Hazel Tseng Hsieh
November 4, 1934 - August 20, 2005

Mrs. Hazel Tseng Hsieh, age 70 of McKinney, TX, passed away August 20, 2005 in Dallas. She was born on November 4, 1934 in Peking, China to Hung-tu and Man Lon (Hwang) Tseng. Mrs. Hsieh married Hsueh Ying Hsieh on July 1, 1961 in New York City, NY. She was a past Chapter President of The Pi Lambda Theta Honor Society. She was a NASA Challenger 7 Fellow. Mrs. Hsieh taught school for 29 years at the Yorktown Central School District in Yorktown Heights, NY. She was also a writer for Voices of Collin County for the Dallas Morning News. She was a member of the Stonebridge United Methodist Church in McKinney. Survivors include her husband, H. Y. Hsieh of McKinney; sons, Durwynne Hsieh of Antioch, CA and Timothy Hsieh and wife Inga of Plano, TX; grandchildren, Tristan and Kieran Hsieh of Plano; sisters, Joyce Tseng of San Jose, CA, Anna Lum of St. Louis, MO, and Cecilia Tseng of Norwich, VT; and brother, Franklin Tseng of South Yarmouth, MA. Her parents preceded her in death. A memorial service will be held at 11:00 AM, Thursday, August 25, 2005, at Stonebridge United Methodist Church, 1800 S. Stonebridge Drive in McKinney. Funeral arrangements are being conducted by Turrentine-Jackson-Morrow Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to St. Anne’s Belfield School, www.stab.org or Scleroderma Research Foundation, www.srfcure.org.

Memorials

My son, William, had Mrs. Hsieh for his first grade teacher. Her enthusiasm was contagious. She was a very special teacher and we all will remember her fondly. Some special memories include but are not limited to the following:
William had chicken pox and she would come to our house and bring home the
class work, making dumplings and of course, Hsieh city.

JILL L. ADAMS, SEPTEMBER 11, 2005

MY SON GREG WAS IN MRS. HSIEH’S CLASS AND I STILL HAVE ALL THE RECEIPES THAT THE CLASS MADE TOGETHER. I ALSO REMEMBER HSIEH CITY THAT MY DAUGHTER IN LAW JENNIFER(BERNFELD)MILLER WROTE ABOUT .. I REMEMBER HOW PROUD SHE WAS OF MY SON GREG WHEN HE SCORED 100% ON A MATH STATE TEST .. SHE WAS A WONDERFUL TEACHER .. SHE WILL BE MISSED.

TERRI MILLER, AUGUST 31, 2005

I was a colleague of Hazel’s in the Yorktown School System. My deepest sympathy to her family.

BARBARA SCHARFENSTEIN, AUGUST 31, 2005

I was greatly saddened to hear about the loss of Mrs. Hsieh. I was also one of the lucky members of her first grade class in 1978. She was truly ahead of her time in introducing multicultural issues into the classroom. We looked forward to taking the daily lunch count in Chinese -- especially on pizza day because almost everyone would order pizza! Plus, we were the envy of the entire first grade as we had the opportunity to practice folding won-tons out of paper and then actually making the REAL thing! We also thoroughly enjoyed preparing for our celebration of the Chinese New Year which we then had the opportunity to perform in front of the rest of the school. I only hope that my children will have such wonderful teachers and memories when they enter school in a few short years. Thank you Mrs. Hsieh!

MARYELLEN (MOLLY) LEGG DZIENA, AUGUST 31, 2005

Mrs. Hsieh will be sadly missed. I was in her first grade class in 1995-96. She was hands down one of my favorite teachers and I learned quite a bit from her. I still remember setting up Hsieh City in the classroom and building series circuits...how many first graders could claim that. I will think about her always.

JENNIFER (BERNFELD) MILLER, AUGUST 31, 2005

Mrs. Hsieh (as she will forever be remembered by me) was my 1st grade teacher in the 1989-1990 school year at Mohansic Elementary School. Some
of my earliest memories are from that year and I made some of my best friends growing up in that classroom. In fact to this day (15 years later) we still talk about our biggest project of that year - Hsieh City. I can still remember that Mrs. Hsieh just had a way of getting her students excited about learning, because it was evident that she loved to teach. I am devastated by the news of her death because she has always been in my heart as one of the most inspirational teachers I had. It is a shame that more students will not be able to learn from her, but even though I've now graduated college, I will always remember Mrs. Hsieh's passion for her students to grow and learn in new and creative ways. My deepest sympathies are with her family at this most difficult time.

