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November 25, 2008

Mr. Tom Liang  
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Dear Mr. and Mrs. Liang,

I was deeply shocked and saddened to learn of your daughter's recent passing. Jengyee was not only an exceptional student during her time here at Cal, but one of the most extraordinary individuals ever to pass through the College of Engineering. Her positive energy and relentless devotion to helping others was simply unsurpassed. There is an overwhelming sense of loss here at the College and I am certain that she will be greatly missed by everyone who knew her.

On behalf of the students and faculty of the College of Engineering, please accept my deepest condolences and know that our thoughts are with you and your family at this difficult time. Please let us know if there is anything we might do to be of help.

Sincerely,

  
S. Shankar Sastry  
Dean, College of Engineering

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December 9, 2008

Mr. Tom Liang and  
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Dear Mr. and Mrs. Liang,

Thank you so much for your recent letter. All of us at the College of Engineering were deeply touched by your wish to find a special location for Jengyee's remains near the UC Berkeley campus, especially with the knowledge that she spent some of her happiest and most productive years here on campus.

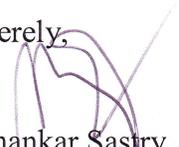
Unfortunately, UC Berkeley does not have a burial site on campus nor are there plans to establish one. It is, however, possible to honor Jengyee's memory on the Berkeley campus by planting a memorial tree on her behalf. This might be a thoughtful gesture to symbolize new life, hope and inspiration.

There will be a special opportunity to plant a tree in her memory as part of the new CITRIS building project which is scheduled to open on February 27, 2009. This location will be within the heart of the College of Engineering and would certainly be a wonderful way to reflect Jengyee's time here on the Berkeley campus. Please let me know if you would like us to proceed with planting a tree in memory of Jengyee.

As well, my staff has researched possible cemeteries for you to consider which are all located in the Oakland and El Cerrito area, some of which are close to the Berkeley campus. I have provided these options on the following page along with the campus tree planting policy for your reference.

All of us at the College of Engineering will endeavor to honor Jengyee's memory by remembering her indomitable spirit and by inspiring our students to reach their highest capability just as she did. Best wishes from all of us on campus.

Sincerely,

  
S. Shankar Sastry  
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In more than 20 years of teaching, Jengyee stands out as one of the most remarkable students I have ever met – no – one of the most remarkable people I have ever met (over much more than 20 years). Jengyee held an unbelievable list of distinguished and influential positions while she was a student, and was honored with the Bechtel Engineering Scholarship. Thanks in large part to her leadership as President of the Student Chapter of the Institute of Industrial Engineers, the Chapter won an IIE gold medal award for its activities and accomplishments. She fostered many opportunities for students and faculty to connect with each other, and was a good friend to many. Indeed, Jengyee created an unbelievable sense of community around her, and made the IEOR department a better place.

Her friends at UC Berkeley share your mourning for her loss.

- Rhonda Righter, Professor and Department Chair

Jengyee was one of those rarest of people – you always felt better after talking to her... About everything. Magic.

Few former students kept in touch like Jengyee. I was thrilled to be included in the introduction to her book, and to be counted among her friends.

I was asked by her manager at P&G after she was forced to quit because of her illness if “There were any more people like Jengyee at Berkeley” they could try to hire. I said “No. There is nobody like her, anywhere, she is unique.”

Lee Schruben

I would like to add here a paragraph from a recommendation letter I wrote on her behalf in 2004:

“I have known Jengyee for the last two years, as a student in my course, and as an active student government representative. Jengyee took my course in 2002. Her performance was among the best in the class. Jengyee is a wonderful person and a wonderful student to have in class. She is enthusiastic, interested, fully engaged and bursting with questions. She is very intelligent and active and continuously working on making things better for all around her. Moreover, Jengyee has been using her significant leadership skills outside of class as well. She organized various student activities and has served in office for the student administration.”

Dorit Hochbaum