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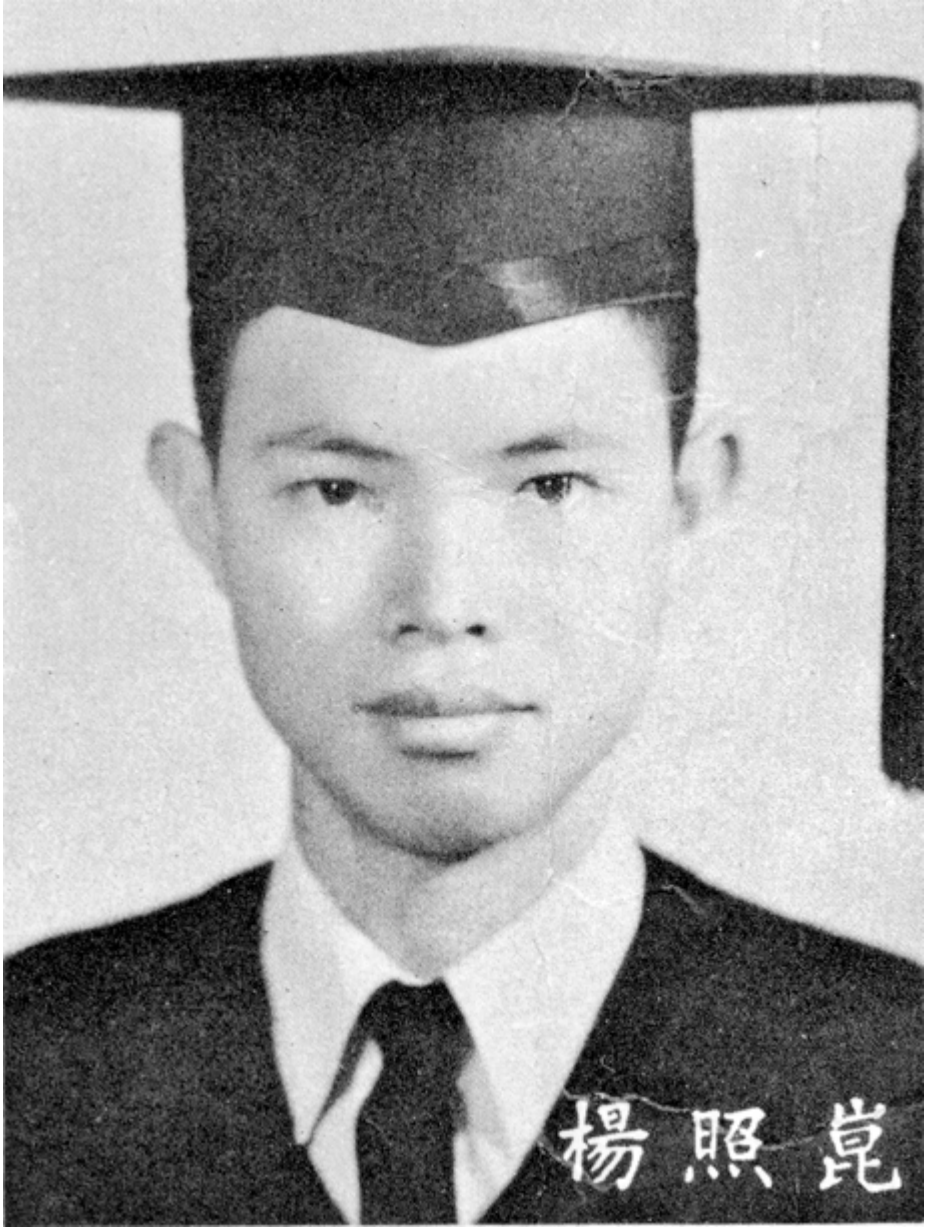

In Memory of Mark Yang 楊照崑 (1942-12-14 ~ 2010-10-25)

From: **Charles Mo**
Date: Tuesday, October 26, 2010 4:03 PM
To: EE Class of 1964
Subject:

Dear EE64 Classmates,

Our dear classmate and friend Professor Mark Chao Kuen Yang passed away yesterday.

I was initially notified by our classmate Leonard SY Li this morning at home (only later realized Yang's daughter had earlier left messages both on my phones and e-mail).

Have called and talked with both Yang's wife Sharon and daughters Jean and Grace. He died of massive aneurysm in the head, on-set Sunday morning ~7:00am and stopped breathing ~10 minutes later, life support sustained till yesterday morning. He was otherwise in good health. He saved 4 people with his immediate organ donations: kidneys, lungs, and liver.

I will attend Yang's funeral in Gainesville, Florida this Saturday and present a flower wreath in the name of our EE64 classmates (suggest that our EE64 "travel fund" expenses the flower cost and Chen H Wu mail it to me).

Mark is such an nice gentleman, dear and always willing-to-help, helpful to others including of course his classmates, aside from being a scholar in mathematical statistics of US national and international recognition. He was born in Sichwan, China and grew up in Kao-Shung, southern Taiwan, is much a country boy of hearty genuineness and mild manners. Yang is one of the sharpest mind among us and is a quick study. And yet he is uncompromising for dealings in principle and stands total integrity.

Yang excelled in Taida EE. He then switched to mathematical statistics and executed an outstanding professional carrier in US as a distinguished professor in the Department of Statistics, University of Florida, including many consulting and scholar-visiting positions at US schools, government agencies, and private companies and at universities in Taiwan and in China.

Mark Chao Kuen Yang is a dear classmate to us all. He was in the 2007 Norway reunion cruise. He contributed/wrote on our EE64 website and often shed in-depth comment/observation in classmates-e-mail communications. To me, I had the additional privilege of working with him as our company's consultant virtually continuously for the last ~30 years, to now. His outstanding work and devotion is such an asset and contributed greatly to many important problems' identification, approaches, and solutions. And learning from and with Yang great enhanced my knowledge in statistics, including collaborated papers some widely deemed of landmark significance.

