



Emily Rachel Wei

November 8, 1988 - August 3, 2021

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Tribute Wall



“ *Sunflower (Silk Mausoleum Flowers) was purchased for the family of Emily Rachel Wei.*



March 01 at 09:58 PM



“ *We learned today (Oct. 4, 2021) of Emily's passing. Our family is shocked and saddened at this terrible news, and our hearts go out to Alan, Judy, Spencer and other family members as they grieve the loss of their beautiful flower. We have known Emily since she was a kindergartner with our son. We have many fond memories of her through those growing-up years. To have her suddenly gone from this vibrant group of young people is a great distress and a painful void for those who cherished her closely throughout her life. Perhaps a small comfort can be derived from a faith that somewhere over the rainbow new doors will continue to open for her just as we see happening repeatedly in the world around us-- one door closes, another opens. We would like to think of her still sharing her engaging energy and loving spirit. Larry, Marilyn & Alec Jossens*

The Jossens - October 05, 2021 at 03:25 AM

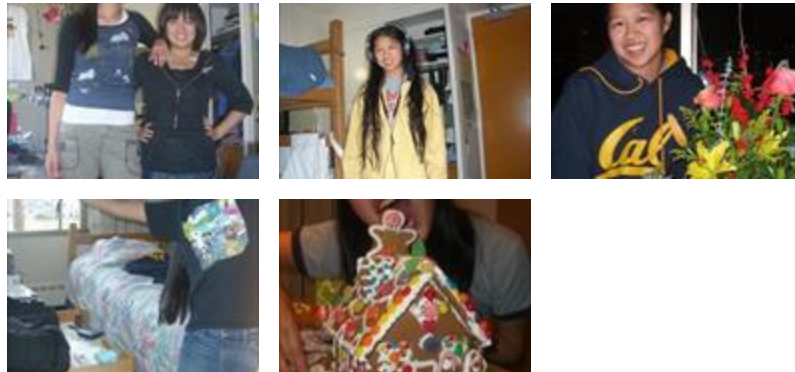
KK

“ I’m at a loss for words over my friend. I found out late about her passing and it’s torn me to bits. Emily personified was what was missing in the world, a connector who made no designation on a persons race, religion, or creed—A person who genuinely loved EVERYONE. I met her at Ut school of public health when she was president of the student association. She was a great leader who kept the students excited and engaged! She was always checking up on me and sending me care packages, and even after graduating from grad school when I was struggling to find a job she would send me job postings every week trying to help me! She was so thoughtful and sweet! I cry thinking of the many memories I had with her but I consider myself very privileged to have met her. To the Wei family, Im so sorry for your loss but I thank you for nurturing and bringing into this world such a beautiful spirit. Every gift she’s ever given me I’ll cherish forever, whether it be material or spiritual. Emily, thank you for showing me how to truly live a life. Your legacy will live on forever.

Kefin Kaba - September 18, 2021 at 02:53 PM

JC

“ Photos from Berkeley 2006/2007 - nearly 15 years ago!



Jennie Chen - August 24, 2021 at 02:28 AM

JC

“ I am so sorry about your loss. Emily and I had a wonderful conversation last year about making sure she never had any regrets when it came to keeping in contact with her friends. She gushed about her nephew and how fascinated she was with his development. She told me about the family, about how she was careful to keep her parents safe during COVID. Emily was loving, thoughtful and kind and surrounded by people who loved her dearly as well. I have many fond memories of Emily (my first college roommate!) and I will always hold her in my heart and memory.
Jennie Chen

Jennie Chen - August 24, 2021 at 02:20 AM

CL

“ Emily, I miss you so much. Do you remember the purple Queen Elizabeth painting you did the year Spencer submitted the hummingbird? I remembered seeing it at your house. It was purple and blue and a portrait of a powerful woman. You worked so hard on it, and you were so proud of your masterpiece. You've created a lot of really amazing works since, and I know we talked about missing art and just that creative outlet as we got older. I miss sharing that creative part of lives together from such a young age. Whenever I pick up a purple color pencil, or marker, or crayon, I'm going to remember you.

