MY EVERYDAY TREASURES

Rachelle's Song

袮、永不放棄我 5:13 (原創曲、詞、唱: 周詠欣)

雨水點滴在我的臉上,晴天為何不在? 我的心何等的憂悶,好像需要空氣與水份一樣。

路有一點難走,一步也走得有點困難,

可能是放棄的時候,可能是停歇的時候。

(副歌)我要飛翔、飛到月球去,

在那里我知道我會看到祢,我們在那里擁抱直到永遠,

看着流星在我們的天空劃過。

在密密人山人海中,一張熟悉的臉孔在那里? 我的心何等的孤單,好像需要有力的胸膛扶持。 路有一點難走,一步也走得有點困難, 可是我突然聽到祢,聲音温柔又剛強, (副歌) x 2 袮、永不放棄我,袮、永不離開我, 你、請不要放棄!wow…你、請不要放棄! (副歌) x 2 袮、怎樣讓世界抱到袮心中, 袮、也會這樣把我抱到袮懷裡!

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Rachelle's Song

You'll Never Give Up On Me (English Translation)

Verse 1

Raindrops fall onto my cheeks Where is the crystal clear blue sky? My heart is feeling heavy and burdened Feels like I am in need of air and water

Pre- Chorus 1

It is little bit difficult to walk, more difficult to even take a step. Maybe it is time to give up, maybe it is time to stop and wait

Chorus

I wanna fly, fly to the moon There I know I will see you There we will embrace each other forever And see the meteors fall across the sky

Verse 2

In the hustle and bustle of the city Not a familiar face that I know My heart is feeling lonely It feels like I am in need of a strong chest to rely on

Pre- Chorus 2

It is little bit difficult to walk, more difficult to even take a step But suddenly I hear your voice Your voice is gentle yet strong

Bridge

You, never give up on me You, never leave me alone You, please don't give up You, please don't give up

You, the way how you've drawn me into your heart You, will also draw me into your embrace

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The first thing you might think about Rachelle is her sincere smile. When she was a baby, Rachelle's first caretaker said to me that Rachelle has beautiful mouth corner dimples, and she loves to smile. It is because of this, Rachelle has such an iconic smile and grandpa would call her the girl with the big smile.

On Rachelle's first day of her nursery class, Rachelle did not cry like the rest of the class. When I picked her up from class, parents of other babies told me that Rachelle told other babies not to cry. I was very glad that she had such a caring heart and was able to comfort others since a young age.

When Rachelle was 10, I gotten sick and needed to see the doctor. I told Rachelle to see the doctor with me, and she was very willing. At that moment, I felt very warm and Rachelle felt like a friend to me, I felt that she has grown up a little bit.

Rachelle was passionate in many things, especially in worshipping. I remember that at one family gathering, her Auntie taught her how to play few piano chords. After some practice, Rachelle was able to pick up chords and play the piano. There was this time when Rachelle told me that it would be great if she could play the piano and sing together. After a few months, she finally did it with God's gift and grace. I believe Rachelle was the happiest when she was worshipping, even at church. Every time when I hear her playing the piano, I felt tremendous peace and comfort, she was able to lead my heart to worship our Heavenly Father.

She has a humorous and unique way of expressing herself, usually these expressions are quite funny. There was a time at Canada where we used her MacBook and made lots of funny faces using Photo Booth, we had lots of laughs during that time. When she was a teenage, I asked Rachelle, "do you prefer sharing your thoughts to your friends and peers or with your parents". Rachelle said, she likes both. She said that by sharing her thoughts with her parents, she would gain a heart of wisdom. And by sharing with her friends, she will find a common topic with them.

When I recall the memories I had with Rachelle, I am thankful. I thank God for giving me a daughter with such gracious smile. With a loving heart, a talented (not only in music), and a passionate daughter. As her mother on earth, I accept her whole-heartedly, both her strengths and shortcomings, I love her and is proud of her. The chance of knowing her, watching her grow up, especially her desire to know God's words and his will. She is more dedicated in reading the Bible than me, she went to more sermons and classes than me. She is willing to see, to hear and to use her heart to respond to God's calling. She is like my spiritual elder sister, my dear sister in Christ. She is willing and always praying for me and her family, watching over us.