Best regards to all.

Most sincerely,
Charles T. C. Mo

From: **Mo, Charles T** (TASC)
Sent: Tuesday, October 26, 2010 1:54 PM
To: 'Jean Yang'
Cc: 'Garbo Mo'
Subject: RE: Important

Jean,

Shocked and deeply sorry that your Dad passed away so suddenly.

Condolence to your mother Sharon and all family members.

I will attend the funeral on Saturday. Please let me know the location and time details. Please arrange a flower wreath "To Young Chao Kuen scheo-chon forever rest in peace from NTUEE64 Classmates". The EE64 class fund will do the cost represented by me when there.

I will arrive at Gainesville Friday ~9:40pm, staying at the Hilton you mentioned, and would strongly like to view him one last time if totally at all feasible.

Mo shu-shu and Garbo

From: **James Liao**
Tuesday, October 26, 2010 4:33 PM
To: EE Class of 1964
Subject: Mark Yang will be sincerely and sorely missed

Dear Charles,

Your email finds me in total shock and sorrow. Currently, my wife and I are traveling at Hong Kong.

Mark Yang certainly will be sorely and sincerely missed by all of us.

As a Christian, my prayers are with Mark's family at these most difficult times. We hope the following bible verses can offer comfort to Mark's family from our Lord:

启示录 21
1 我又看見一個新天新地；因為先前的天地已經過去了，海也不再有了。
4 神要擦去他們一切的眼淚；不再有死亡，也不再有悲哀、哭號、疼痛，因為以前的事都過去了。

Sincerely,
James H. Liao

From: **Bill Lee**
Date: Tuesday, October 26, 2010 4:35 PM
To: EE Class of 1964
Subject: Passing of Mark Yang, our classmate

What a shock it was to all of us!

I just returned from a 7-hour drive from Lafayette, where we had visited our grandson, when this sudden sad news arrived! Only a couple of weeks ago, I dialed his number a couple of times wanting to say Hello but didn't get through.

Among other things, I remember vividly the days during our freshman year when Mark and I worked together as partners in Chemistry lab assignments.

Our sincere condolences to Sharon and the Yang family!

I have CC Yang cc'ed in this email so that he as a friend is also notified about the sad news.

Respectfully,
Bill and Daisy Lee

From: **Cheng-I Chen**
Date: Tuesday, October 26, 2010 5:37 PM
To: EE Class of 1964
Subject: Mark Chao-Kuen Yang will be missed by all EE classmates

Dear Charles and EE classmates,

It is a shock to learn the sad news of passing away of Mark Yang, one of our dearest classmates. He is such a nice person with good integrity and characters that we all admire. Aside from our the formal class reunion trips, we had a few chances to see him and Sharon while he was a visiting professor in Taiwan. We really like him a lots.

We will all miss him as a good classmate and a good friend. His contributions to our EE blogs always provided very open minded and in depth thoughts that I enjoyed reading very much though, regrettably, I never acknowledged.

Dear Charles, please convey our sincerest condolence to Sharon and the family members. Our thoughts are with them at this difficult moment.

Most Sincerely,

Cheng-I Chen

From: **George Huang**
Date: Tuesday, October 26, 2010 7:13 PM
To: EE Class of 1964
Subject: RE: Mark Yang will be sincerely and sorely missed

Dear classmates,

How sad to hear this news! I was still thinking about Mark's email on various subjects, especially the latest on how to cope with getting old…

Can someone organize a gift arrangement for us to show our appreciation of Mark?

George

From: **Charles Mo**
Date: Tuesday, October 26, 2010 7:34 PM
To: EE Class of 1964
Subject: RE: Mark Chao-Kuen Yang will be missed by all EE classmates

In my e-mail, I have a storage folder of Yang, to store communications mostly on mathematical statistics including scanned hand writtings which we do not bother to type into word or latex equations, and a little other exchanges.

It just dawned on me. I will never receive anything from him again.

Mo

From: **Wei Chen**
Date: Tuesday, October 26, 2010 7:49 PM
To: EE Class of 1964
Subject: RE: Mark Yang will be sincerely and sorely missed

Dear Classmates,

It is hard to accept that Mark is gone. Mark was such a genuine and wonderful thinker, now we have one less true intellect in this world.

Wei

From: **Ching Chun Han**
Date: Tuesday, October 26, 2010 8:12 PM
To: EE Class of 1964
Subject: RE: Mark Yang will be sincerely and sorely missed

Dear classmates and Charles Mo:

This sad news would be the hardest and most difficult for all of us to accept. We lost an outstanding and passionate and sincere classmate for good!

Only a few months ago I received Mark, Sharon, Jean and his grand children in my Palo Alto office. We dimed ,walked and talked so happily together.

Mark seemed to be very very healthy and in good shape. I can only say life is fragile and let's do together with anything possible to help and support Mark's family to go through this difficult time.

Warmly,
Ching Chun Han

From: **Shing Lin**
Date: Tuesday, October 26, 2010 9:00 PM
To: EE Class of 1964
Subject: RE:

Dear Classmates:

I just got the phone call from TC Mo that Mark TC Yang passed away yesterday. It was a complete shock to me & I still can't recover from it at this moment. I remember him as a good student, an outstanding scholar and a man of integrity. He was also a man of many interests & very responsive in any of our communication. He was truly a man of warm heart, cool head & integrity in character. It is a terrible loss to our class of Taida EE64.

According to TC Mo, he suffered from a symptom of aneurysm (動脈瘤, 動脈腫脹, or 動脈破裂). It is a killing symptom & can be very quick. It is the only good thing we can hope for that he did not suffer a long spasm of pain.

