



Mr. Xiang Li of Hoffman Estates

February 20, 1990 - March 12, 2023

Xiang Li, 33, of Hoffman Estates, Illinois.

Loving son of Jianhua Li and Karen Li, nee Huang; cherished grandson of Shijun (Shuqin Li) Zhu, Caiyun (Hanlin Tang) Zhu, Wenda Huang, Baojing Zhang and Huarong Wang; cherished nephew of Jianguo (Liqin Zhang) Li, Lida (Jianting Wang) Li, Shuanglin (Weidong Wang) Huang, Xun Zhang, Chen Zhang, Guohong Zhu, Guibao Zhu, Chunhong Tang, Chunfang Tang, Wentong Tang, Zhong (Ping Liu) Huang, Yong Jin and Tao Jin; beloved cousin of Qianni (Peng Su) Li, Tao (Hui Fang) Wang, Zihao Wang and Yujun Huang.

Xiang Li passed away in his sleep at home in Hoffman Estates on Sunday, 12th of March at the age of 33.

Born in Beijing, but moved to Chicago at 6 years old with Mom and Dad, Xiang graduated from Lincoln Park High School in Chicago, and attended Harper College, UIC and UIUC over the next few years and eventually got a Master's Degree in library science while working at the Palatine Library.

When Xiang was little, he loved model cars and collected a lot of them, and enjoyed building LEGOs. He had a keen curiosity in all kinds of buttons he could get a hand on, mostly on electrics. He was passionate about sports, started watching Federer playing tennis in his high school years and later

became a huge Blackhawks fan during the three championship years in the 2010s. Mom and Dad would want to watch movies on the TCM channel but Xiang would want to watch the game. Competing for air time eventually ended up Mom and Dad joining him in cheering for our teams together. Xiang started to build computers himself as a teenager and had been an expert giving Mom and Dad advice on what to buy for electronics.

Xiang enjoyed his work at the Palatine Library and loved the library community he served.

Xiang's sudden passing shattered the heart of everyone in the family. Mom and Dad cherish every day and every moment of their beloved son's short life.

Visitation will be held on Monday, March 20, 2023 from 10:30 A.M. to 11:30 A.M. at Morizzo Funeral Home and Cremation Services, 2550 West Hassell Road, (Northeast corner of Barrington Road), Hoffman Estates, IL. 60169. Interment will follow at Evergreen Cemetery, Barrington, Illinois.

The family has created this Life Tributes page to make it easy to share your memories, photos, and videos.

For further information please contact the Morizzo Funeral Directors at 847.752.6444. Arrangements entrusted to Morizzo Funeral Home and Cremation Services, at 2550 West Hassell Road, (Northeast corner at Barrington Road), Hoffman Estates, Illinois 60169.

For those of you that would have attended services and would like to express your condolences to the family, please click on the link above and you can leave the family a message, with the share a memory link. If you wish to send a Sympathy Card to the Family, please feel free to send it to Morizzo Funeral Home, 2550 Hassell Road, Hoffman Estates, Illinois, 60169 c/o The Family; we will gladly forward it on to the family.

Cemetery Details

Evergreen Cemetery in Barrington

600 South Dundee Avenue
Barrington, IL 60010
(847) 713-2368
<http://www.barringtonarealibrary.org/cemeteries/302-evergreen>

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 20. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

Morizzo Family Funeral Home, Cremation Services, and Cemetery Memorials
2550 Hassell Road
Hoffman Estates, IL 60169
(847) 752-6444
ross@morizzofuneralhome.com
<https://www.morizzofuneralhome.com>

Tribute Wall

GH

“ I had the pleasure of being guided through 2 Escape Rooms at the library by Xiang Li and enjoyed speaking with him about the creation of them. It was with profound sadness that I read of his passing. I was struck by his kindness and enthusiasm, though I had but 3 encounters with him. My deepest sympathy to his friends and family.

