



Tse Cheng Sheng

October 16, 1924 - October 16, 2021

A celebration of Ted's life will be held from 11:00 to 1:00 Monday, October 25th at Rolland Moore Park, 2201 South Shields St., Ft. Collins. Open to all family and friends.

Tse Cheng Sheng, 97, of Fort Collins, Colorado, peacefully passed away in his sleep at 5:45 am on October 16, 2021

Ted, preferred to be called, was born in Jiaxing, Zhejiang, China, one of six children of Tsu Ming and Zane Hua Sheng. He is survived by his loving wife Chuan Shen of 74 years; two sons and their spouses, Tom and Patti of Fort Collins, Colorado, and Richard and Nola of Shanghai, China; five grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Ted met Chuan in Suzhou, China. They married in 1947 in China and moved to Taiwan in 1948, Jamaica in 1968, El Salvador in 1975, Thailand in 1977, Jamaica in 1980, and Fort Collins in 1985.

Ted received his B.S. in agronomy from the Zhejiang University in Hangzhou in 1947 and M.S. in watershed management from the Colorado State University in Fort Collins in 1966.

Ted had a long and exciting professional career as a forester with Hualien

Forest District Office, Forestry Bureau, Council of Agriculture, Taiwan from 1948 to 1952; a watershed management specialist with the Chinese American Joint Commission on Rural Reconstruction (JCRR), Taipei, Taiwan, from 1953 to 1968; a technical expert with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, Rome, Italy from 1968 to 1984; an honored professor with the Colorado State University from 1985 to 1995; and a senior associate with the Computer Assisted Development, Inc., Fort Collins from 1993 to 2004. His remarkable career brought him to Taiwan, Jamaica, El Salvador, and Thailand and short-term assignments to Bolivia, Costa Rica, Haiti, Indonesia, Jamaica, Myanmar, Peru, Philippines, Saint Lucia, Taiwan, Thailand, Trinidad and Tobago, and Turkey. As a result, Ted published over 40 watershed management-related papers and books. In 1991, Ted received the Soil and Water Conservation Society's highest award – Hugh H. Bennett Award in Kentucky.

Ted was also a well-known poet in Taiwan under the pen name Hsia Ching and published many poems and short essays in Chinese newspapers in the U.S. and Taiwan. His first poetry book "Quiet Woods" was published in 1954, followed by 19 books of poems and essays from 1957 to 2014. He was one of the founders of the famous Blue Star Poetry Society in Taiwan in the early Fifties; served as the consultant for the Poetry Sky, the first English-Chinese bilingual poetry journal in the U.S.; one of the poets in the Colorado Poets Center; and interviewed on the poetry show at KRFC radio on November 20, 2011, in Fort Collins. In 2017, Ted received the Medal of Honor from the Chinese Literary Arts Association in Taiwan.

Ted was a proud, honest, and kind-hearted Christian. He was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather. His final wish was that the Sheng families continue to love one another and live together in peace and harmony. He will be missed dearly.

Ted generously shared his knowledge and life experience through his books and poems with the world. His autobiography “A Folding Fan” shared his perspective on life in 2010:

Our whole life is like a folding fan
One side is a painting of Spring mountains
On the other side, a poem of Autumn rains
It starts to unfold, leaf by leaf, in our youth
And onto itself, it will fold when we get old
Till a cool breeze is all that is left to behold

Translated from Chinese to English by Ma Wei, New York in 2020.

For more information, please visit:

Collection of TC Sheng technical papers in Colorado State University Libraries

<https://lib2.colostate.edu/archives/findingaids/water/wtcs.html>

<https://mountainscholar.org/handle/10217/100000/browse?type=author&value=Sheng%2C+Ted+C.%2C+author>

Watershed management field manuals-Watershed survey and planning, FAO of the United Nations, Rome, Italy

<https://www.fao.org/3/t0165e/t0165e00.htm>

<https://www.fao.org/3/t0099e/t0099e00.htm>

Colorado Poets Center

https://coloradopoetscenter.org/poets/ching_hsia/index.html

Poetry Sky

<http://www.poetrysky.com/quarterly/23/hsiaching.html>

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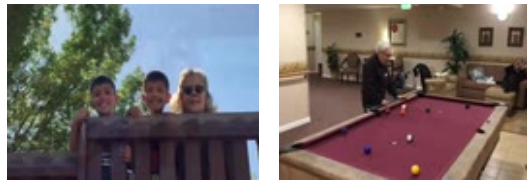


“ *Tse Cheng Sheng* ”