Every once in a while, MarkYang would drop something in his email to us. I like his wit & arguments, so very often I was the first one to respond to his email. I found it very thought stimulating in the process of discuss with him. We no longer have the luxury or any chance in doing so again. I am very sad but found some consolation in reading some of his old emails & blogs. It is very fortunate that we have a lot of writings from him in our TaidaEE64 blog (http://ntuee64.blogspot.com/). His latest one was written on 10/03/2010, indeed this month! He mentioned: "我也借機變了几手魔術，一變再變，找不出破錠。有人問訣竅在那？我說：「魔術當場解開，久失去了魔術的意義，不過有人私下要學，我一定教。」結果陳呈祿，林幸峰夜訪求教。不知他們後來有沒有在人前露過一手？"

In the comment, I responded: "I did perform the same tricks several times right after the cruise & I enjoyed doing it. Since it is not really my hobby, I forgot the details eventually. This is what we call "Use it or Lose it". However, I will learn some other tricks from MarkYang if we meet again. It is just fun, life needs varieties to paint more colors."

Alas, I no longer have the chance to learn some tricks from him. How sad this is!

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In his latest blog, he said at the end with the following poem:
少時上課同堂，晚來滄海同舟，老身相聚何所有？有說，有笑，有酒。
晝看片片浮雲，夜數點點繁星，船中賭場論人生，是贏，是輸，是平？

但 願 照 崑 兄 在 天 之 靈, 有 說, 有 笑, 有贏, 沒輸.

PS0: I still can't get over the news that he is no longer with us. I flipped over some of my photo albums & computer files to see what I can get about him. Here I attach one photo & hope all of us can
capture some of our good old memory about him.

PS1: I also CC Mark Yang & wish he receives this as we all care about him so much.

From: **Paul Tien**
Date: Tuesday, October 26, 2010 10:18 PM
To: EE Class of 1964
Subject: RE:

Dear Classmates and Friends,

I cannot believe, and is saddened that Mark left us this soon.

Leah and I really enjoyed our Southeast-Coast connection with Mark and Sharon early'70s while I was teaching in Savannah, Georgia which was a relative short drive from Gainesville. We cheered and blessed Mark's family blossoming to a six member happy family.

I have been staying at sideline to watch and benefit from all these e-mail dialogs among our classmates. Mark always impressed me from Taida days that he would take initiatives, provide information and reach conclusions for many different subject matters, scientific stuff or what have you.

We will miss him a lot.

Our deepest condolences to Sharon and the Yang family.

Sincerely,

Paul & Leah Tien
田仲麟
王今我

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From: **Shun-Yi Lee**
Date: Tuesday, October 26, 2010 11:08 PM
To: EE Class of 1964
Subject: The last photo with Mark Yang

Hi pals:

I was shocked upon hearing the passing of Mark in the call from Leonard SY Li this morning. It seems only yesterday when Mark and his wife visited LA in 8/8/2009 and had the attached photo taken in my house. You can see how healthy and young he was in comparison to his EE classmates in the picture. I can't believe this turned out to be Mark's last picture with us. I have treasured the association and friendship with him. He will always be remembered.

Shun-Yi

From: **Leonard Li**
Date: Tuesday, October 26, 2010 11:30 PM
To: EE Class of 1964
Subject: RE: The last photo with Mark Yang

Attached is another picture taken that day after lunch and before heading for Frank's house. Susie and I didn't go to Frank's place that day so we weren't in the other picture.

Leonard

From: **AJ Chen**
Date: Wednesday, October 27, 2010 7:21 AM
To: EE Class of 1964
Subject: RE:

Dear Mo and Classmtes:

I firstly leaned of Mark's illness from B. L. Cheng 8:47 am, 10/26, Taiwan time and then received a phone call from Ah Mo, midnight, 10/26, just before we went to bed. It's , indeed, a big shock to me and all the rest of our classmates. I can only say that 天妒英才.

I read through all the 12 e-mails, sent by our claaassmtes from 10/27 7:05 am to 2:00 pm. Besides we missed a great friend with intelligenc and integrety and sent our condolences to his family, I do have additional comments.

1. I endorsed George's suggestion to give Mark's family some gift, as well as the flowers in the funeral.
As Ah Mo would be one of a few classmates to attend the funeral, you might help us to buy one,
which will be also covered by our travel fund accumulated in our 3 cruise reunions.

2. Two Marks contirbuted most to our blog and e-mail comments. Now that Mark Yang is gone, we
need additional efforts from Mark Lin.

3. Mark is a family man, who had a well plan to raise kids. Notice that 4 of his kids were born in 3 - 4
years apart.

I must apologize, belately that I forgot to double check with Mark about our time of Hawaii cruise.
He had the first week of class during our cruise and just couldn't miss it.If we moved the cruise one week ahead,and he and Sharon would be able to attend. Who knows the
world might change total
difference all together. I urge all of our classmates to attend our 2012 reunion.

With best regards,

A. J. Chen

From: **Gus Chang**
Date: Wednesday, October 27, 2010 9:58 AM
To: Jean Yang and Yang Family and EE Class of 1964
Subject: Our condolences to Mark Yang's family

Dear Jean,

Polly & I want to send you & your family our condolences. I am sure you are feeling sad but we also know Mark is in a better place and he is protected, comforted and loved.
He is relieved of all pains and sufferring. Often I think he is such a distinguished classmate with professional and social success, and raised good family. He has compasion, is witty, cherish, and humorous, with a lot of skills and talents.

We admire him and will surely miss him always. I remember his talks when we were in Taipei for the 40 year class reunion in Taiwan, and we were in the trips celebrating our 40th wedding anniversary abord the cruise ship to Norway. We are comforted that you and your children are strong and established, and you will be in our prayers.

I never asked whether you are Christians but surely like to invite you become one if not. You and all your family members will receive endless mercies from our God, and we will be in heaven some days.

Sorry that I write a bit late, since I am on my way to China for planed business trips on Thursday the 28th..

Charles, thank you for attending Marks funneral, please let us add to the classmates to share their sorrow.