Gina Hubbard - March 23, 2023 at 07:37 PM

“ 追忆大想

大想，是你让我们第一次做姨姥姥和小舅，也是我第一次成为长辈。

记得你出生后，我们第一次到你家看你，还在小床上的你哇哇的哭，那时你的身体是那么柔软，哭声是那么洪亮；

记得你刚刚会爬的时候，头咚的一声撞到了墙，一边心疼你一边诧异你爬的为什么会那么快，快的连大人都来不及护住你；

记得你在气象局大院，大家饭后一起遛弯，你小大人似的背起手，迈着四方步，骄傲的走在我们前面的样子；

记得你去动物园游玩后，回到气象局大院的家中，有些不情愿的将手中的江米条挨个分给我们的样子；

记得你在北师大门口摔了个跟头，在夸你是男子汉的时候，虽然强忍不哭出声，但眼泪一边的流和嘴一边咧着的样子；

记得你和姥姥在北师大散步时，因为尿到了姥姥的鞋子上，你开心大笑的样子；

记得带着你，拉着黄色的工程车玩具，去沙坑挖沙子、堆房子；

记得你第一次学游泳练习憋气，因为妈妈的严厉，而钻在我怀里啜泣；

记得你到美国后发来和小朋友一起玩耍的照片里，你笑的是那么开心；

记得你长大后，第一次和你视频，你在镜头里表示出来的兴奋和羞涩；

记得.....

你这次离家，笑着对我们挥手，但我的心已经空了.....

大想，你是最好的，请相信自己；

伤心桥下春波绿，疑是惊鸿照影来。亲爱的大想宝贝，愿你天堂安好，姨姥姥和小舅永远记得你天使般的英俊、善良、聪明.....

姨姥姥：张保菁 小舅：张迅

PS

“ I had an opportunity last month to visit the Palatine Public Library after having been away for a number of years and Xiang was right there at the door with my former library team to greet me with a warm smile and a big hug. That moment holds special meaning for me now. My heart goes out to all who knew this kind and caring person.

Phil Skeltis - March 20, 2023 at 12:31 AM

YU

“ We are so sorry to hear this sad news. You will be kept in our hearts forever and we hope you can find peace in paradise.

--- Zhong Huang & Ping Liu & Yujun Huang

Yujun - March 19, 2023 at 08:49 PM

MD

“ Mom & Dad purchased the Warmest Remembrance Casket Spray for the family of Mr. Xiang Li of Hoffman Estates.



Mom & Dad - March 17, 2023 at 12:22 PM

LF

“ Li & Zhu Families purchased the Peace Eternal Wreath for the family of Mr. Xiang Li of Hoffman Estates.



Li & Zhu Families - March 17, 2023 at 12:17 PM

HF

“ *Huang & Zhang families purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Mr. Xiang Li of Hoffman Estates.*



Huang & Zhang families - March 17, 2023 at 12:11 PM

QL

“ *2 files added to the tribute wall*



Qianni Li - March 17, 2023 at 01:02 AM

AN

“ *We pray Xiang enjoys the beauty of paradise. Rest peacefully in the bright.*

-Ning & Andrew

Andrew - March 17, 2023 at 12:29 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Xiang Li of Hoffman Estates.*



March 17, 2023 at 12:23 AM

NA

“ *Ning & Andrew purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mr. Xiang Li of Hoffman Estates.*



Ning & Andrew - March 17, 2023 at 12:14 AM

MB

“ *I worked with Xiang at the library for a few years. He had a very generous heart and was always helpful, friendly, and kind. More than once he put snacks on my desk when he knew I was hungry. I can still see the mischievous twinkle in his eye and big grin on his face when I figured out who it was. He was simply a joy to work with. He always tried to make everyone's day better in big and small ways. I'm so sorry and saddened by this news. I send my deepest condolences to his family and loved ones. Rest in peace, Xiang. - Megan B.*

Megan Buttera - March 16, 2023 at 11:54 PM

LA

“ *Xiang was a considerate and thoughtful person to work with. I enjoy talking to him about work related issues and figuring how to solve it. I will miss hearing his voice and smile at work. My deepest condolences to his family. - Lay*

Lay - March 16, 2023 at 09:50 PM

SE

“ I don't have all the right words, but there really are no words for emotions like this. There also aren't enough words to capture or compliment Xiang.