Love and miss you, Emily.
-Cary

Cary Lin - August 23, 2021 at 11:54 PM

JW

“ I love you Emily so much. I cherish all the years of watching you grow and become the wonderfully talented warm hearted fun loving niece that I shall love and miss forever. As the song says Gone Too Soon.

Love you Emily and I will try my best to help your mom dad and brother and sister-in-law

Love
You
Emily

Auntie Jeannie



Jeannie Worrell - August 23, 2021 at 06:14 PM

TB

“ Emily was one of my oldest friends - we first met in Albany preschool. We stayed friends throughout elementary school - her teasing me since I went to “Corny Cornell” and not Marin - and middle school & high school. I cherish all our memories from Girl Scouts and am so thankful she was in my life growing up. I feel bad for not staying in touch but am so grateful to have known her and I send my deepest condolences to Alan, Judy & Spencer.

Teresa Baranowski

Teresa Baranowski - August 15, 2021 at 06:20 PM

“ *My deepest condolences to the Wei Family.*

The Wei family lived down the street from us when we moved to Albany. Judy knocked on our door and introduced herself and invited me to join Girl Scouts with Emily.

Emily was my first friend in Albany and I truly don't think I would have become the person I am today without the great impact she and her family had on me.

Emily was always kind hearted, generous, and passionate with had so many hobbies.

Reflecting back, I realized a lot of my extra circular activities and hobbies stemmed from Emily's passions.

From Girl Scouts, swimming, baking, and pottery—Emily introduced me to so many new things.

I had my first camping trip with her in Girl Scouts (making mud in worms, which is chocolate pudding with crushed oreos and gummy worms) to earning our Gold Awards together for helping plan a social for a local pre-school.

She and Spencer were always swimming and advocated for a swim team at AHS, which I joined.

I have so many memories of walking into the Wei household and there was always something delicious cooking! Emily always had the fancy version of everything!

She would make Mexican hot chocolate, boiling milk and blending it all together—Meanwhile I always thought hot chocolate came in powder packet and you stirred in hot water.

She was a phenomenal baker! Judy and Emily would always bake intricate recipes, like Mexican wedding cakes, cranberry orange pinwheels, jam thumbprints and lemon bars.

Emily was an artist—She would make stunning pieces at her pottery studio and gift me some truly incredible pieces with leaves stamped on the inside.

A truly beautiful person who was talented, passionate, intelligent but most importantly kind and caring. Every time we reconnected it was

as if no time has passed and we always picked right back up.

I really appreciate the friendship we had and I've never been able to express this to her but I am grateful for the overwhelming impact and influence she had on me.

It's been devastating to lose someone who truly loved life and people. Words cannot begin to express the sorrow I have for the family and what our friendship meant to me.

Joan Kim - August 15, 2021 at 01:57 PM

LC

“*Dear Judy and Alan, I am so sorry for your loss. Emily was so kind to my daughter last year. My daughter had been laid off because of the pandemic. Emily reached out to her with such kindness and empathy, as well as valuable advice. Emily was truly and kind and loving soul. Rest in peace, Emily.*

Linda Carloni - August 15, 2021 at 01:35 PM

JK

“ Emily was the first friend I made when I moved to Houston. We met at the climbing gym as part of a Monday meet up group and from there she convinced me to join the TRX class taught there. She was such a positive, motivating person. We always enjoyed friendly competition with each other, pushing ourselves to sweat to the end of class, or try the next difficulty in climbing. I remember laughing so hard when we took our lead test and I screamed during the practice fall, causing the whole gym to go silent and look at us like we were crazies. She’s a huge reason why I have the community and friends I have now, but that was just her personality, to always be so welcoming and kind to everyone. When she told me she was moving back to CA, she mentioned she had never had a chance to go to Ren Fest. We made a last minute trip to drive up and pampered ourselves with gaudy ear cuffs and face paint. It’s one of my favorite memories with her. My heart breaks to hear of her passing, and I offer my deepest condolences to her family. From the memory page it’s easy to see how much of a warm, positive influence she was on so many people.