Gus and Polly Chang

From: **Min-Tai Pao**
Date: Wednesday, October 27, 2010 11:12 AM
To: Jean Yang and Yang Family and EE Class of 1964
Subject: Re: To EE Class of 1964 from the family of Dr. Mark C.K. Yang

小慈，各位同學：

聽到照崑去世的消息，感到十分意外及難過。在一年前見面時，還覺得他身體非常健康，那曉得世事那麼無常。

我與照崑的關係，不僅只是大學同學，還曾在佛羅里達一起相處過。那時候我是佛大電機系的博士生，他是統計系的助理教授。我們兩人當時都已結婚，照崑小慈剛生了大女兒。
我與維秀在佛大的兩年九個月期間，一年九個月曾和他們在一起。每到假期，會一起相約出游，相處得非常好。令我最感動的是，我有一次因感冒而服用阿司比靈過多，引起大量
胃出血住院，他們怕我們錢不夠，自動拿出上千元要借我們。這樣誠摯的友情，令我永遠難忘。

離開佛州，轉眼已三十八年，一瞬間我們都是祖父母輩的人了。這些年來我們 一直有保持連絡，每隔幾年便會碰面，我們家的三個小孩也都認識他們家的四個小孩。

在此，我與維秀希望小慈與諸兒女節哀順變，維秀在你休息一段時間後再與你聯絡。

另外，我希望同學夫婦們也多保重身體，平時多作體格檢查。我在去年三月也曾因頸部大血管堵塞導致中風，曾一度失去語言能力，開刀後幾乎全愈。

From: **Leonard Li**
Date: Thursday, October 28, 2010 4:07 PM
To: Yang Family and EE Class of 1964
Subject: Re: To EE Class of 1964 from the family of Dr. Mark C.K. Yang

Dear Sharon, Lynn, Jean, Grace, and Justin,

Since I received the call from Jean on Tuesday morning, memories of Chao-Kuen have been going through my mind all this time.

It has been fifty years since we began our close friendship as freshman EE students at Taida. We were all teenagers when we first met, now we're all retirees. At a
moment like this, one really gets the sense that half a century is but "a watch in the night" (Psalm 90:4).

Chao-Kuen is a person with uniquely admirable characters. He was extremely intelligent yet at the same time very unpretentious, genuine, and friendly. I know he had been
a great teacher and mathematician, but I also know he had never considered his career or accomplishments as important as his own family. I greatly respected him for
how he really set right his priorities in life. I also rejoice that he had found the true God who gives salvation to all who believe. What a privilege it is to have a dear friend like Chao-Kuen.

I always remember what a pastor said at a memorial service many years ago: "We are in sorrow not for the person who passed away, because he is now in a place that is much better than this world. We are sorrowful for ourselves, because for a while we will not see him here and we miss him dearly." Indeed for a while we will not be seeing Chao-Kuen or talking to him in this world, but we have the assured hope that one day all of us will rejoice together in eternity. And for that I praise and give thanks to the Creator of the universe for giving us such a perfect salvation and such great hope. When my father died suddenly from heart attack one morning in 1965, at age 60, it was this hope that was most precious to me. I am sure that the same thoughts and hope, not from man but from the eternal Creator, will sustain you with His comfort and peace until the day we see Chao-Kuen again.

We are grateful to Charles that he will be attending the memorial service representing all of Chao-Kuen's classmates who dearly miss him. Our condolences and prayers will be with you at this difficult time. May the God of peace comfort all of you with His presence and sustain you with His grace.

Shou-yung and Susie

From: **George Huang**
Date: Thursday, October 28, 2010 4:16 PM
To: Yang Family and EE Class of 1964
Subject: Re: To EE Class of 1964 from the family of Dr. Mark C.K. Yang

Dear Classmates:

I wonder if we can put together a collection of Chao-Kuen's publications and print them in a book. If anyone will take the effort to get the papers and articles in electronic form, we can publish them then. I propose that we contribute to the costs of printing and mailing?

George

From: **CK Pian**
Date: Wednesday, October 27, 2010 5:26 PM
To: Jean Yang and Yang Family and EE Class of 1964
Subject: Re: To EE Class of 1964 from the family of Dr. Mark C.K. Yang

I am deeply saddened to hear the passing away of Mark Yang. The last time I met Mark was a year ago in Southern California and he looked so young and vibrant then. It is really hard to believe that he is no longer with us. My wife Anita and I would like to offer our deepest condolences to Sharon and Mark's children. Mark really lived a full life – he had a loving family, he had a brilliant career, and he had a lot of loving friends.

CK and Anita Pian

From: **Vincent Shen**
Date: Thursday, October 28, 2010 6:20 PM
To: Yang Family and EE Class of 1964
Subject: Re: To EE Class of 1964 from the family of Dr. Mark C.K. Yang

Dear 小慈 and Family,

I was shocked and saddened when I received the messages while traveling. Many scenes flashed through my mind: our trip to the Everglades before our children were born, our various visits during several Christmas holidays, our ministry together at the Southeast Regional Retreat, and your visit to Hong Kong.

Although I have not been active in our class reunion activities due to work and church commitments, I was following the discussions through e-mails. Mark's wit and insights in those discussions always inspired me. As many of our classmates have said, Mark will be sorely missed.

I understand that your family is going through a very difficult time due to Mark's sudden departure. Words cannot express our sense of loss. But we rest our hope on Lord Jesus who will reunite us all in His presence eventually. May you all find peace and comfort through Him.

In His fellowship,

-Vincent & Margaret 沈運申/劉奇鳴

From: **Shing Lin**
Date: Thursday, October 28, 2010 7:04 PM
To: Yang Family and EE Class of 1964
Subject: In Memory of Mark Yang

Dear Classmates,

I attached six more photos in memory of Mark Yang. I found that the more time I stare at the photos, the more it reminds me of our good old time.

518: I took this photo when we were freshmen (so I was not in the photo). Mark Yang was right in the middle. The one on the left is 廖益亨 & the number 3 (0 based) from the left is 彭義平. Both of them eventually transferred to other department. The flowers in the foreground looks like azalea. But judging from the clothes and the body language of everyone, it had to be late autumn or early winter. Can azalea bloom in the early winter?

