



## Sang Chin Lee

January 16, 1961 - March 16, 2021

Sang C. Lee passed away on Tuesday, March 16th 2021 at the age of 60 in Tucson, Arizona. Born in Seoul, South Korea, he grew up there until the age of 15, when he moved to Brasilia, Brazil. Sang attended high school in Brazil and obtained his college undergraduate degree from the University of Brasília before moving to the United States for his post doctorate degree from the University of Rochester.

Sang worked at the National Institute of Health in Maryland before moving to Arizona to work at the University of Arizona and Pima Community College, as an educator and researcher. He went on to teach math and science at Pistor Middle School as he loved working with kids.

Sang also had a love for national parks, long road trips, and McDonald's coffee. He found joy and contentment in the small moments of life, from finding a new restaurant to try, to calling family members weekly.

He is preceded in death by his father, Hankun Lee. He is survived by his wife, Yoon Lee, by his mother, Oksoon Shim, and by his two daughters Judy and Janice—people who dearly miss him but who live on to remember his life and legacy.

Thank you to TMC nurses for caring for him with compassion during his last days. Thank you to the Journey Church for beautifully showing what genuine community looks like. Though this life and body may fade, we know Sang is singing praises before the Lord in new life.

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# Comments

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“ On behalf of the TUSD GATE Department and all of Sang's GATE self-contained colleagues throughout the the district, he will be dearly missed. We are grateful for the time we had with Sang and appreciate his kindness and warmth.

**Louise Till** - March 23 at 09:46 PM

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“ I am feeling very sad to send my deepest sympanthies and condolences during this hard time of loss. May memories give you strength and may the love of your dear ones help you through the days ahead. He was my great colleague, who always used to motivate me carrying a contagious smile everyday. He was very active, dedicated and committed to his students and work. I miss you saying "Happy Friday" Mr. Lee.



**Snehalatha Rakam** - March 23 at 03:07 PM

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“ I worked with Mr. Lee for last year and half at Pistor Middle School. Mr. Sang Lee embodied the qualities of a great teacher, professional and person. When I observed Mr. Lee, he was often reminding students of his tutoring time in the morning and consistently reassured his students that he was there to support students understanding and learning. He regularly asked for and embraced feedback to grow himself professionally. His passion for Science was evident. Sang Lee welcomed the challenge of learning new technology to support virtual learning and teaching. Mr. Lee was always the professional and gentleman. He will truly be missed.

- Ms. Nina Rojas / Assistant Principal / Pistor MS

**Nina Rojas** - March 23 at 02:18 PM

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“ Isabella lit a candle in memory of Sang Chin Lee



Isabella - March 23 at 02:07 PM

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“ My family and I are praying our daily Rosary for the peace and happiness of Mr. Lee and his family. May you find comfort in the knowledge that God rejoices in the life and grieves the passing along with you. God bless <3

Isabella - March 23 at 02:04 PM

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“ On behalf of the Critical Languages Program at the University of Arizona, Our deepest sympathy and most heartfelt condolences to the family of Mr. Lee. CLP was very fortunate to have him for the last 2 years. His expertise in teaching and in the discipline outside language teaching truly enriched CLP's advanced Korean courses. He was loved by many students and was devoted to helping them as they study Korean at the Critical Languages. We will miss him dearly.

Jieun Ryu - March 23 at 02:02 PM



“ We'll miss Sang and his happy and cheerful spirit. Impressed by his scholastic achievements. He's now ringing the bells of heaven and we'll see him again. God's peace to Yoon and his daughters and extended family.

Arnie Simonsen March 26, 2021

**Arnold Simonsen** - March 26 at 12:57 PM

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“ I worked with Sang Lee at the University of Arizona. I'm so deeply saddened to hear this news. Sang was such a kind and intelligent person with a beautiful life story. He helped me tremendously during my studies at the University. He always smiled at work and often spoke about his family. I know he was loved by everyone who knew him.



**David Aguilar** - March 23 at 01:40 PM

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“ God bless you and your family! You are in my prayers as you grieve your dear husband, son and father.

I worked with Mr. Lee since he arrived at Pistor because I teach the sixth grade GATE students and he taught the GATE seventh and eighth grade students. He also was an integral part of working with me on the Pistor Science Fair. Mr. Lee was always so positive and enthusiastic about our work with the students and science fair. He worked very hard to provide high quality lab experiences for the students so they too would gain an appreciation and wonder for science principles. Mr. Lee cared deeply about the well-being and success of all his students and worked hard to help them be their best and learn all they could.

Mr. Lee was very kind and made it easy to work with him on any project. He was full of good ideas and encouragement. Mr. Lee had a ready smile and laugh in all he did that was wonderful.

I miss him too.

Love, Rosina West

**Rosina West** - March 23 at 01:36 PM

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“ On behalf of my family and the TUSD African American Student Services Department, I will miss Mr. Sang Lee's kind spirit and bright smile. It was always a pleasure to speak with him during work related events for students and staff. He will be missed.