Jenna Kohn - August 15, 2021 at 10:28 AM



“ *Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of Emily Rachel Wei.*



August 15, 2021 at 01:22 AM



“ *Dear Judy, Alan and family,*

I am so sad to learn of your loss. My heart does ache for you. We were so fortunate to have Emily at the office-she graced us with her wonderful smile, sparkling eyes and always positive energy. She was a very special young woman whose loving spirit reflected the love and nurturing she received from her beautiful family. My thoughts are with you. I wish you much comfort.

Teresa Goldberg

Teresa Goldberg Diaz - August 14, 2021 at 10:36 PM



“ *Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Emily Rachel Wei.*



August 14, 2021 at 02:34 PM

AT

“ Abby, Angela, Carly, Laur, Mick & Trisha purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Emily Rachel Wei.



Abby, Angela, Carly, Laur, Mick & Trisha - August 14, 2021 at 01:57 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Emily Rachel Wei.



August 14, 2021 at 12:22 AM

HO

“ My sincerest condolences to Emily's family.

Hazel Olbrich

HAZEL OLBRICH - August 13, 2021 at 10:27 PM

GV

“ Gordon Vrdoljak purchased the Guiding Light Bouquet for the family of Emily Rachel Wei.



Gordon Vrdoljak - August 13, 2021 at 04:59 PM

LF

“ Alan and Judy - we are deeply saddened for your loss and our hearts weep for you. Please accept our heartfelt condolences and deepest sympathies.



Larry Fleming - August 13, 2021 at 11:00 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Emily Rachel Wei.



August 13, 2021 at 01:19 AM

VA

“ I will always remember how sweet Emily was. Her smile was infectious and she always radiated joy. It was hard to feel anything but happiness when she was around. She will truly be missed.



Vathsala Ariyaratna - August 12, 2021 at 11:09 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Emily Rachel Wei.



August 12, 2021 at 05:20 PM

LG

“ *First , to the Wei family, my heart aches for you. I can only say that I have no words that are adequate.*

Emily and Kate became friends in Scouts, both sort of shy in their own way, but seemed to find a connection that was good for both of them. Emily was always so sweet, polite and gentle. When I met her mom and dad...I could see that the apple didn't fall far from the tree. Such a beautiful family.

I know that it seems impossible that memories will be comforting in time...but that is all that I know for sure. We are keeping you all in our hearts.

Godspeed Emily.

Leslie Grady

Leslie Grady - August 12, 2021 at 04:39 PM

SK

“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



Suzanne Klein - August 12, 2021 at 02:33 PM

SK

Emily lived almost next door and was my guitar student for a long time. What a cheerful happy spirit! She helped in my garden and watched my animals when I was away. I loved hearing about her adventures as she grew up. I will miss her so much and send prayers and love to her dear family.

Suzanne Klein - August 12, 2021 at 02:41 PM

KT

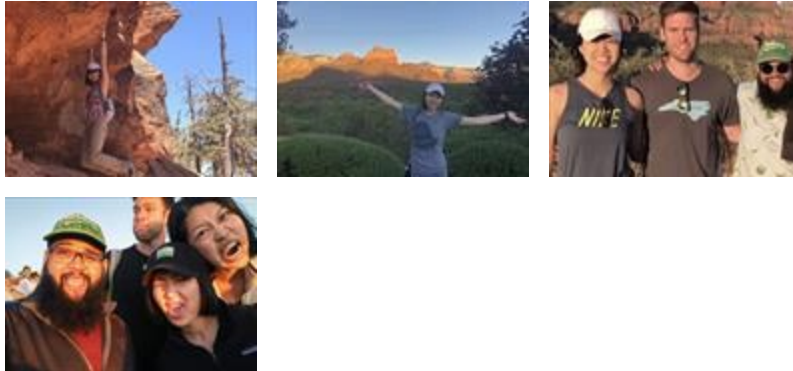
“ *Kathrin And Michael Thoss lit a candle in memory of Emily Rachel Wei*



