



## Jian Liu

December 2, 1979 - December 6, 2022

Jian Liu, 43, went to be with the Lord on Tuesday, December 6, 2022, at the Emogene Dolin Jones Hospice House, Huntington, West Virginia. Jian was born December 2, 1979 in Yantai, China, the only son of Jiang Lihua and the late Yifeng Liu. In addition to his mother, he is survived by his beloved wife, Ying Wang, whom he married on June 1, 2011; precious children, Palyn Liu and Derek Liu; wonderful father and mother-in-law, Guoqing Wang and Jianhua Wang; his much loved friends in the Sentiment Bible Study also known as the "Bible Buddies"; Marshall University colleagues and caring neighbors and friends.

Jian graduated from Shanghai Jiao Tong University and received his Masters degree and P.H.D. from Virginia Tech, Blacksburg Virginia. He was employed by Marshall University and was a professor in the Weisberg Department of Mechanical and Industrial Engineering and Computer Sciences. His work ethic was an inspiration for all. Despite his lengthy battle with cancer, Jian continued teaching his students while enduring endless treatment and medical procedures. He was a fighter indeed.

Jian attended Bible study regularly and was known for his penetrating questions. After much deliberation, Jian chose Christ. A celebration of life will be held at 4:00PM on Friday, December 9, 2022, at Ridgeview Baptist Church, Huntington, WV. A reception will follow at the Sentiment Clubhouse, One Sentiment Way, Barboursville, WV.

Schneider-Hall Funeral Home, Chesapeake, Ohio is assisting the family with

arrangements. Condolences may be expressed to the family at [schneiderhallfuneralhome.com](http://schneiderhallfuneralhome.com).

# Tribute Wall



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Schneider-Hall Funeral Home - November 20, 2024 at 09:42 PM

GZ

“ Day by day, we will let go of this loss, but we will never let go of our love.



Guang Yang and Shuang Zhou - February 14, 2023 at 12:00 AM

ZH

“ 听到这个消息非常难过。刘健是一个很优秀，前辈的学者。为自己心爱的事业而努力拼搏。我唯一担心的是他可爱的两个孩子。这应该是他的挂念。我们大家都要努力帮助他们。



zhang hongbo - January 19, 2023 at 12:00 AM

WS

“ So sad to see you depart, Jian! We studied at VTech from 2004-07 and Jian was always ready to help and was a great partner to have. You are deeply missed, Jian. Thank you for walking in God's way till the end. Looking forward to meeting you in heaven, in Jesus' name! May Jesus bring peace and comfort to the family. Wen Shi



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Wen Shi - January 19, 2023 at 12:00 AM

BJ

“ I still cannot believe Jian just left us. We just had a reunion at HFES conference 2019 and we shared many warm memories from our PhD life at VTech. I cannot believe that the last meeting. I feel really sad and I miss all our Hokies more



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Bochen Jia - January 19, 2023 at 12:00 AM

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“ I give my deepest condolence to Jian's family. May Lord be with you all. I remembered everything since we met in our best age, it will be with me in the rest of my life. Jian is brave, intelligent, considerate, and hard-working person, a great friend. I am sure you have found your faith, your love in this life, and will continue pursue what you want in another world.



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Jia - January 06, 2023 at 12:00 AM

JC

“刘健是我的老师，在我出国留学的日子里给予了我很多学习上还有生活上的帮助，这是我一生都不会忘记的事情，平时私底下我叫他健哥，健哥是个很善良很乐于助人的人，没想到会突然离开，我相信健哥一定去了世界的净土，继续传播他的善良和热心，希望小朋友能继承健哥的优秀品质，成为一个和健哥一样受人尊敬爱戴的人



**JUNJIE CHEN** - December 27, 2022 at 12:00 AM

PD

“He was my colleague and I respected him always. I am in utter shock. May his soul rest in peace.



**Priya Dasgupta** - December 20, 2022 at 12:00 AM

AN

“Peace, Prayers and Blessings,



**Anonymous** - December 11, 2022 at 12:00 AM

TZ

“ *Doctor Liu is very very patient, enthusiastic, and optimistic. Everytime I saw him in classroom or in other reunion, he was always kind to everyone. I love his attitude to people and to his career. I still cannot figure out how this could be happening. I am pretty sure Doctor Liu has done a lot for my ergonomic course and my essay although we didn't have too many opportunities for conversation. Thanks to Doctor Liu, I have a great experience in class.*



TIANSHI ZHANG - December 11, 2022 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ 听闻刘健弟弟离世的噩耗，震惊、伤心，我那个优秀的英俊小弟怎就这样英年早逝，与亲人们阴阳相隔。弟弟是我们大家族的骄傲，是我们家最优秀男孩儿，2016年带我宝贝侄女回国探亲，得以相聚，我还说等下次回来要给我侄女好好拍些照片，怎能想到期盼的相聚竟是天人永隔。心疼弟弟这些年一个人在外拼搏，历尽磨难，虽病魔缠身却从未放弃努力，一直乐观向上。愿天堂没有病痛，弟弟一路走好，也盼你能早日回归故土！感谢美国的亲人对弟弟最后的陪伴，盼王英弟妹和孩子们保重身体！思念你的姐姐保红



