三姐妹所穿的全是母親親手裁製。

客廳掛個小黑板，母親俟機教我們讀書、算術。我一手好字，也是媽媽調教出。

爸爸慈和溫良，有幾次，半夜醒來要喝水，只敢叫爸爸，只要喊一聲，爸爸就會起身捻亮燈，讓我下床喝水。我小學算術問題最愛問爸爸，爸爸從不罵人，更沒聽他說：那麼簡單也不會？這不是上次才教的嗎，怎麼又忘掉？我此生從沒看過他生氣發威的模樣。

大姐長我六歲，她從小即富同情心，記得住在左營勝利新村時，她匆忙從外回來，跟我說：大門口有個可憐人，沒東西吃，說了說了，大姐就從米缸裡舀了一碗米，匆忙跑出去。

大姐一路來，多是付出，不論她到哪兒，給吃的，給穿的，連住的，都要乾淨。她家事一把罩，到她家，才讚歎她會把實踐家專家政科的知識活用生活中，她家不僅是窗明几淨而已，室內依功能所做的各種規畫、區隔，一看就很具科學性，她家看不到雜物，只見整齊清潔，有條不紊。

Hui Feng Tu - April 30, 2023 at 09:03 PM

LT

“大姊，再過幾天就是您離世的「七七」了您好嗎？我萬分的想念您！您是非常好的人，善良、正直、勤奮努力，認真負責，孝順父母，友愛弟妹，我們以您為榜樣。
我知道您這一生不快樂的時候多，因為您的丈夫霸道、專制、心機重。你們不同類。您是中國傳統的女性，以堅強的意志力度過艱困的婚姻。
三個女兒是您活下去的動力，她們也很爭氣，都學有專長，您很安慰。
我常想到您，我們一起逛街，聊天，聚餐，您都是把最好的東西留給我。您鼓勵我，肯定我，從來不說我的不是，我非常非常感恩您，也非常非常的愛您，您是我一生中見過最好的人，可是您卻飽受折磨，我非常捨不得！
紙短情長，再多的話語也難以表達於萬一！親愛的大姊，願您平安快樂，來世幸福美滿，蒙佛陀及觀音接引往生西方極樂世界！”

Lily Tu - April 30, 2023 at 11:53 AM

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LT是我妹妹，她善解人意又熱心，在大學時期，就幫大姐照顧幼兒或處理家務事，妹妹從來沒有厭倦過；尤其住在加州時，LT對維翰提供諸多協助，大姐銘感在心，姐妹之情因此更加緊密。大姐倏爾離世，令我措手不及，妹妹內心深深的哀慟，我完全可以理解。佛教視世間一切事物如露如電般的幻化，生老病死是人生必然的過程，接受無常，勇於面對現實，願大姐提起正念，萬緣放下，一心專念阿彌陀佛，求生淨土，懇求佛陀諸大菩薩接引，到西方極樂世界修行，親見彌陀、觀音。速證佛果了生死，乘願再來度有情

杜慧芬 - May 01, 2023 at 11:10 AM



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Michael Du - April 23, 2023 at 05:23 AM

LT

“大姊不只會做家事，她對人的善良、溫和、體貼、任勞任怨，最令人懷念。她都是付出，她對我很好，她總是幫助我，我這一生，父母生我、養育我。大姊卻是非常愛我，她總是以愛心待我，她如果有10元，她會給我9元，自己只留1元。她從來不說我的不是，她總是關心我。她的離世，我悲傷得不能自己。我從她身上學到寬厚、仁慈、任勞任怨，她是我一生中見過最好的人，可是卻受折磨。大姊跟我先後1個月得病，她沒有化療，憑自己之力抗癌，依舊做家事、煮三餐，買菜，照顧丈夫，像蠟燭一樣燃燒到最後。但願大姊來世幸福快樂美滿，佛菩薩保佑🙏，接引大姊往生西方極樂世界！”

Lily Tu - April 20, 2023 at 02:26 AM



Linda Lee - April 23, 2023 at 05:06 AM

WL

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Wilfred Lee - April 11, 2023 at 07:21 PM

LS

“ Dearest Betty, Arden, Mr. Lee, and the Lee Family, My heart goes to you with deepest sympathy. Mrs. Lee was always very kind and welcoming to me and my son, Zuma when we would visit Betty and Arden over the years. I enjoyed looking at the photos. I am very grateful to her for bringing such a beautiful dear friend into the world, and for this, I will always be grateful.



Liza A Savage-Katz - April 03, 2023 at 04:08 PM



Linda Lee - May 10, 2023 at 08:03 AM



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Linda Lee - April 03, 2023 at 12:00 PM



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Linda Lee - April 01, 2023 at 08:02 PM




“ 11 files added to the tribute wall



Linda Lee - April 01, 2023 at 07:25 PM



“ We will miss Du Hui Fang (Helen) Lee. Daughter, sister, wife, mother, grandmother, teacher, ... always there for us. She is forever in our hearts. May she rest in peace and watch over us from heaven 



Linda Lee - April 01, 2023 at 07:02 PM



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Michael Du - March 30, 2023 at 02:40 PM



Love this photo! She looks so cool!

B lee - March 30, 2023 at 05:08 PM



I think this was in the greenhouse at Centennial Park and dad took the photo. Around 1983-4. The greenhouse is bright and warm so he could take a clear picture. I remember dad telling her to open her eyes more. She replied that her eyes were open as big as she could but she was tired. She was looking after us, cooking, cleaning and going to work. That was a lot, she was a very busy mom.

Linda Lee - April 02, 2023 at 06:00 PM

MD

“ Michael Du sent a virtual gift in memory of Du Hui Fang Lee



Michael Du - March 30, 2023 at 02:28 PM

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“ Michael Du lit a candle in memory of Du Hui Fang Lee



Michael Du - March 30, 2023 at 02:18 PM

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Michael Du - March 30, 2023 at 12:43 PM

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The facial expressions on both eldest sister's and youngest brother's are so identical.

Michael Du - March 30, 2023 at 04:26 PM



This was summer 1986. I am very grateful mom took us to stay with uncles Michael and James during summer break.

Linda Lee - April 02, 2023 at 06:04 PM

BL

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



B lee - March 29, 2023 at 07:43 PM

MD

My elder sister was a wonder woman with consideration, generosity, enthusiasm and genuine. I hope the memories of I have of my elder sister will always live in my heart.

Michael Du - March 30, 2023 at 02:20 PM



Linda Lee - April 02, 2023 at 06:04 PM