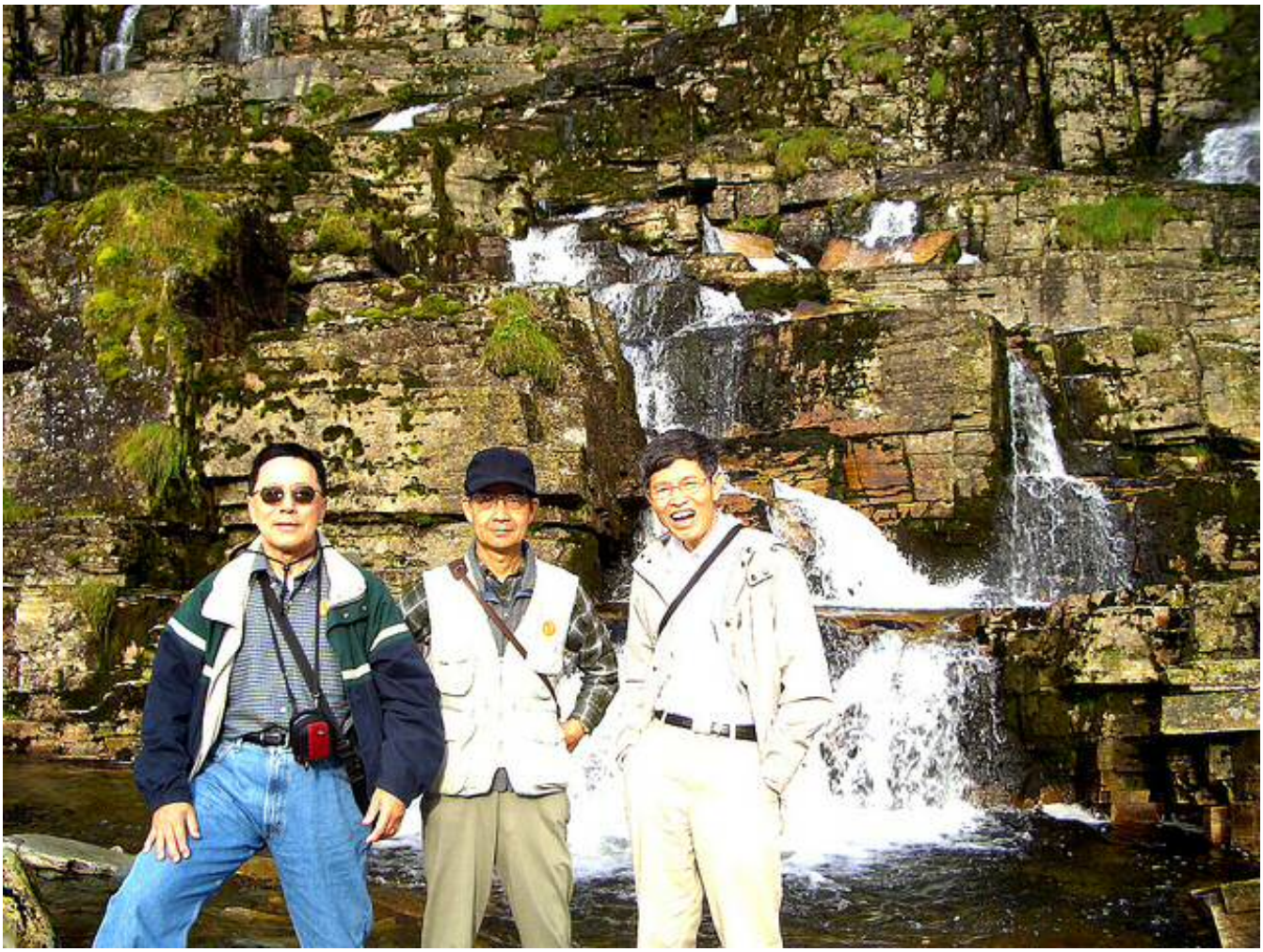
143: I zeroed in 沈安邦. But she seemed not in the mood. 洪俊雄 was chatting with 教官. I think he talked to the wrong person, no wonder Miss Shen was not in the right mood.

Meanwhile I was careful not to miss our MarkYang. You can see him in the background (last row), talking & smiling to perhaps another girl. I am sure he was having a good time. You can also see Ed Ho on the left hand side between two girls. He seemed always know where to sit. This photo was taken in our freshmen year. The girls we invited were from 圖書館系. The room: 台大陽明山宿舍.

537: Taken in 1964, our graduation. All of us look young, fit & promising. Mark Yang already showed the look of a scholar. When time goes by, they turned out to be in different profession: Scholar, Physician & Engineer. Meanwhile, I have no idea why 卞昭廣 was in casual outfit, a white shirt. Perhaps he knew something we didn't. I can't remember who took this photo. Anyway, it looked as if we were heading to 台大速簡餐廳 after the photo session.

064: This nice photo was taken in 1972 at Mark Yang's residence. From left to right (front & back row in pair) are 萬宗柱夫婦, 楊照崑夫婦, 林勝彥夫婦 & 王毓翡. I was not in the photo as I was taking the photo at the moment. Mark Yang looked the youngest as he got the baby face with interesting hair style at that time. The cute little girl is the daughter of Mark Yang, was two years old then perhaps. By the way, 萬宗柱 is my high school classmate. He was at the University of Florida in 1972. This photo was taken after we visited the Disney World. This is one of the most memorable moment in the decade of 1970.

120: The Three Musketeers of the Taida EE64. This was taken during the Norwegian Cruise in 2007. it looked as if Amo & I were ready for actions. However, our Mark Yang looked so casual & relax, he even put his hands in his pockets & smiled profusely.



104: The Magnificent Seven of the Taida EE64. This was also taken during the Norwegian Cruise. Everybody was smiling, especially Mark Yang. This was one of our happiest time in the reunion.