L b h - December 10, 2022 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ *I remember Jian coming to the university. He was so excited and such a great person! I send all my prayers to his wife, children and family. We will greatly miss you Jian. Fly high my friend.*



Tina S. - December 09, 2022 at 12:00 AM

LY

“刘健，我亲爱的弟弟，你就这样无声息的走了，得到消息猝不及防，满脑都是你幽默风趣的言语，不管是你生病回国的时候还是微信聊天的时候，你永远都是那个聪慧可爱调皮的你，耳边还是你叫姐姐的声音，万分悲痛，千言万语不知从何说起，亲爱的弟弟，一路走好，愿远方的那个地方给你欢乐带给你温暖！  
思念你的艳艳姐姐



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I x y - December 09, 2022 at 12:00 AM

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“ I can't pretend that I am not sad, I can't pretend that I won't miss him a lot, and I can't pretend that I am not angry at the disease that took his life.

But God has HIS own plan. A couple of days ago, when I was told that Jian had accepted Jesus as his Savior, I cried with joy. I was so happy for Jian to come to Christ and I know that he is in heaven now!



On his recent visit to MD Anderson, Houston Texas, we bought him some of his favorite snacks, which he seemed to really enjoy. When video chatting his mom, she found out about the snacks and got worried. She started to tell Jian not to eat too much of it and to remember to brush his teeth afterwards. Jian smiled like a child and said sheepishly "yes, mom". My heart melted at the immense love between mom and son.

Jian loved his kids so much and cherished any moments spent with his 10 years old daughter and 4 year old son. During one of his visits to Houston, Jian had dinner with his cousin David. David had recently become a new dad and was quite a bit stressed at the time. Jian started to talk about his own experiences as a father and shared about a point system that he developed for his kids in which they earned points from doing good deeds and could exchange the points for prizes. This intricate system really showcases Jian's dedication to his children and his deep love as a father.

Jian has inspired so many people and impacted so many lives during his fight with cancer. Jian was tough, brave and always optimistic. In fact throughout it all, he never complained once. Jian had faith all the way to the end.

Jian, we love you so much and we will miss you dearly!!

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Uncle Jiang's family ??,????? - December 09, 2022 at 12:00 AM

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## “深切悼念我们的亲人刘健



我们是刘健的直系亲属—刘健的大伯，二伯，三伯，大姑，小姑，以及我们的家属，惊悉我们深爱的亲人刘健不幸因病离世，我们万分悲痛，希望借助这个平台表达我们深切的怀念。

刘健是我们家族中的小辈，但是，他是我们的榜样，是我们的骄傲。刘健从小好学，对新鲜事务充满好奇，有很强的上进心。他从高中开始就是学校成绩最优秀的学生之一，在高考中他在本省十万多名考生中排名在一百名之内，因此他被上海交通大学的工业工程系录取。进入大学后他学习刻苦，勤奋好学，他学习的专业是工业工程，他不但能出色学好计划内的课程，还自学了多门计算机课程，这对他的专业课程学习发挥了重要的辅助作用。由于他的刻苦努力，连续三年获得学校优秀奖学金。大学毕业前他利用暑假时间，在山东齿轮箱厂进行了为期两个月的实习，协助该厂制定产品质量检测管理，他独特的见解、丰富的计算机知识和扎实的工作作风给该厂留下了深刻的印象，同时，也培养了他的独立工作能力。

刘健在美国获得博士学位后留校做Instructor，不久在美国大学正式就职，在假期中只要有机会他就争取回自己的故乡探望，在长辈和众多兄弟姐妹面前他始终谦和可亲，从不以智者自居，和众多兄弟姐妹们亲切相处，任职教授以后仍然平易近人。当病魔降临到他身上以后，他从未气馁过，从未对未来失去信心和希望。在他回到我们身边的日子里，我们看到的始终是阳光，开朗，对未来充满了希望和向往，对自己的职业充满了热爱。在他的身上我们没有见过苦恼和失望。然而，残酷病魔一直在折磨着他，我们知道他这种病的残酷，也只能在心里默默为他祈祷。最近几年由于新冠病毒蔓延，刘健无法回到故乡看望亲人们，他心里急，只能在电话和微信中传递心中的思念，他告诉我们，只要有可能马上就回来探望，与亲人们团聚。但是，我们等来的是残酷的噩耗，他的突然离世让我们悲痛万分，祈祷刘健一路走好，还望刘健的夫人王瑛和他们的子女保重，也向他们送上我们的祝福。