Xiang was very influential to so many at the library, and it was a privilege to be able to work with him. It's no small feat to be a person that others can feel comfortable around, and in Xiang's case it went beyond skill and was a given gift. Many of his family, friends, and colleagues will carry that influence forward. Sending love and condolences to all of you.

Selicia - March 16, 2023 at 08:41 PM



“ It was an honor to work with you, Xiang. I will miss your calm, quiet energy. Thank you for sharing your gifts with us.

--Tracie Amirante Padal

Tracie Padal - March 16, 2023 at 03:40 PM

SH

“ Xiang, my dear nephew, you went abroad with your parents when you were very young. In my memory, you were still a smart baby. You especially liked toy cars and reading books. When you came back to visit us in Beijing quite a few years ago, we climbed the Great Wall together in the winter, I was wearing a pair of thick long johns and wool trousers, but you were only wearing a pair of pants, and you said it was not cold at all. I am still looking forward to your return with Hao. He can communicate with you fluently in English now. I wished to take you to Xi'an, Hainan, and places you want to go, but you passed away so suddenly. Endless tears coming down my face. My wishes can never come true. I am far away, across the ocean, so I cannot come to say goodbye to you, but I can only write down my endless condolences for you. We love you forever, we miss you. Rest in peace, Xiang. You are always my dear baby Da Xiang.

I also ask my dear sister and Jianhua, please take care of yourselves. Your family members in Beijing are waiting for you to come visit us at any time.

Love, Shuanglin

Shuanglin Huang - March 16, 2023 at 02:23 PM

AL

“ Adult Services, Palatine Library purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Mr. Xiang Li of Hoffman Estates.



Adult Services, Palatine Library - March 16, 2023 at 11:59 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Xiang Li of Hoffman Estates.*



March 16, 2023 at 10:21 AM



“ *I worked with Xiang for several years when he and I were both check-in assistants. He was a pleasure to work with. I remember one year for his birthday he brought in a cake purchased from Chinatown in Chicago. He was proud to share the "best cake in the world" with his work friends. Although I no longer work at the Palatine Library, I know how important Xiang was. I will miss him as a coworker and friend. My sincere condolences to his parents and extended family. 💔*

Liz Cohen - March 15, 2023 at 11:35 PM



“ *Xiang was the embodiment of kindness and compassion. He was an excellent librarian and had a great sense of humor. Xiang was fun to work with and I admired the initiative and patience that he exhibited when assisting library patrons and working with his colleagues. We often chatted about science fiction and movies and I so enjoyed working with him. He was very funny and could always make me laugh!*
Xiang left this world a better place for all who knew him and he will remain in our hearts forever. My deepest condolences to his family. May you find peace.

Lenora Berendt - March 15, 2023 at 09:20 PM



“ 183 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



Morizzo Funeral Home & Cremation Services - March 15, 2023 at 04:16 PM



“ *Xiang was such a warm, funny, and responsible young man. He was so helpful when I was new to the library, and he was always ready to help solve problems. He will be so missed by all of us at the library and by the people he welcomed and helped every day. He spoke so highly of his parents and was clearly so close to them. My deepest sympathies to his family. I wish you peace.*



Violet Jaffe - March 15, 2023 at 04:13 PM

MC

“ I am so so sorry for your loss. Your entire family is in our thoughts and hearts as we mourn. I didn't work with Xiang often, but when I did, he was always so kind and cared for our projects. He was so thoughtful and intentional with his work. I remember speaking to him about the Escape Room programs he planned for the public, and I was amazed by how much work and thought he put into each one, just to be able to bring joy to the community. He's already greatly missed, and his thoughtfulness and diligence in his work have made a lasting impression on us forever.

Maridsa Choute - March 15, 2023 at 03:01 PM

AE

“ Xiang was a wonderful person to know, always patient and kind when interacting with others. Whenever I had a question, I was confident that he would know the answer. His knowledge was unbounded. You could tell he put a lot of thought into his profession and always wanted to provide the best services for his community. I respect the care he took in his day to day and the heart he put into everything that he did. His heart really shined and Palatine Library is so much better due to the time he was with us. My thoughts and prayers are with his family, he will be in our hearts forever.