Kathrin and Michael Thoss - August 12, 2021 at 12:17 PM

JF

“ *I got to know Emily during my time at UTSPH for graduate school. She is an absolutely wonderful, adventurous, and kind-spirited person and I will always treasure our friendship and the time we spent together, preparing for exams and putting together fun events for the students. Here are some photos we took during a friend trip to Sedona back in May 2019. My sincerest condolences to her family. Rest in peace Emily.*



Josh Fernelius - August 12, 2021 at 11:55 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Emily Rachel Wei.*



August 11, 2021 at 10:56 PM

SD

“ I got to know Emily when we both were in Houston and med center neighbors. She was so easy to talk to! I always admired her ability to have a meaningful conversation with anyone. So many great memories, mostly of laughter and good food. She was so positive and joyful, driven and thoughtful. Thank you Emily, I will miss you.



Susan Duan - August 11, 2021 at 10:32 PM

ES

“ I met Emily at Bridges Rock Gym, where we would often climb together with a group of friends. She would tell me to stop slouching, which I still do, but I find myself often thinking of her when I catch myself doing it. She was a wonderful person, with a joyful smile, and a pure heart. The world was better having her in it. I will cherish her memory.

Eric Stephens - August 11, 2021 at 10:03 PM

SD

“ 9 files added to the album Memories Album



Susan Duan - August 11, 2021 at 09:50 PM

SD

“ Susan Duan lit a candle in memory of Emily Rachel Wei



Susan Duan - August 11, 2021 at 09:37 PM

AH

“ Amy Harriman lit a candle in memory of Emily Rachel Wei



Amy Harriman - August 11, 2021 at 07:59 PM

AB

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Anne Baronitis - August 11, 2021 at 02:59 PM

AB

Emily was an active student leader at the University of Texas School of Public Health. She made frequent visits to my office in Student Affairs, especially when she served as the leader of the SPH Student Association. I think we started talking during her orientation at the school and remained in contact until just a few months ago. Emily was a true joy and a budding star. I will miss her dearly. My deepest sympathy to her family.

Anne Baronitis - August 11, 2021 at 03:08 PM

UM

“ *UTHealth-HPBS; Dept & Chair Chris Markam purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Emily Rachel Wei.*



UTHealth-HPBS; Dept & Chair Chris Markam - August 11, 2021
at 02:48 PM

JL

“ *I met Emily at CDPH and immediately took notice of her cheerful and charismatic attitude. Always one to stick out with her colorful outfits and infectious laugh, Em always made an impression. We would often playfully tease each other about our quirks, so much so that we got to the point of referring to each other as workbro/worksis!*

Quick story, as a group we would take breaks and walk around the campus, where there was a basketball hoop. Emily revealed to us she didn't know how to shoot a basketball, so we taught her how to shoot like a pro! And thats how I'll remember my worksis: adventurous, eager to learn, and always about her people! love you Worksis! <3

Jerrell Limos - August 11, 2021 at 12:53 PM



“ *Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Emily Rachel Wei.*



August 11, 2021 at 02:34 AM

AB

“ *Andrea and Bruce purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Emily Rachel Wei.*



Andrea and Bruce - August 11, 2021 at 12:51 AM

LD

“ *Love from Linda and Dick purchased the Love Everlasting Bouquet for the family of Emily Rachel Wei.*



Love from Linda and Dick - August 10, 2021 at 11:42 PM



“ *I have met Emily at the Student Association. Emily then became the Director of Social Activities, while I was her Deputy. Emily was always so cheerful - a pleasure to be around. She would tell me 'do you want to do (something in preparation of a social)?' and due to this expression being lost in translation for me, it took me awhile to realize it was Emily's way of politely asking me to do something. Emily was very patient and very respectful at all times. Deep condolences to the family.*



Elena Feofanova - August 10, 2021 at 09:46 PM



“ Jennifer Wee purchased the Love Everlasting Bouquet for the family of Emily Rachel Wei.