October 25, 2022 at 06:14 PM



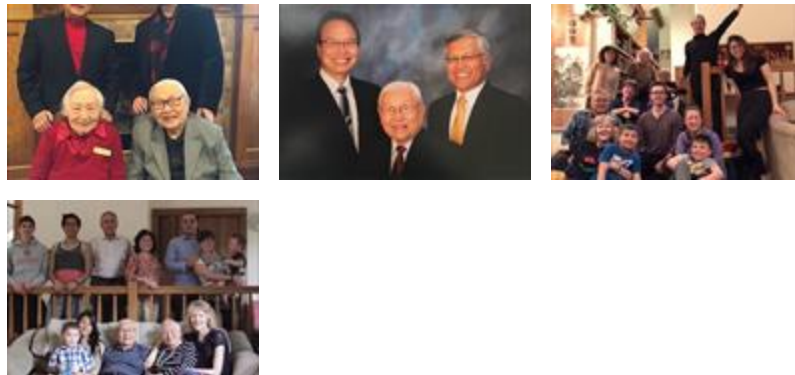
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Patti Sheng - November 04, 2021 at 11:09 AM

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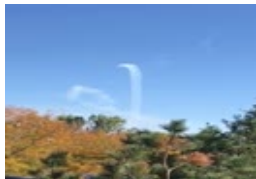


Aurora - November 03, 2021 at 05:05 PM

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“ Ted ever the poet,
Wouldn't you know it.
A final signature above,
With Love.

*(Special thanks to the
Blue Angels who flew
this heart formation
the day Ted passed)*



Patti Sheng - November 03, 2021 at 03:33 PM

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Patti D Sheng - November 02, 2021 at 04:25 PM

PS

“ My tribute to Dad (Ted my father in law) is remembrance of the innumerable joyous family times we had during our 43 years together. Dad showed me the world when I married his son, Tom who became a major part of my world. I am forever grateful to have known Ted Sheng the man. I would like to share Ted's poetry and our celebration of his life, as follows:

It was a beautiful Autumn day, October 25th, 2021, when we gathered together to celebrate Dad's life. The sun's golden rays streamed through the illuminated myriad of colorful tree leaves that surrounded his family and friends.

As we read Ted's poetry, we traveled with him and went "Sailing at Noon" in a shoe-shaped boat that drifted our worldly cares away to a peaceful slumber. While there we explored and wandered the galaxy in his poem called "My Last Will".

At "Noon" the sun picked up her shadows as the cat's green eyes turned to a nocturnal gold. And a busy bee retired into a rose.

We found his "Impression of a Garden" in the newly barbered Korean turf with a scarlet parasol amongst the trim American cypresses. There stood stout Russian pines and sensuous French sycamore trees. Then we found the most elegant of all, the aloof Chinese Gingko tree lightly fanning herself.

And Dad's "Prediction" came true that the poem, the fame and the man were buried in the vast ocean of words until there appeared we the divers for pearls.

Ted Sheng was a valuable, loving, talented man. He lives on through his poetry and the wonderful memories of family and friends. Thank you God our Father for this beautiful life for which the world is indeed a better place.

(Please note that excerpts from Ted Sheng's poems are

paraphrased in this tribute)



Patti Sheng - November 02, 2021 at 04:07 PM

VW

“ *Dear Tom, Patti and Chuan. My heart was broken when I learned of Ted's passing. He was always so happy, joyful and peaceful. I am very blessed to have had the opportunity to get to know him during my years at CADI. I'm sure you will all miss him, but will carry your memories in your hearts forever.*

Blessings, Vikki Weber

Vikki Weber - October 26, 2021 at 07:26 AM

KH

“ *The entire Dils family sends condolences. We have such fond memories of all the watershed folks, Ted included. Best wishes to all his family.*

Kris Dils Holstrom

Kris Holstrom - October 25, 2021 at 07:08 PM

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“ *Ted was a wonderful person to know as a friend and to work with as a colleague. He retired from FAO and came back to his CSU home to volunteer in teaching International Watershed from a broad base of practical experience. He will be deeply missed by all. His simple, warm poetry will follow him for many years.*

*Jim & Louise Meiman
Professor Emeritus & Wife
CSU WS Science*

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“ *Dedication of Dils Tree
Picture from 3-28-2008 on the 50th anniversary of Watershed Science. Ted Sheng amid a group of Watershed alums.
Right facing picture standing: Howard Wertsbough, Geroge Brown, Ted Sheng, Sam Kunkle
Kneeling at Dils dedication rock: Kendall Johnson (L) and Roger Hoffer (R)
Left facing picture front: Jan Dils Shepard (L) and Kris Dils Holstrum (R)
Left facing back row: Harold Steppahn, Willi Tischendorf, Chuck Slaughter, Jim Meiman*



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Kneeling in front on right side: Corky Ohlander and Peter Block

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Dave Striffler - October 25, 2021 at 01:43 PM

RC

“ *I'd like to offer condolences on behalf of the watershed sciences faculty at CSU. Ted was a graduate and long-time contributor to the department. In sharing his passion and experience, he left a lasting impact on our scientists and on our students.*

Rich Conant, Department Head - Ecosystem Science and Sustainability

Richard Conant - October 25, 2021 at 10:22 AM



“ Dear Tom and Patti, Richard and families. I have fond memories of your father Ted Sheng, from the '80s when I was in grad school at CSU. I appreciated the time he spent with me discussing many issues and topics. He was so experienced and generous with his time. He was very proud of you all. A good man and a kind soul.
 Tim Martin

Tim Martin - October 25, 2021 at 01:38 AM



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