I know and have a strong faith that she is with Heavenly Father today. There is no sorrow, nor disappointments. She is back to the eternal home with endless love. She can do what she loves, worshipping and praising the God who created the Heavens and Earth. It is because of this, I have peace. I would like to end by thanking Rachelle for being my daughter and also a spiritual sister in Christ. She has brought to our family precious memories. And these memories will always be in my heart.

Rachelle's Mom Flora



Dear Rachelle,

I feel blessed to have you in my life throughout all these years. To me, you are always a true friend with a heartfelt smile and a loving heart, who always shows your care and support to people around you, and is always willing to offer your helping hand to those in need without the slightest hesitation. Your talent, fearlessness, courage and deep faith are inspiring. Your compassion, kindness, sincerity and thoughtfulness are unforgettable. Still remember the many times we hung out and explored the world, the many places we visited, the adventures we had and the memories we shared. No words can express how much all these mean to me. They are all precious moments that I will carry in my heart. They will never ever fade.

Love, Daniel Ever since I came to know Rachelle, her whole thinking about various projects had greatly inspired me.

Rachelle and I had met at The Vine, she was the first person at The Vine to introduce me around! She was a gifted singer and an amazing piano player! Doing worship along with her made me even more closer to God! The last time I had met her was on a Sunday in Causeway Bay. We walked around to a coffee shop where we discussed creative ideas for our first short film to be shot in 2018. She encouraged me deeply to continue on script, she was more interested in cinematography. I wish I had done the film sooner. I wish we had done the film sooner!

We had always planned to meet-up for coffee and chats but almost every-time one of us would get caught up and we would eventually reschedule it.

Rachelle, you'll always be in our hearts. There are a lot of people who will miss you, and a lot of people who love you! You're more happy with the Heavenly Father now!

_ove you always big sister!



Our first worship together at ICA for 852 Freedom Campaign Prayer group.

I was asked to lead worship for a prayer group meeting at ICA and I thought about asking Rachelle to see if she is available to join. She was. That worship evening had been one of my favourite worship evenings. The way she played piano and led 'No Longer Slaves' by 'Bethel Music' could not have been better. The presence of God was truly there!





Worship team from Campus Challenge.



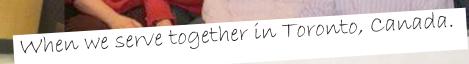


I met Rachelle 10 years ago when we were on the Campus Challenge 2008 worship team. She was only always smiles and always encouraging to everybody on the team and always willing to hit someone up with prayer and support them when needed.

Though Campus Challenge ended, Rachelle always kept in touch here and there, whether it was birthday messages or words of encouragement or other conversation where you can see her uplifting spirit through her words.

Although we have not spoken in a while anymore, Rachelle will always be remembered as a shining beacon in my life of positivity and encouragement.

> Love, Jeff Pak



Love,

Robert and Brenda Lam



What I will remember most about Rachelle is her bright smile. Regardless of whether she was doing great, or going through a difficult time, she always managed to greet me with the same shining smile. In our conversations, she would genuinely want to know how I'm doing. She would also bravely share about herself, being quick to invite me into her joyful moments, and open to admitting the tough ones. I always admired her courage to hold strong to her values and be unashamedly herself.

I will miss seeing her genuine joy and selfless compassion; qualities that are not easy to come by. Rachelle touched many many lives in her lifetime, and I know those seeds she planted with her love, kindness, and music will only continue to grow. Thank you, Rachelle, for the joy you brought into my life.

Much much love,

Amanda.







In the year and a bit that Rachelle was a part of our group, we were all very blessed by her presence. Often, she would get off late from work, and sometimes she could only come for the final 30 minutes of the night. She was so faithful. We were all touched by her openness and vulnerability to us. In spite of the tough times she was going through, she always held on to the faithfulness and promises of God, and encouraged us in our own journeys. We would all have loved to have continued growing in our friendships with Rachelle.