Aliya Estes - March 15, 2023 at 01:38 PM

LO

“ Xiang was a bright, hard working man who took pride in his job and helping others. I was able to work with him side by side checking items in and to have conversations about science fiction movies, as well as working together to solve work issues. He was a good reflection of having good parents noted from his personality. Xiang is missed and loved.

Palatine Library

Lourdes Ocampo - March 15, 2023 at 11:30 AM

TB

“ I am so very sorry for your loss. I haven't been at the library long, but Xiang made a big impact and was someone I knew that I could rely on. He was always there to lend a helping hand and to share a smile with. He will be greatly missed by the Palatine Library staff and community.

Tegan Beese - March 15, 2023 at 11:18 AM



“ I'm so sorry for your loss, and ours. I worked with Xiang for many years at Palatine Library. He always went to great lengths to help people, both patrons and staff. He was extraordinarily patient in trying circumstances. In Xiang's honor, I will be attempting to live up to the high standards he set for customer service. It won't be easy, he had a special talent.

Brian Herner - March 15, 2023 at 10:48 AM

JB

“ My deepest sympathies to Xiang's parents and extended family. Please accept my prayers and wishes for comfort, strength, and peace for all of you.

I'm thankful to have worked with Xiang at Palatine Library. It was always a joy to work with him to create his requested props for his escape room events and signage for his curated book displays. He put so much thought, effort, and enthusiasm into these tasks. It was always so nice to exchange pleasant hellos throughout the week. Xiang's presence is very missed, and he will always be remembered kindly and fondly.

Jean Bolliger - March 15, 2023 at 10:06 AM

KC

“ I am deeply sorry for your loss. I enjoyed working with Xiang during my years at the Library. He was a great teammate on projects and events. Smart, talented, and a dedication to serve. Love and support to his family.

Kiel Cross - March 15, 2023 at 09:04 AM

JA

“ I'm so sorry for your loss. Xiang was so fun to talk to and work with while I was at Palatine, and he contributed so much to that library and community. He will be very missed.

Jan Agaton - March 15, 2023 at 05:30 AM

JH

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Xiang was always so kind and thoughtful, and I enjoyed working with him. We will miss him greatly at the library.

Joy Hammuck - March 14, 2023 at 06:29 PM

SC

“ I'm so sorry for your loss. My thoughts are with you. Xiang was a big part of the library. Always helpful and very dedicated to his work. We'll miss him.

Susan Conner - March 14, 2023 at 05:18 PM

MG

“ 2 files added to the album *Palatine Library*



Melissa Gardner - March 14, 2023 at 05:13 PM

MG

Xiang was great to work with. He had creative ideas and always treated everyone with respect and kindness.

Melissa Gardner - March 14, 2023 at 05:14 PM

JD

Everyone at the Library enjoyed working with Xiang. He was always willing to take on new responsibilities. He will be greatly missed.

Jeannie Dilger - March 14, 2023 at 06:24 PM

GW

I worked with Xiang in Adult Services and he was always there to help our department out. I am so sorry for your loss and he is in all of Palatine Library's hearts. He will be greatly missed. Gayle Weyland

Gayle E Weyland - March 15, 2023 at 11:42 AM

MH

I love the library and when I wasn't able to drive for seven months due to a health situation I met Xiang. He would drop off and pick up books at my home and let me know when a book I had ordered had arrived. He helped me send a fax during that time going out of his way to be helpful. After I was able to go to the library on my own he was always helpful with thing I needed. He was a sensitive and kind person who was so helpful. My heart goes out to his friends and family. He will be missed.

Mary Hough

Mary H - March 23, 2023 at 08:41 PM

JA

I am so shocked and saddened to read of Xiang's passing. I visit the Palatine Library quite often and it was always a delight to see his smile and chat with him at the upstairs desk. There was no bound to his desire to help people, and his range of knowledge was such an asset to the library as well. I join the countless others who will miss him. Rest in peace, my friend.

Jan Abramowitz

Jan Abramowitz - March 24, 2023 at 10:18 AM