Jennifer Wee - August 10, 2021 at 07:28 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Emily Rachel Wei.



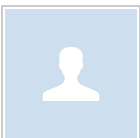
August 10, 2021 at 05:18 PM



“ Barbara Stahl and Terry Dominguez purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Emily Rachel Wei.



Barbara Stahl and Terry Dominguez - August 10, 2021 at 03:52 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Emily Rachel Wei.



August 10, 2021 at 02:30 PM

AT

“ *The first time I met Emily was during my first couple of days on the job at LFS in 2018. She welcomed me and offered to help me get acclimated with my work area and I found her very warm, friendly, and extremely personable. I felt sad but also excited for her with her new challenges relocating to Sacramento. So shocked and saddened that she passed away at such an early age. I will remember her as a bright star blazing across the evening sky and Gone Too Soon! Here is a link to a video of my 10 year old daughter singing a song that I feel is appropriate for Emily's memorial: <https://youtu.be/e9VVdVjgov8>*

*With sincere condolences to you and yours,
Armando*

Armando Tiong - August 10, 2021 at 01:39 PM

GP

“ *So many fun memories of spending time with Emily come to mind: climbing at the rock gym, ruining horror movies for her, attending her home gatherings, climbing outdoors and eating cake and cookies with too much icing while at karaoke. All sweet memories of a kind, fun and amazing woman.*



Guy Paproski - August 10, 2021 at 09:52 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Emily Rachel Wei.*



August 10, 2021 at 01:38 AM



“ *To the Family of Emily, we are still saddened and remained in shock for a loss of an exceptional and kind person. I am Honor to know her and seen her emerged from her achievements. Gone too soon, we know, but her life was a blessing, her memory a treasure and she was loved. Rest in peace my friend.*



Benn Trajano - August 10, 2021 at 01:04 AM

BO

“ After high school and when our time at Cal overlapped, Emily and I started spending more time together. She had a wonderful way of opening up and reeling you in with her laugh, eye twinkles, and questions, as though you were close from the very start. She made the first best pancakes I ever had in a tiny pan and lots of butter. "The key is," she said, "is to make each pancake individually." I agreed as I stuffed my face. We often had late night Gchats at 4am, asking each other how early we think we could wake up to eat brunch together. Maybe 11? Pause, and then laughter. I have a beautiful cream and green mug she made in 2005 that has been my pen holder for my home office for a while. I'm not even sure if this was a gift to me or to my sister, but I will continue to cherish it. A running joke has been that I lent her a frisbee group hoodie and The Terminal movie and I would have to make time in my busy schedule to see her and receive those items back. I regret that we missed a chance to do that and that I was never great at taking photos together. Emily, thank you for your kindness, laughter, and love. I will miss you and think of you often.



Bona - August 10, 2021 at 12:57 AM

BK

“ Bona Kang purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Emily Rachel Wei.



Bona Kang - August 10, 2021 at 12:06 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Emily Rachel Wei.*



August 09, 2021 at 09:35 PM



“ *Ana Bolanos lit a candle in memory of Emily Rachel Wei*



Ana Bolanos - August 09, 2021 at 08:04 PM



“ *Emily was a positive ball of energy who lived life to the fullest. I enjoyed her office visits, fun discussions, and seeing her evolve professionally. She was a wonderful ambassador for our School of Public Health and will be missed.*
Ross Shegog

Ross Shegog - August 09, 2021 at 06:38 PM



“ *Such a bonnie lassie. Our memories of her cheeriness is girl scout cookies and we will always buy them in her memory.*

Her smile will never fade.