Love,

Colleen

Rachelle always made me feel loved, seen, and cared for. Everytime I saw Rachelle, no matter how rushed we both were, she would always stop and ask me how I was doing and offer to pray for me. This may seem like a small gesture but touched me deeply during a difficult time in my life.
Rachelle, I will miss you and your smile so, so much.
Love,
Ah Yuen



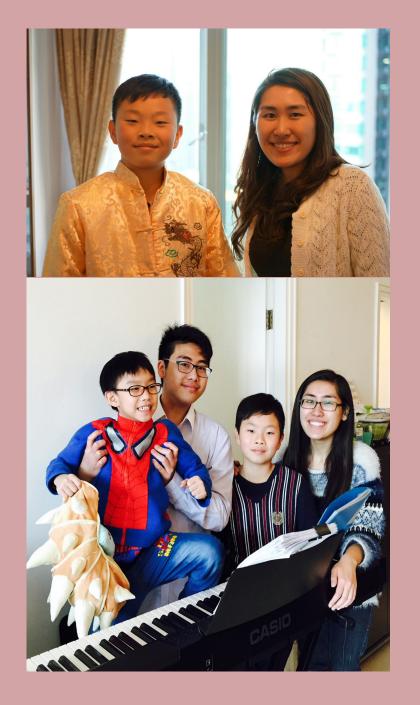


詠欣,在我們相處中,妳是好親切、好有禮貌、積極又熱情, 常常展示燦爛笑容的陽光女兒,對朗恩,朗生,朗悦细心 照顧,我們好掛念妳!

特別喜歡每次與妳見面時,那充滿陽光笑容又親切地叫 我 Aunt Angel 的感覺。 雖然妳已離開我們,相信妳已在天父的懷抱裏得享平 安。

然而妳的笑容、對人熱誠、親切及積極的態度,卻留在我們心中,成為榜樣及鼓勵。

永遠懷念您! Uncle Louie,Aunt Angel 朗恩,朗生,朗悦。



Rachelle, I still remember when you were in primary school, the happy and exciting moment being your piano accompanist for your flute exam. Most of the time when you are having your ballet exams, you would also show us your prepared choreography in your bedroom. One time at my home, you played your own newly composed song, I was so touched at that time. When we had our family gathering at your place during the Chinese New Year a few years back, Alex played the song "Over the Rainbow" and you sang beautifully for us. You are such a talented girl.

Still remember you went to visit our relative in the hospital, I could not imagined you prayed for all the other patients in the same ward and wished them well too.

until recently I found out why most of the time your bag was so heavy because you always carry a book. You told me reading helps you with new inspiration.

Rachelle, your talents in music and dance, your caring heart, your beautiful smile both inside and out will never be forgotten.

We will miss you forever.

Cousins Florence, Raymond, and Nephew Alex

Rachelle, 16 years have been long enough to encounter your grace, and always too short share our growth. We have shared laughters, stress, disappointment and rebounce. Life ahead looks a little dimmer without your presence, but we will move on by and by with your warmth.





在舊相簿中竟然找到一張有詠欣的照片。 她堅定的目光,正像她對神的堅定不移。

嘉勵 Auntie

This moment, for me, captures the treasures that Rachelle has deposited in the community. At the very particular time of this photo, she came late to a music performance night that a friend had organised due to work schedules, yet she still made the effort to come and I remember thinking to myself that she must have such a kind heart and that God must have a divine appointment for us that night. We ended up having a late dinner together and the thing that really touched my heart was her thankfulness at the end of the night, of being able to spend time together and her hope of more of such communing to come.

Thankfulness and hope are two very vital things to life, through her in that moment, I received that in my heart and it brought such warmth.

Although Rachelle is no longer with us physically, but eternal treasures such as these that have come from her, I believe, will live on

Love,

Clare Fok





Rachelle, what I remember most about you is how you were always so thoughtful and kind and generous with your heart to everyone around you - you are dearly missed. "For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known." 1 Corinthians 13:12

Love, Alyssa Wang 去年6月4日曾美梅知我由北京返港,帶女 兒及兒子跟我在尖沙咀一向海的酒店午飯! 這是我首次見到 Rachelle,一個笑容燦爛且 開朗的少女!她還主動加我微信,給我發了 當天合照,及自己的工作名片!飯後我告訴 Flora 她的女兒很優秀,Ella Auntie 沒想到第 一跟妳見面亦是最後一次見面!再看微信上 的記錄,心中淌淚!人的快樂往往能分享,但 痛苦卻難以分擔!一直以來曾美梅同學給我 溫純嫻雅的感覺,上天為何給這麼善良的人 一個如斯痛楚的功課?

Rachelle,也許妳只是以另一種形態,在這宇宙中存在,答應 Auntie 在夢中跟愛妳的人相見,在風中在雨中呼喚我們!也許妳已變作天上一顆繁星,仍在星空中向我們微笑!妳仍在守護著妳媽媽及家人!