刘健我们永远怀念你！

刘健的全体亲人

2022年12月10日于刘健的故乡

TS

“ *Jian was dedicated to his teaching and research. He was very responsive to the students. I admired his tenacity in accomplishing all what was required of him while being challenged by his unfortunate illness throughout his tenure at Marshall. He was well respected by all his colleagues and a good friend.* ”



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**Tony Szwilski** - December 08, 2022 at 12:00 AM

SG

“ *My condolences to the family, Marshall family and friends.* ”



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**Sharon GillumFirebaugh** - December 08, 2022 at 12:00 AM

ZD

“歌唱生命

认识刘健教授大约十年前，他得了癌症，做完手术，仍然能够奔赴新的教授岗位。这得有一个强大的心脏才能做到。他有必胜的信心，他有斗争的勇气，更有乐观的人生态度。

有人说，生命是一个奇迹。上天给了我们生命，我们必须以百分之百的力度去热爱它。我们必须尽百分之百的力量去丰满生命。

这些刘教授都做到了。他很勇敢的面对生活。这十几年，他做了两次开颅手术，第二次时出血在生死边缘徘徊，他活过来了。每次他都深知其危险性，但他从未向命运低头。这十几年他从一个大学的教授调动到另一个大学的教授，一直坚持工作。这十几年他还有了两个可爱的宝贝儿女。他充满热情的活着！

有人说要歌颂生命，生命是美好的。刘教授的生命真的是值得歌颂！第二次开颅手术，他死里逃生。当时正值新冠。医院不让亲友和病人见面。刘教授失去双腿的正常功能。我两次去他的修养地，只能在大门口把东西交给护士。他每次只能给我发短信，可是他的手由于手术非常困难，他坚强地跟我进行了交流。功夫不负有心人，他终于可以坐轮椅活动了。他打电话告诉我，他可以坐轮椅去给学生授课了。

又过了大约半年，他打电话告诉我，他恢复得不错。他已经不坐轮椅了，他可以拄着拐杖去给学生授课了。

他每次的语气听起来都很乐观，没有病人的阴郁之气。这几周我在想着给他去个电话问候一下。他一定完全康复了吧！谁知道竟然收到了他被天家接走的消息。

他走了。留下了一个顽强的印象。他的生命值得我们歌颂！短暂但是完全的生命！



Zuotian Deng and Jie Dong - December 08, 2022 at 12:00 AM

MM

“Rest In Peace, brother in Lord.



Molly Mao - December 07, 2022 at 12:00 AM

EH

*“ I well remember being on the search committee to hire Jian and how much he impressed me. Jian always had time for students, enjoyed his research on fall prevention and he had a great sense of humor. I am deeply sorry for his loss to the family.*



**Elizabeth Hanrahan** - December 07, 2022 at 12:00 AM

PU

*“ You gave me valuable advices when I was in Marshall safety program. You are supportive and friendly, I'm grateful for all you help. Rest in peace.*



**Puxi** - December 07, 2022 at 12:00 AM

MI

*“ Jian, you are the kindest friend and the best and caring professor! You will be missed and remain in our hearts. Rest in peace!*



**Miaozong** - December 07, 2022 at 12:00 AM

IW

*“ I enjoyed getting to know Jian over the years, and appreciated both his sense of humor and also his attention to detail. My condolences to his family - I am very sorry for your loss.*



**Isaac Wait** - December 07, 2022 at 12:00 AM

AS

“ *As the former Department Chair of the Division of Environmental Science and Safety I was involved in hiring Dr. Liu. I knew we had hired an exceptional faculty member at the time and he was going to do great things for College and University. I was shocked and saddened when I heard of his passing.*



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**Allan Stern** - December 07, 2022 at 12:00 AM

DD

“ *So sorry*



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**Donna Deacon** - December 07, 2022 at 12:00 AM

PW

“ *I remember fondly the different discussions we had about students, teaching, and research. I will miss catching him in the hallway of our building and having a quick chat. Rest peacefully my friend.*



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**Paulus Wahjudi** - December 07, 2022 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ I hate to hear this. I got to work with Jian very closely during out time on the University Curriculum Committee @ Marshall. He was always such a well-mannered, nice person that was easy to get along with. Thoughts are with your family during this difficult time.



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**Josh Brunty** - December 07, 2022 at 12:00 AM

JT

“ I worked with Jian on a university curriculum committee at Marshall, and was so sorry to hear of his illness and now his death. My thoughts are with his family.



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**Jana Tigchelaar** - December 07, 2022 at 12:00 AM

CW

“ Dr. Liu was my advisor in the MU Safety Program and was always so helpful. His door was always open for students. Dr. Liu was an amazing sponsor of the program and advisor of the MU Chapter of ASSE. He was always so kind and supportive, and never turned me down when I asked him for a reference. May he rest in peace.



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**Cadaris Woods** - December 06, 2022 at 12:00 AM

AL

“ *We are deeply sorry for your loss ~  
Schneider-Hall*



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**A Memorial Tree was planted for Jian Liu - December 06, 2022 at 12:00 AM**