Margaret Tong - August 09, 2021 at 05:47 PM

BT

“ *Benn Trajano lit a candle in memory of Emily Rachel Wei*



Benn Trajano - August 09, 2021 at 05:10 PM

KR

“ *What a sweet coworker/work-friend. We had monthly virtual coffee chats and she inspired me to buy a box of cards and hand-write my friends and family that I couldn't visit during the pandemic. She knew I wanted a Cockapoo, so she gave me the inside scoop when she saw one available at a rescue or shelter. All you had to do was mention something and she went out of her way to be helpful. She modeled the way for compassion. Working with her was a breeze - she made it fun, put her best foot forward, and organized the team. It was just a few weeks ago we were talking about the Olympics, dogs, her contemplating buying a condo in Sacramento, and planning our next get-together. She will be missed. Sending prayers to her friends and family, Kristal*

Kristal - August 09, 2021 at 02:59 PM

LD

“ *Ludelia Datlag lit a candle in memory of Emily Rachel Wei*



Ludelia Datlag - August 09, 2021 at 02:17 PM

WG

“ So glad we got together in July! This will be a treasured memory.



Wendy Gu - August 09, 2021 at 12:07 PM

AG

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Amy Gu - August 09, 2021 at 12:20 AM

PA

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall

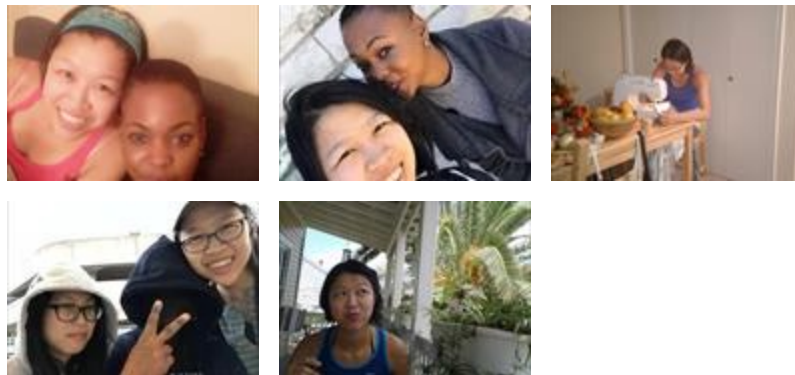


Patty - August 09, 2021 at 12:04 AM

J"

“ I met Em at school, 7 years ago and she quickly became a close friend. From our late night dessert and grocery shopping trips, sleepovers and hanging out with the gym crew, reviewing dissertation drafts and job applications, to taking trips across Texas together, we grew to understand each other's quirks. There was no need to explain things to each other. I called her everything from Em to Hun, to Sugar to Darling, and in time she would affectionately say, "hey darling, what's up?!"

Emily had a magnetic personality and a smile which lit up the room. She was a loving daughter, sister and aunt. My gosh, she smiled so much talking about her family and her nephew, baby G. She was so happy to be an aunt and to move back to California to be closer to family. Beyond that, Emily was intelligent, determined, engaging, considerate, kind, selfless, and more. An excellent cook, lover of writing cards and seeking adventures (hiking, rock climbing, traveling, etc.), and one who was unafraid to take on life's challenges with equal fervor. She was beautiful and perfect in her own way, and I will miss her terribly.



Jemima "Jemi" - August 08, 2021 at 11:33 PM

VD

“ *Vy Duong purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Emily Rachel Wei.*



Vy Duong - August 08, 2021 at 11:00 PM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Emily Rachel Wei.*



August 08, 2021 at 10:32 PM

AW

“ *Emily was one of a kind and always knew how to create a great inside joke. I started working with Emily in 2017. We would often have lunch together and in a conversation she made a clear delineation between her work friends and "actual friends." I had to give her a hard time and tell her that I was so offended. I then tried my hardest to get into her "actual friends" club. It wasn't until a mutual friends baby shower that she honored me with the designation of an actual friend. We took this picture to commemorate that designation. I'm so proud and honored to have been your actual friend Emily. You were one of a kind. You'll forever have an imprint on my life.*



Aaron Webb - August 08, 2021 at 09:17 PM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Emily Rachel Wei.*



August 08, 2021 at 08:08 PM



“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Jennie Chen - August 08, 2021 at 03:05 PM