ANGELA MASI, AUGUST 30, 2005

Could you please pass on my deepest sympathy to the family of Hazel Hsieh. I was so very sorry to hear about her passing. I had the pleasure of working in the same school with her and I felt very sad to hear about her death. Please let her family know that I'm thinking about them at this very difficult time. Thank you, Joan DeVido

JOAN DEVIDO, AUGUST 29, 2005

I would like to extend my condolences for your family’s loss. I was in Mrs. Hsieh’s first grade class in 1978, and what a year it was! Wrapping our pennies in fringed paper and seeing who could bounce them off their foot the most times (always Mrs. Hsieh by a long shot), making wontons by the dozen (after we had a math lesson figuring out how to double the recipe), putting on a play about Smokey and the Careless Campers, circle by circle making a bookworm wrap around the classroom to chart our progress in learning to read, parading with the dragon at Chinese New Year, and so much more. I can still remember how the classroom looked, supplies piled high to the ceiling, each box containing wonders yet to be revealed. She made our small, six-year-old worlds so much bigger than we could ever have imagined upon entering her classroom for the first time. Mrs. Hsieh lives on the memories of the hundreds of children she taught over the years.
KAREN DANIELS, AUGUST 29, 2005

I am so sorry to hear of Hazel's passing. I worked with Hazel in Mohansic from 1986 until her retirement. She was a dedicated and creative teacher. She often stayed until 10 P.M. working on her computer and space curriculum. I remember well her retirement party as an opportunity to share our memories about Hazel.

CHRIS RUGGIERO, AUGUST 28, 2005

I still have the tape that a group of us made under Ms. Hsieh's direction when I was in 2nd grade. We made peanut butter balls and it was the first time someone had given me such responsibility to memorize a whole paragraph to read aloud "on tv." Even though I didn't have her in 1st grade, I remember my class going to visit the town exhibit that her students used to make. I wanted to be in her class so much to do that! A wonderful teacher, I'm saddened to hear of her loss but am sure she is at rest.

MICHELLE PAGAN, AUGUST 27, 2005

We were very sorry to hear of Hazel's passing. We were neighbors of yours on Mountain Pass Road. Our sympathy goes out to you and your family at this time. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

ANDREA AND ROGER FLORKOWSKI, AUGUST 27, 2005

Our condolences to Hazel's family from her former neighbors in Little Switzerland: Hopewell Junction, New York. She made a difference to the community. emmyten@juno.com

EMMY & CLARK JOSEPHS, AUGUST 26, 2005

I remember your mom from Crompond Elementary School - sorry to hear about your loss.

JOANNE IADAROLA, AUGUST 26, 2005

from Thelma Barlow, a member of The Church of the Good shepherd, Granite Springs, NY, 10527

HAZEL TSENG HSIEH, AUGUST 26, 2005

My heart is so heavy at the loss of my dear friend and colleague, Hazel. I will miss her infectious enthusiasm for education and for life. Mere words cannot
express the sadness that I share with her family and friends.

BARBARA C FREEOUF, AUGUST 25, 2005

We were so sorry to hear of Mrs. Hsieh’s passing. She was not only our daughter’s first grade teacher in Mohansic School, Yorktown Heights, NY, but we were also proud to call her our friend. Her interest in the space program was contagious. Alissa looks back on her first grade year and remembers what fun she had.

PAUL, CAREN & ALISSA BELCASTRO, AUGUST 25, 2005

I was once a student of Mrs. Hsieh, or Mrs. "H" as we affectionately knew her. She was my first grade teacher in 1990, and was an exceptional one at that. I still have vivid memories of her connection to NASA—her discussions about it and the "space beans" she gave us. I even still have the Mother's Day card we made when we gave the space beans to our mothers. I feel especially moved to write to you all because of the circumstances by which I learned of Mrs. H's passing. I am finally home in New York for the summer—heading home from Texas of all places—after having just graduated from Rice University. While I was cleaning out my room, I came across my 1st grade yearbook and was immediately reminded of my wonderful year with Mrs. H. I miss her dearly, and hope to thank her for being such a positive influence in my life. I will be heading to law school this fall and wish that she could share with me the accomplishments in which she played an important role. Thank you for this opportunity to relate to you my memories. I offer you my condolences on the loss of a very exceptional woman. However, it seems that she has lived a very full life and has touched the lives of more people than many of us could ever aspire to. She will be remembered. Anthony Nguyen anguyen@rice.edu

ANTHONY TUAN NGUYEN, AUGUST 25, 2005
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