Ella Auntie 想妳呢!



We first met Rachelle through being involved in campus ministry with Chinese Christian Fellowships in Toronto. Our love for God made us all friends very quickly. We started prayer meetings where we would gather monthly for times of extended prayer, worship, and sharing. Rachelle was always full of passion to seek God in this way and would be the first to volunteer to serve in various ways. We found ourselves challenged by her concern and action on social justice issues and encouraged through hearing her share about her relationship with God.

Rachelle was a dear friend to us and even after she returned to Hong Kong, we still continued our spiritual friendship through video calls and visits. We treasure and remember countless moments of precious fellowship with Rachelle and are thankful for them. They were times where we could see the new life that Jesus gives at work in Rachelle's life, and we are sure even now that this has become a full reality in Rachelle. We look forward to seeing her again with the Lord.

Evelyn and Evangel



Ny deepest conditences. Rechelle was a lovely person with a ligger Universe concritences, necretic was a lave of person with a heart of gold, and I will miss her. My thoughts are with jour on this protonal lars. Monthlew. Can't forget her voice and smile. John May she ness in peace. With my warmest condolences. May she rest in peace. It was great pleasure worky with you . GRIC REP. Rask in peace Fasin Son condolences for your loss. It was nice workey with fachelly. she is a kind person and will be missed. I loved her like a sister, please accept my condolences. Karo. In Loving Memory of will always remember her. Praying for your peace Rachelle Chau Wing Yan 永遠懷念周詠欣 FTHEN May You find peace and love our deepest condolences.... In the memories you charish ... Dur cordotences for your 1035. Rachelle was a great teamnate and will be missized. Tenne Foul Jone We know you are Chloris Law rence in a better place! Rest in Peace. Phoebe from Marco. Nicole FIR/ASTUDIO Apríl 2018



3/9/2015 - We were having a gathering in the TRX event that hosted by Andy, one of the small group active member. She was a happy person that enjoying how to make a healthy life from training with brother sisters. It was a great event after all.

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Sun, 24 Dec

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Rachelle, Ken here. Just want to thank you for your wonderful performance today. Thoroughly enjoyed your natural and refreshing delivery. A very Merry Christmas to you and your family!

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Sun, 14 Jan

Mon, 15 Jan

To your family too Rachelle!

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Thanks Ken! 😊 Happy 2018 to you and

your family

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Rachelle, though we have only met in the last two years or so, your beautiful heart, smile and contemplative elegance are forever imprinted in my memory.

You are the kindest and most gentle person I have ever met. I thank God for gifting you to us by bringing a breath of freshness and joy to our world.

I know someday we will meet again.

Ken



Rachelle and I have become friends for 11 years. She is a lovely girl who is full of compassion, passion and love.

She always has her smile on face and I won't forget her true and pure smile which has given me so much encouragement and warmth. You would find a lot of encouragement and happiness when being with her as she always sees the good sides of you and gives you her true appreciation. She is also a girl who likes adventures, exploring the new things and seeking the breakthrough of life.

I remember we went for a hike in Tai Mo Shan - the highest hill in Hong Kong on the first day of 2016 to celebrate the new year and welcoming the new beginning of our 2016. In March 2018, we went cycling in Tai Po to enjoy the fresh air, sunshine and the breeze. She told me that she hasn't ridden the bicycle for a long time but she wanted to try with me. Yes! This is her!!! A girl who loves to take the challenges and try her best to overcome them!!

Rachelle, thanks for giving me this precious opportunity of being your friend! Thanks for all those encouraging and heart warming messages in my life!! Your life is a wonderful and colourful one which has brought so much light and blessings to people around you!!

And I believe that God loves you so much as the Scripture told us,

"For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Romans 8:38-39)

Love, Florence









The media & powerpoint crew 🙂

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Florence Leung added a new photo — with Yvonne Liu and 5



Florence Leung added a new photo — with Rachelle Chau. August 11, 2007 · 🖭 🔻



Rachelle was part of the youth leadership team looking after other youngster at Asia for Jesus Conference

Lunch fellowship with Vivian Stephens, Cherry and Tim Lai after Rachelle visited The Vine for the first time. Rachelle found her long time buddies Cherry and Tim started settling at The Vine ohner for a few months. This brought her an interest of looking for a new home church interest of looking for a new home are able in HK where she and her family are able to enjoy a church community together.