“ *Thinking of Emily: I am holding this sweet ceramic cup you made for me with my favorite dog - the dachshund - on it. I can feel the kindness and love you have not only for dogs but for people, like me as well. I will always treasure that kindness and love. Thanks to you, Emily, some lucky pup will find it's "forever home" through the Hearts and Paws organization in your name. I am lucky also to have you always in my heart.*

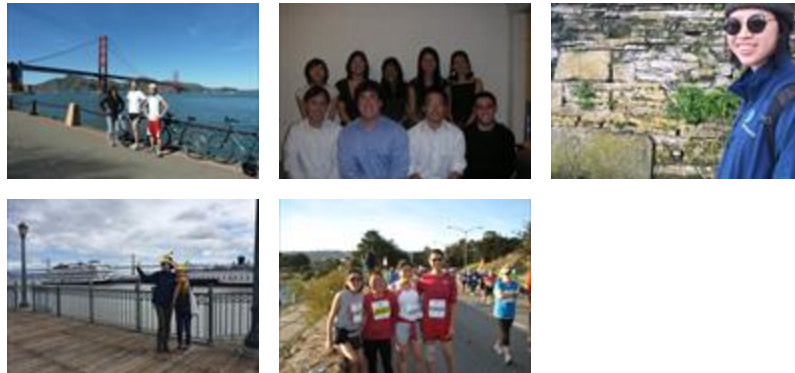
Your good friend, Linda Lee



Linda Lee - August 08, 2021 at 01:14 PM

ME

“ 31 files added to the album Memories Album



Melody - August 07, 2021 at 10:38 PM

ME

I treasure all our adventures, experiences, and times together. Emily made life more flavorful (with her cooking and her boldness), creative (with her art and crafting abilities), and fun (with her desire to explore). I will miss her.

Melody - August 07, 2021 at 10:47 PM

AG

Added photos from Amy, Santy, Wendy, and Jerry—we have so many fun memories with Emily, including years of swim team practices, paddle boarding in Cabo, making a quest to the grilled cheese festival in Socal, and cooking elaborate meals at home. She was always experimenting with new recipes, and taught us how to savor life <3

Amy Gu - August 07, 2021 at 11:29 PM

BT

It Breaks our hearts that you were taken away so unexpectedly...Emily was a genuinely a warm person by her passing all the people who knew her will miss an intelligent vibrant person with a rare friendliness and Charm. It was a privileged to know you Emily, our most sincere and deepest sympathy to the Wei Family.

Benn Trajano - August 10, 2021 at 01:28 AM

TP

Emily, such a smart, cheerful, friendly and enthusiastic member of our Richmond "Healthy Toasts" Toastmasters club. She was a lovely person and it's hard to wrap my mind around the idea that she's gone. RIP, Emily, friend and colleague. My deepest condolences go out to your family and loved ones. Tammy

Tammy Pilisuk - August 11, 2021 at 06:23 PM

BC

“*Emily was such a sweet, loving young woman. The world was a better place with her in it and she will be missed by everyone who knew her. My prayers go out to her family.* 🙏🙏



Boehme Cheryl - August 07, 2021 at 09:04 PM

CF

“*Taken much too soon, I am so sorry for your loss. With a broken heart, Craig*



Craig Friedman - August 07, 2021 at 05:35 PM

KH

“*Karen Harrington purchased the Garden Accent Stone - "Wherever a Beautiful Soul..." for the family of Emily Rachel Wei.*



Karen Harrington - August 07, 2021 at 03:29 PM

KH

“ Karen Harrington sent a virtual gift in memory of Emily Rachel Wei



Karen Harrington - August 07, 2021 at 03:21 PM

DQ

“ Dennis Quan sent a virtual gift in memory of Emily Rachel Wei



Dennis Quan - August 07, 2021 at 02:01 PM

GV

“ Gordon Vrdoljak lit a candle in memory of Emily Rachel Wei



Gordon Vrdoljak - August 06, 2021 at 10:32 PM

AW

“ Alan Wei lit a candle in memory of Emily Rachel Wei



Alan Wei - August 06, 2021 at 10:16 PM