**Jimmy Hart** - March 23 at 12:54 PM

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“ My heartfelt condolences go to Yoon, Judy, and Janice. I greatly enjoyed working with Sang at NIH and then here at UA. He was always positive, friendly, and hard-working. He was completely dedicated to the goals of the lab and treated all his colleagues with respect. I am so glad to hear that he found his niche with teaching and derived great joy from it. He passed too soon but I'm sure he touched the lives of many students and coworkers. I am so sorry for your loss. Best regards, Cathy Smith

**Catharine Smith** - March 23 at 12:15 PM

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“ I was deeply saddened by Mr. Lee's death. I remember planning writing lessons(I was a GATE ELA Pistor teacher at the time) using the science topics Mr. Lee would be teaching to students to help students better understand the material. He was always so helpful and kind. Since we had the same GATE students, we would talk about how we could deal with students who were not doing well in our classes.

Mr. Lee's positivity and caring made my life better. I am unable to be present, but my prayers will be with you and Sang. Ms. Cruz, Pistor ELD & SLA Teacher.

**Lorraine Cruz** - March 23 at 12:00 PM

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“ Marie Williams lit a candle in memory of Sang Chin Lee



**Marie Williams** - March 23 at 11:01 AM

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“ Ho Hyung Woo purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Sang Chin Lee.



Ho Hyung Woo - March 23 at 09:23 AM

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“ Isabella Martinez & Martinez family purchased the Wildflower Seeds - Build A Memory Garden for the family of Sang Chin Lee.



Isabella Martinez & Martinez family - March 23 at 02:50 AM

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“ Our deepest sympathy and most heartfelt condolences to the family of Mr. Lee. My daughter Isabella was a student of Mr. Lee for 2 years. Mr. Lee was an AMAZING teacher and BEAUTIFUL soul. His kindness and genuine concern for his students was unmatched. My daughter has learned so much from Mr. Lee, not just about science, but most importantly about what grace and humility look like in human form. We ALL will miss him dearly. Isabella has sent a gift to you (Lee family); wildflower seeds to plant a small garden. These seeds representing students, like Isabella, who were just seeds that Mr. Lee took upon himself to water and care for with the knowledge of science and math. As these wildflowers bloom, let it stand as a memory of the goodness Mr. Lee's legacy has left behind. Thank you for sharing Mr. Lee with us ALL, students and parents alike. God bless you and keep you and may He shine His face upon you all the days of your life.

Maria A Martinez - March 23 at 02:47 AM

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“ With our deepest sympathy and care to the Lee Family from TUSD’s Asian Pacific American and Refugee Student Services Staff



**selena** - March 22 at 11:52 PM

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“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Sang Chin Lee.



March 22 at 11:47 PM

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“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



**Jennifer Lee** - March 22 at 10:27 PM



“ Mr. Lee was full of joy and life! Thank you for sharing this video Jennifer. Pistor Middle School will not be the same without him.

**Elizabeth Rivera-Russell** - March 23 at 10:31 PM

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“ Our sincere condolences to Mr. Lee's family and loved ones. Mr. Lee was our daughter's teacher at Pistor Middle School for 2 years. He was one of the teachers that she spoke about often and held great respect for him. In fact, he was the teacher who encouraged our daughter to choose UHS over other schools. He told us about the positive experience his daughter had and the pride in his eyes when speaking about his children was just so evident. We hope his daughters find comfort in knowing that he spoke of them with much love.

As a fellow educator, I can say that our profession is being dealt a great loss with his passing. He helped and encouraged our daughter to win an award at the SARSEF Science Fair as he did many other students throughout his years. He left a lasting impression on our daughter, as well as all of his other students I'm sure.

Last I spoke to him was through a few emails as he was inquiring about a new local restaurant. He had told his students about wanting to try a new place and my daughter shared one with him. He wrote me with questions about it and was hopeful to be able to take his family there. He was especially excited to try the margaritas apparently as "MARGARITAS!!" was his subject line. I'm hopeful he is enjoying a margarita while he continues to watch over his family.

Mr. Lee will be missed greatly.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Lee-Titus and Steve Titus

Jennifer Lee - March 22 at 10:25 PM

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“ With Love, Pistor Middle School Administration purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Sang Chin Lee.



With Love, Pistor Middle School Administration - March 22 at 08:08 PM

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“ TUSD-Dr. Trujillo and EDI Team purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Sang Chin Lee.



TUSD-Dr. Trujillo and EDI Team - March 22 at 05:46 PM



“ Mr. Lee was my son's science teacher at Pistor Middle School. My son was devastated to learn of Mr. Lee's passing. He was a great teacher and positively affected many student's lives. My condolences for his daughter and other family members in their time of mourning.

**Emily Gallego** - March 22 at 02:26 PM



“ Mr.lee was a Great Teacher and Amazing Colleague .I really appreciate his help for his Team at Pistor. My condolences for his Family in this hard time.

**Sonia Marya** - March 22 at 03:03 PM



“ All of us from Asian Pacific American and Refugee Student Services at TUSD send our condolences to the Sang family.

**Selena** - March 22 at 06:23 PM



“ I want to express my deepest sympathies to the family members on sudden demise of Mr. Lee. He was the best colleague, a person can ask for. He was always very supportive and motivating as a co-worker and I always looked up to him for his creative ideas and positivity. His contribution to my life as a guide will always be appreciated. It was truly an honor for me to have a colleague like him who was like a family at work. I am surely going to miss him each and everyday at work. My prayers and thoughts will always be there with his family in these challenging times.

**Sonia Sharma** - March 22 at 06:48 PM