



Chen Chen Dunlap

October 13, 1971 - February 28, 2016

Chen Chen Dunlap, 44, of Houston died February 28, 2016 after a stay at the Houston Hospice. In 2014 she underwent treatment for breast cancer, which was thought to be in remission.

A native of China, Chen Chen came to the US in 1995 to study at Ohio University. There she earned a bachelor's degree in business administration. She then went to Lamar University in 1999, where she earned an MBA, and met her future husband, Max Dunlap. While at Lamar, her master's thesis "Mianzi, Guanxi, and Western Prospects in China" was published in the International Journal of Management. Chen also earned a master of accountancy at the University of Houston.

She enjoyed animals, travel, arts and crafts, and shopping. One of her fondest memories was her opportunity to play with baby leopard cubs at the Columbus Zoo. She always felt her true calling was in an artistic field such as fashion, rather than commerce. This is borne out by Chen's instinctive preference for beauty in music, art, and clothing. She enjoyed practicing her skills at Chinese calligraphy. Chen had a knack for finding the right gift for every occasion, as well as nosing out a good bargain, skills she learned from her mother. Although she did not enjoy it, Chen was an excellent cook who was able to replicate at home her favorite restaurant dishes. She was able to operate a pressure cooker from around age 6, a skill her husband has not mastered yet in his fifth decade. Chen would always make everyone feel welcome and effortlessly played a gracious hostess whatever the occasion.

While lighthearted and gay in her hobbies, she was diligent and serious about her career, earning distinguished employee awards during her time as a State Tax accountant with several large oil-related companies. Coworkers know that she is a dutiful team member. Chen was a Certified Public Accountant in Texas.

Chen is survived and beloved by husband Max Dunlap of Houston; father and mother, Chen Long Fa and Su Yu Wen of Shanghai; brother Chen Wei of Shanghai; nephew Chen Yi Jun of Shanghai; numerous in-laws including her husband's parents, siblings, and

nieces and nephews; parents in law, Mother in law Carla Dunlap of Pt. Neches, Phil and Georgia Dunlap of Beaumont; Sisters and brothers in law, Caroline and (Don) Blanding of Flora, Mississippi, Katie Rao of Beaumont, Clay and (Jolene) Dunlap of Portland, Oregon; Numerous nieces and nephews, Emma, Ella, Ensley and Michael Rao of Beaumont; Rhone Dunlap of Portland Oregon; Don Blanding of Flora, Mississippi as well as extended family and friends.

Ever generous, Chen requested that her body be donated to research at UTMB, in hopes that some day she may help to inspire a cure for her rare condition (estrogen positive leptomenigeal disease).

Ever practical, Chen would ask not to send flowers. She even chided her husband his lack of thrift for sending them on their 15th wedding anniversary last October. Instead, please consider a donation to The Chen Chen Dunlap Memorial Fund, Helping to give a stable home life to Chinese orphans through Chinese Children Adoption International (CCAI)

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Chen's innocent spirit and gentle nature were evident to all who knew her. We will always carry her memory in our hearts.

"Well done, good and faithful servant"

A Memorial Mass celebrating Chen's life will be held Thursday, March 3, 2016 at 4:00 PM at St. Cyril of Alexandria Catholic Church, 10503 Westheimer Road, Houston, TX 77042. A reception for friends and family will follow Holy Mass at 5:30 PM at Zabak's Mediterranean Cafe, 5901 Westheimer Road, STE G, Houston, TX 77057, where Chen's favorite dish was Chcken Shawarma.

Comments



“ Max and Family,
Please accept my deepest condolences in the loss of your beautiful wife. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.

Olivia McDaniel
Kids' Meals Inc.



Olivia McDaniel - March 03, 2016 at 10:54 AM



“ Max, I am so sorry to hear about your beautiful wife. You and your family will be in my prayers. Sincerely, Bonnie (Vaughan) Knight

"It is a great consolation for me to remember that the Lord, to whom I had drawn near in humble and child-like faith, has suffered and died for me, and that He will look on me in love and compassion. " Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

Bonnie Knight - March 03, 2016 at 08:22 AM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Chen Chen Dunlap.



March 02, 2016 at 10:40 PM



“ Max & Family,
We are deeply saddened to hear the news of Chen's passing. May you always find comfort in your wonderful memories of her. We extend our prayers for peace and comfort during this difficult time.

Our Deepest Sympathies,

Chris Weckwerth and Family.

Chris Weckwerth - March 02, 2016 at 03:55 PM



“ Chen was one of my first students when I taught at Ohio University and we became good friends for many years. We lost touch some years after she moved to Houston but I thought of her often. It is hard for me to believe that she is gone from this world now, but she will never be forgotten by her loved ones.

Trena Paulus - March 02, 2016 at 02:55 PM



“ Starting from a colleague to an intimate, Chen showed me many of the best values people can have and one of them is persistence. She faced hard situations, and she cherished the passion for life when facing and fighting them. Heaven has welcomed her earlier than us since no more testing is necessary. She will always live in my heart.

Cindy Wang - March 02, 2016 at 01:15 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Chen Chen Dunlap.



March 02, 2016 at 11:30 AM



“ I have very fond memories of Chen. She was very sweet, always willing to help at work. By watching her fight with cancer and still keeping the bright smiles, it was hard to say goodbye. I know she rests in peace now. She will be remembered by all of us as a dear friend and a beautiful lady inside and out.

Mei Young - March 02, 2016 at 10:36 AM



“ Well said, Mei,

Randy LeBlanc - March 05, 2016 at 09:06 AM



“ I am so sorry for your loss. Although I didn't have the pleasure of knowing Chen, I have heard many stories about her from her mother-in-law whom absolutely adored her. She had a beautiful soul. Your families are in my thoughts and prayers.

Karla Kicak - March 02, 2016 at 10:19 AM



“ Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Chen Chen Dunlap.



March 01, 2016 at 03:27 PM



“ I wish I had some words of wisdom to share, but all I can tell you is how truly sorry I am for your loss and to let you know that I am thinking of you and your family during this time. Jocelyn Cox

Jocelyn Cox - March 01, 2016 at 11:59 AM



“ Max I am so sorry for your loss!! The whole Stevens family is grieving today!
Your cousin John Stevens Auburn GA

John Stevens - February 29, 2016 at 07:46 PM



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Dettling Funeral Home - February 29, 2016 at 04:24 PM