



## Anren Hu

February 19, 1944 - June 24, 2023

Anren was born in Shanghai, China in 1944, the fourth of five children, and went on to live a remarkable and storied life. In 1961 he was admitted into the Harbin Institute of Technology, one of China's six key universities. He graduated in 1966 with a Bachelor's degree in Aerospace Engineering. His plans for advanced study were put on hold with the advent of the Cultural Revolution and Anren was assigned to manual labor in the northern sector. It was during this time he met his future wife, Yucheng Liu. They were married in 1973 and had two children, Min and Gang Hu. The family lived in the city of Jixi, to the east of Harbin.

Eventually, as part of the Four Modernizations of China, Anren was admitted to Purdue University where he received his Master of Engineering in Dynamics and Control (1982) and subsequently his Doctor of Philosophy in Aerospace, Aeronautical and Astronautical Engineering (1987).

Upon graduation, he was joined in America by his wife and children, and soon took a job in the aerospace industry. He spent the next 27 years contributing to a wide array of orbital projects, primarily for NASA, producing instruments that are currently flying in space observing the moon and earth in the service of science and humanity. He and his family were proud to eventually become

US citizens.

He enjoyed playing the accordion and singing with his friends at concerts. At his happiest, he was surrounded by his loving wife, children, and grandchildren under the same roof, while he and Yucheng patiently and meticulously made endless dumplings from scratch that everyone devoured until they were bursting at the seams.

We hope you rest in peace, YeYe.

# Tribute Wall

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“ Dear Uncle Anren,  
Our dear Uncle lived in Maryland, on the East Coast, while we lived in California, on the West Coast. Throughout the last 15 years we have been in the US, we kept in touch through text and the occasional visits. We remember the time you invited us to celebrate Christmas together in Chicago, and how your interesting conversations and warm presence filled the room with joy. We remember when you visited our homes in California and Beijing, and how we laughed around the dinner table while the kids challenged you with riddles. We remember visiting you in Washington and meeting your grandson, and how you shared your love for aerospace science with such passion. Your diligence and commitment to excellence truly shined through. It is still difficult to believe that this would come to an end so soon, so abruptly. It almost feels as though your presence were still there, admiring the vibrant summer colors of the flowers Aunt had planted in the garden or taking a walk through the shadows of the neighborhood trees at dusk. We will miss you, your voice, and your smile, and we will hold all the amazing memories we shared together in our hearts. May you rest in eternal peace, dear Uncle. With deepest sympathy,  
Xiaobo, Hongwei, Chengzi

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**Xiaobo Yan** - August 03, 2023 at 12:27 PM

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“ We are deeply sorry for your loss ~ Simplicity Cremation & Funeral Services

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**A Memorial Tree was planted for Anren Hu** - June 27, 2023 at 09:50 AM