These photos remind me of many happy moments with Mark Yang, his voice & his smile. We regret the mother nature cut his life short. I called my daughter (a neurologist) to find out more about aneurysm. Here is what she said:

"Basically there is a weakening of the blood vessel walls that allows the vessel to balloon out. High blood pressure, smoking, and a genetic tendency to aneurysms can cause it to rupture. Anyone can have them though. A lot of people go through life with them and never know it, ending up dying from something completely unrelated. Small ones can be monitored conservatively. Larger ones need to be surgically fixed. Warning signs include certain types of headaches and certain neurologic signs. Sometimes there is no warning at all."

This "sometimes there is no warning at all" is the most dangerous one. I feel so sad that we lose Mark Yang this way, no warning at all.

From: **Luke Chen**
Date: Thursday, October 29, 2010 3:15 AM
To: Yang Family and EE Class of 1964
Subject: Re: To EE Class of 1964 from the family of Dr. Mark C.K. Yang

Dear Jean:

聽到令尊的離開,讓我們確實感到非常的驚訝.
只能說天妒英才吧!他留給同窗們豐富的回憶.
希望你們節哀.
虔誠的祝福你們闔平安.

Luke Chen(呈祿&敏江)
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From: **Bin-luh Cheng 鄭炳陸**
Date: Friday, November 26, 2010 9:40 AM
To: Yang Family and EE Class of 1964
Subject: An open letter to Mark C.K. Yang

Dear Mark:

It had been a pleasure talking to you by phone on October 10 and 16, 2010. In the phone conversation, we set a time to get together in Gainesville, Florida on October 26.

However, when I called you again on October 25 to confirm a time to get together; your daughter answered the phone and told me that you were gone a day before. At first, I thought you might have had an unexpected and important event to care for; a few seconds later I realized what had happened. With shock and sorrow, tears streamed down my cheeks. I silently cried, "C.K. we scheduled to meet, wouldn't you remember and wait?"

I visited Gainsville again on October 30 to greet you at the Forest Meadows Funeral Home. During the services, the main Chapel of the funeral home was completely full; many of the people attending the memorial services had to stand at the back and aisle of the Chapel. Following the moving stories sharing by your daughters and son about you as loving dad and your colorful life. Our classmate Charles Mo gave a eulogy for you on behalf of Taida EE 1964. He brought back lots of the good old memories of our college life together, mentioned your distinguished academic achievements and read many consolation e-mails from classmates. Many of your colleagues and students also went forward talking about their appreciation of your kind, valuable help and contribution to many situations they encountered as well as your impact on their lives.

You mentioned earlier to me that you had visited our classmate Chen Ying-Liang's beautiful farm in Taitung; since Gainsville and Havana are less than two hundred miles away, I invited you come to tour my Havana orchard farm. Knowing you are very interested in gardening, I suggested that I would show and share some of my farm products to you when I have a chance while visiting you in Gainesville. I brought a few Fuyu, Tenenashi and Saijo

persimmons from my farm to your family. The organic fruits were not in their best shape since it was the end of their season. I just wanted to deliver the little commitment I made from our last conversation in mid-October.

Since this is an open letter, I would like to conclude it with a text from your favorite folk song "Red River Valley" which we sang for you in your funeral, and a paragraph from your eulogy to share with our classmates: "From this valley they say you are going. We will miss your bright eyes and sweet smile. For they say you are taking the sunshine. That has brightened our pathway a while.", "Mark was known by all for his intellect, quick wit, creative writing ability, story-telling, gardening skills, magic performance, generosity, kindness and love for his wife and children."

Mark, you will be remembered and continue to live in our memory forever. God bless you!
Sincerely Yours

Bin-luh Cheng

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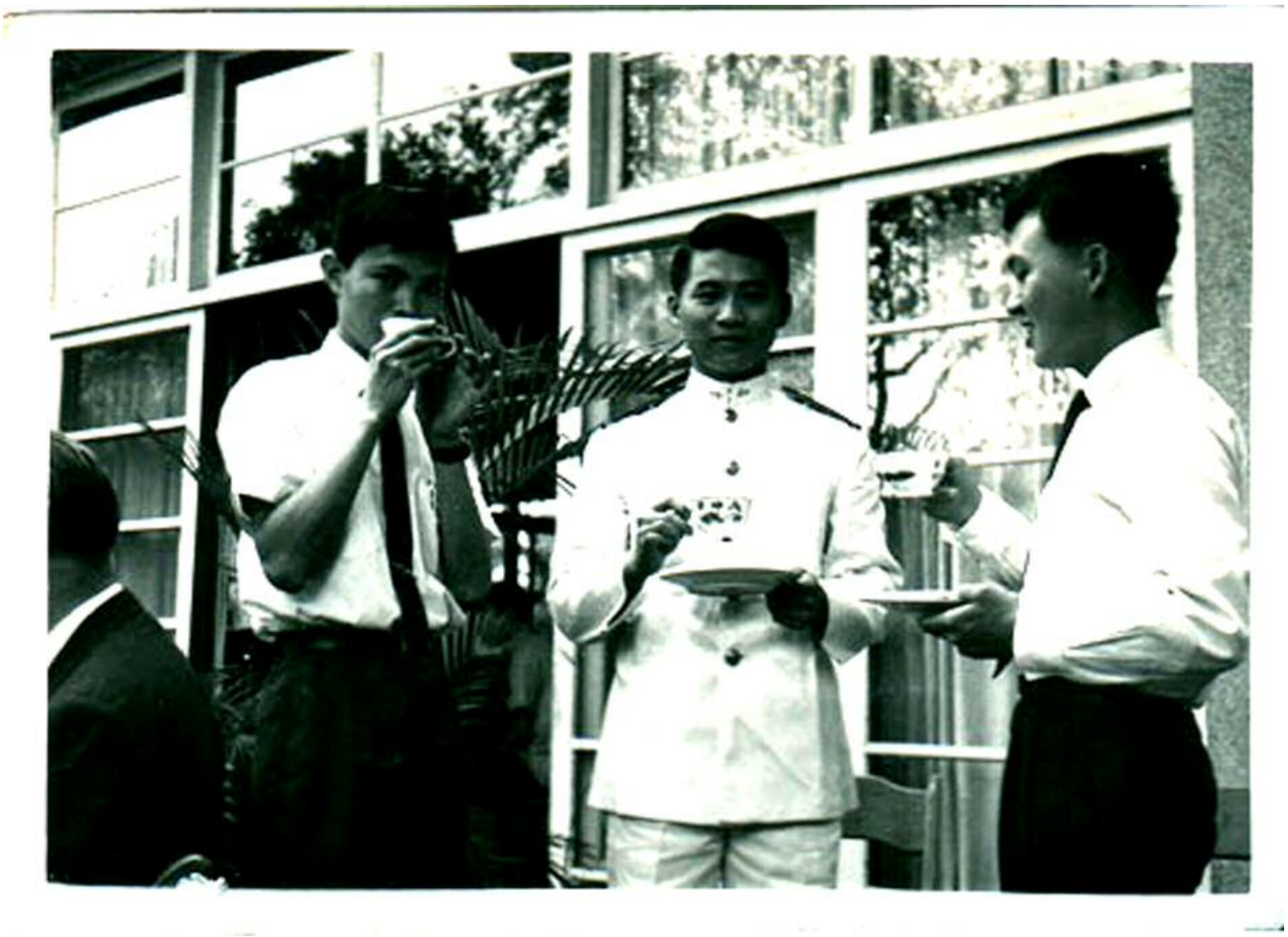
From: **Bob Chen** 陳榮庚
Date: Thursday, October 29, 2010 3:15 AM
To: Yang Family and EE Class of 1964
Subject: Our dear Brother Mark Yang - FW: Taipei (1964-1965)