X 殘酷一叮 event

Rachelle was always the better one at putting into words the thoughts I had at the tip of my mind. Rachelle had such a beautiful soul and whose overflowing heart for the Lord was always such an encouragement to so many people, including myself. I first met Rachelle at university of Toronto and we became friends instantly, she and I were both outgoing and passionate about the same issues in life. We first met planning and prepping events to fight against human trafficking, and then continued to meet and hang out over socials, random potlucks, worship and sleepover sessions, and a 24 hour prayer event we put on. After we graduated, we stayed in touch and connected each time I was in Hong Kong or she was in Toronto. Despite the physical distance, Rachelle was incredible at messaging and staying connected. She had this incredible ability to love and care for so many people and she will be deeply missed.





Rachelle, I will always remember you for Christ's loving kindness that poured out of you with such a fierce and beautiful passion. Your overflowing heart for the Lord comforted and encouraged me often. You taught me to treasure life through many of our challenges and struggles, and my heart truly hurts to see such a beautiful child of God no longer here with us today.

Khevna

親愛的 Rachelle,

收到這個消息很難過。

我很難過沒有在你需要的時候給你一個擁抱。 好多謝你對我的鼓勵,見面時永遠給我親切的 擁抱及打招呼。即使沒有跟你常常聯繫,但見 面分享時,你總會支持我,給我正面的說話,鼓 勵我,為我祈禱。

我想念你。

願你安息於主懷抱,讓主好好愛錫你,呵護你。

愛你, 林琪



我自從小一開始便認識你,周詠欣。 (記得你曾經說過,用中文全名稱呼對方時,會有一種好溫暖的感覺。)

雖然中學畢業後,少了機會聯繫,但跟你 catch-up 後,發現當年兒時建立的 關係仍然不變,依然感受到你的愛和關心。

記得在 2015 年 9 月的一個晚上,由一個普通聚舊的晚飯,變成彼此互相代禱 的時間,並決定要多一點互相分享,用禱告守望對方。縱使一路以來有多忙碌, 無法常常跟你聯繫,但你對我從來不離不棄,令我深深感受到你對我和身邊 人的熱情和包容。

更感謝你讓我有機會聽到你的 live 表演呢,真的十分喜歡你的歌聲!

雖然人生常遇到不如意事,但你總會用樂觀和感恩的心去面對。 不論你的歌或在網上寫下的文字都能成為我們的鼓勵。 謝謝天父讓我認識你這位天使。

愛你, Joyceeee



place without sorrow. Love & With love, Cherry (Chan Hang Chuí)

Dear Rachelle, I thank God for our beautiful friendship. Your warm I thank God for our beautiful friendship. Your warm many people around you. I would always remember your many people around you. I would always remember your love for Jesus, the strong faith you demonstrated, and of course, the school days and all the fun times we had of course, the school days and all the fun times we had together. May you enjoy God's everlasting presence in a place without sorrow. Love you and miss you. I lived with Rachelle and Tsuey for a year and before that, I knew here a bit from CCF as well. Rachelle was always an inspiration to me since she always had the knack to see the bright side of things. Being her housemate, I saw her pretty much everyday for a year so I didn't actually take much pictures except for special occasions. Those days, she really struggled about what she should be doing for her future (as did all of us, since we were in our last years of university) and we prayed/shared about all our worries at least once a week. I loved how happy she felt over little accomplishments (i.e. an essay completed, someone she bumped into that she didn't expect). If it weren't for her, I would not even know what diaspora means. A couple years back, I was able to see her again at Tsuey's wedding and catch up with her a little bit. She was encouraged that she had found a direction she wanted to go in her career, which was something she always worried about back in fourth year. I believe a little of her spirit stays with everyone who remember her.





Rachelle, thank you for teaching me the value of genuinely caring for people. You showed me that in the end, nothing matters but a deep relationship with Jesus Christ. Thank you for calling me a big brother in Christ, even though I'm miles behind you in my walk of faith. You'll be missed, deeply.

Jacky Lam

I remember first meeting you August 19th, 2009 at Auntie Lois's House. We had dinner together and chatted about many different topics. We got to know each other throughout the night and also throughout the years. You ended up at the same class as me at BSF! You had a lot to share and I loved your perspective on the scripture.