Black & White Picture:

Date: 1964 -1965
Location: Courtyard behind Lutheran Student House
Photographer: Unknown
Event: Don Baron's engagement party with Brother Mark Yang (left) and Brother Lan Hsu-Nan (right).



From: **Bob Chen** 陳榮庚
Date: Saturday, October 30, 2010 6:22 AM
To: Yang Family and EE Class of 1964
Subject: Words of Wisdom from a good Christian family. (In memory of Brother Mark Yang)

Words of Wisdom (In memory of Brother Mark Yang)

"The best thing a father can do for his children is to love their mother."

(Scroll down to Jean Yang's Letter)

Golden Days (In Taiwan)

1. Mark and I went to the same junior high in 1955 and we were neighbors for three years.
2. We used to bring our school books to study in the extremely quiet Buddhist Temple. (Tung-Shan Si)
3. We loved monks' beautiful rose garden around the court yard, during their "rose root cuttings" time, we begged for free short stems for our own gardens. (rose root was very expensive then)
4. We lived together in the warmest Christian family on the planet of earth for three years (1961-64).
5. We studied Bible, sang psalms and prayed together and we had many wonderful field trips together.
6. We exchanged ties and practiced new steps and moves very hard before our ballroom dance party.
7. We dozed off during a Roman Catholic priest's boring sermon and we never went back again.
8. Together, we prepared and enjoyed Church's Christmas dinners (Chinese fondue / clay pot soup).
9. Together, we read newspapers and debated hottest political issues - Taipei city mayor election.
10. The last time I saw Mark Yang was on Don Baron's engagement party (between 1964 - 1965).

In United States:

Last few years, we exchanged emails, pictures, articles, poems and our "teen" stories for fun. Once, he said to me that God told him to stay at Gainesville, Florida, because college students need him and new Chinese immigrants need him to guide them in the right direction. He obeyed God's orders. My dear old friend, rest in peace!

From: **Julius Shu (Chin-Hong Hsu)**
Date: Friday, October 29, 2010 9:51 PM
To: Yang Family and EE Class of 1964
Subject: Re: In Memory of Mark Yang

Hello, Charles:

It is quite a shock to learn about Mark Yang's passing away so suddenly and unpredictably.. As you may know I missed the mini-reunion of Class EE64 at LA two years ago when Mark was on his way to Taiwan. I feel sorry I did not go then. (I can not remember what caused me to skip that event to meet Mark Yang,) since I have not met Mark since graduation from Taida.

The impression I have about Mark Yang is from college time, He always smiles with his happy face whenever you have a chat with him. As I can remember Mark Yang he has an optimism and friendly personality, Since then, You have told me a lot about Mark's extinguish accomplishment in the field of statistics just as you mentioned in your previous email..

Nowaday, Mark has left his family members, his friends and us, EE64 classmates. In memory of Mark Yanf, I will quote the Timothy-2 Chapter 4 verse 7(with modification and additions) as follows: Mark has fought the good fights and won most of it. Mark has finished various races and received numerous medals.Mark has also kept his faith to be a beloved husbanf, father, and to excel professionism as a teacher. I wish his spirit in the haven will be 有說, 有笑, 也有贏! (Chinese is adopted from Shing Lin email, Hope Lin permits my use of his copy right!)

Moreover, please give my sincerely condolence to Mark's beloved wife and their chlldren.

By the way, My wife and I had two weeks east coast and Canada tour and will be back to LA on October 31 (Sunday). But I have another commitment and have to cut my tour trip short and will be back to LA on Novenber 5. Hope you have a safe trip to Gainsville, FL.

Julius Shu (Chin-Hong Hsu)

From: **Song Huang**
Date: Friday, October 29, 2010 9:51 PM
To: Yang Family and EE Class of 1964
Subject: Condolence to Mark's Family

Dear Jean:

My name is Song Huang, a EE classmate of Mark. I was deeply saddened by the sudden passing of your father.

Mark was such a friendly, kind classmate. He was always ready to extend his help if asked. I have fond memories of Mark as a classmate and friend.

I was very touched by your e-mail in memory of your beloved father. He must have been greatly satisfied by the devotion and deeply love of his children to him.

In time like this, I trust our Lord Jesus Christ will console you and your family. As St. Paul reminds us in Romans 8:38-39, may the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord comfort and sustain you during this very difficult time.

Please accept my deeply condolence,
Song Huang

From: **Paul Lin**
Date: Saturday, October 30, 2010 8:44 PM
To: Yang Family and EE Class of 1964
Subject: RE: To EE Class of 1964 from the family of Dr. Mark C.K. Yang

Dear Sharon,

Mark 突然病故，實在讓衍秀和我震驚，也難以接受。閑暇之間，每談及電機系同學們的健康，總以他為傲，拿他作榜樣。這一次的意外，只能說是天忌英才。在台大的時候，我住台北，他住宿舍，下了課，我就回家。彼此互動不多。之後，1972 年同林幸峰一家人去佛州遊玩才又碰上 Mark 和妳。2007 年為了參加 reunion，我們兩家先到阿姆斯特丹一起玩了兩天，才有機會，增進彼此的認識。之後，我們常常有 email 來往，也有些相見恨晚，惺惺相惜。今年我介紹原始點療法給他，幫他處理背部的問題。因為須要有人幫他在背部按摩，我在找機會碰頭，或是參加 reunion，或是去找他。那裡曉得天不從人願，叫人扼腕嘆息。

我們現在在旅遊，不在 Houston，也不常 check email。Mark 的惡耗，晚了一些才曉得，十分抱歉。

最後希望妳能節哀應變，衍秀和我在此衷心為妳祈禱。

Thinking about you,

衍秀和勝彥上

From: **Bill Lee**
Date: Sunday, October 31, 2010 10:11 AM
To: Pi-Twan Huang (黃碧端), Ellen HY Chang (張蕙元)
Subject: Fw: "In Memory of Mark Yang" Webpages: Updated as of 2010-10-30 (Saturday) 03:33PM

碧端、蕙元：

妳們可能還記得楊照崑 (Mark Yang)。他週一突然過世 (according to Charles Mo, our NTU classmate: Mark Yang died of massive aneurysm in the head at around 7:00 AM Sunday morning and stopped breathing roughly 10 minutes later, life support sustained till Monday morning. He was otherwise in good health. He saved 4 people with his immediate organ donations: kidneys, lungs, and liver.).

So sudden! Just like that! Even though he passed away painlessly, he died too young. Life is too short and there is so much left to do.

Thought I'd share this sad news with you.

偉宗 敬筆

From: **Pi-Twan Huang (黃碧端)**
Date: Sunday, October 31, 2010 11:45 PM
To: Bill Lee
Subject: Re: Fw: "In Memory of Mark Yang" Webpages: Updated as of 2010-10-30 (Saturday) 03:33PM

偉宗

How sad!
Please send my sympathy to Mark's family.

碧端

From: **Ellen HY Chang (張蕙元)**
Date: Monday, November 1, 2010 3:23 AM
To: Bill Lee
Subject: Re: Fw: "In Memory of Mark Yang" Webpages: Updated as of 2010-10-30 (Saturday) 03:33PM

人生難料，世事無常。

接獲噩耗，想到這位「陌生又熟悉」的故友，不勝欷歔。
印象中，永遠是當年那幀「三劍客」合照裡，“年輕的楊照崑學長”。

我會轉告怡春。並請代向楊府致哀。

/蕙元

From: **Jean Yang**
Date: Monday, November 1, 2010 2:55 PM
To: EE Class of 1964
Subject: Re: Thank You from the Yang Family

Dear EE64 Classmates,

Many of you have written moving stories and shared your thoughts with us about our father. Dr. Mo read these during his eulogy at our father's memorial service. Your words have brought comfort to our entire family, and, for this, we thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

Please see the attached photo taken of the flowers that were sent on behalf of your EE64 Class. Our mother and the entire family appreciate this thoughtful gesture.

Warmest regards,

The Yang Family

In Memory of Mark Yang 楊照崑 (1942-12-14 ~ 2010-10-25)

From: **Jean Yang**
Date: Tuesday, October 26, 2010 8:15 PM
To: EE Class of 1964
Subject: To EE Class of 1964 from the family of Dr. Mark C.K. Yang

From the family of Dr. Mark C.K. Yang,

It is difficult to express our extreme sorrow and grief over the passing of a devoted husband and our father, Dr. Mark Yang. We know he suffered very little at the time of his death as it was only a few minutes between his cerebral aneurism and the cessation of his brain functions. We are continuously grateful by the outpouring of stories and calls to us from his colleagues.

It was a top priority for our dad that his four children born and raised in the US were immersed in both American and Chinese culture. He and his beloved wife taught us, three daughters, Lynn, Jean, Grace and son, Justin, to speak Mandarin Chinese. Our dad also insisted his children attend local Taiwanese schools for a year during his sabbatical in Taiwan. This experience has shaped us in so many positive ways for which we are grateful.

It's important for us to tell you that our dad's time with you influenced our future in profound ways. Throughout our academic years we were steered to the sciences by him.

You'll be pleased to know that two of us are Engineers (Material Science & Engineering and EE) and two of us in medical sciences (Endodontist and General Dentist).

Our dad has mentioned to us numerous times his appreciation for his EE colleagues and friends that he has stayed in touch with for over 40 years. He valued your brilliance, friendship, thoughtful opinions and kindness. He would have wanted to tell you this himself but his passing was so sudden and unexpected.

We also want you to know what a wonderful, kind and loving father he was. He sacrificed so much; his energy, time and resources for the success of his four children. We love him deeply and know that this loss can never be replaced. His devotion to our mother is one of the many things that defined his life. He wrote poetry and published short stories of their romance and love throughout the 42 years they were married.

We would like to end this message with a few words of wisdom that were passed down from our dad to us:

"The best thing a father can do for his children is to love their mother."

Although only a sample size of 4, we are living proof that this philosophy is 100% true ($p<0.05$).

Our warmest regards,

The Yang Family

Sent from my iPad