I love love love your heart, your gentleness, your beautiful big smile and your bubbly personality!!!

I míss you and I pray you are in heaven with our Savior Lord Jesus!!!

I hope to see you up there one day!

In the meantime, pls give Auntie Lois the biggest hug for me!

Love,

Jíll





記得初認識她,是在我前任老闆 LOIS CHOY 的 DOOR MINISTRIES 內,那時經常有一群年輕人在 OFFICE 幫 手,擔任大大小小的基督教製作義工,Rachelle 也是其中一位。在 DOOR 我們經常會遇到許多在外國讀書,但 暑假回港的年青信徒,他們對神忠心,有熱誠又有夢想,特別在傳媒或文化工作上有負擔,LOIS 都會邀請他們 到 DOOR 學習。我對 Rachelle 的印象深刻,因為她那些中英夾雜的廣東話,與天真單純的性格,常常帶給我 們許多歡樂。而她又是一位「問題少女」,意思是她會經常問不同的問題,只要她有興趣了解的,都會積極主 動去發問。

我所認識的 Rachelle 是一位熱心愛神,單純可愛且毫不計較的女孩子,只要是有學習的機會,那怕沒有任何實 質回報也願意嘗試,最難忘記是她的笑容,還有她細膩的情感,容易笑亦容易被觸動。她對自己的要求亦高, 也常怕自己做得不夠好會影響別人。。她的善良、她對身邊事物的敏感和用心,在步伐急速的香港或許常會被 人忽略,但這份初心,卻是最動人的,我亦相信這是神特別賜給她的恩賜,不知不覺中感染著許多人。認識她 的這段日子,雖然我們沒有經常見面,但每一次在聚會中碰見,都感到特別親切,她視我如姐姐,會詢問我有 關工作上的意見,我亦曾有機會介紹她到 D100 網上電台擔任節目助理。

找回以往與她的合照,數量不多,卻分享著彼此生活中視為重要的人,不是可有可無的一張合照,雖然我有許 多的不捨和難過,但神以這段經文去安慰我。。

「因為我深信無論是死、是生、是天使、是掌權的、是有能的、是現在的事、是將來的事、是高處的、是低處的、是別的受造之物、都不能叫我們與 神的愛隔絕 · 這愛是在我們的主基督耶穌裡的。」(羅8:38-39)

沒有任何事能夠叫我們與基督的愛隔絕,甚至是死亡。 Rachelle 已回到她所愛的主耶穌懷裡,她也會永遠被祂所愛。

不捨 Airy LOLO



I do not know where to start......

Probably I shall start by describing my first impression of Rachelle - a lovely girl with very sweet smile always on her face and in my opinion she "looks" like both Flora and Danny which is so fair.

To me, Rachelle was a sunshine girl, full of passion and endless energy. The first time I saw her, she was carrying a big guitar hurrying to join a lunch gathering arranged by her parents with us, after finished seeing some friends in another occasion. I could see that Rachelle was very popular among friends and she liked music a lot. Through some encounters later on, it became clear to me that Rachelle enjoyed very intimate relationship with her parents, and as well as her younger brother Tim who made her life more "interesting" (as mentioned in her FB in one occasion). Although Rachelle's life was not without ups and downs, I am impressed by her very positive attitude and strong faith in God. I once referred Rachelle for a summer internship and she was loved by the co-workers who received her hand-written thank-you cards towards the end. I was also told that she was very diligent and committed in work. Rachelle was really well groomed by her parents and she had a heart in whatever she did. Recently, Flora shared with our prayer group a song in which Rachelle was a backup vocalist. When listening to the song which is beautiful both in the melody and lyrics, I could clearly hear her voice (even it was a backup) which was so touching and comforting. Rachelle was so gifted in music and God was using her to touch on the hearts of many.

Hi Rachelle, this is Auntie Miranda ! I still clearly remembered how you, Tim and your parents gave us the support when my family went through the tough times (my husband passed away suddenly in 2010). You volunteered to reach out to my son and invited him for meals or chats when he was in town during holiday breaks. All these are always in our hearts and shall be remembered for a long long while. I am sure you are now resting in peace in the arms of our Heavenly Father. For now, I seem to see your big grin and pretty face again yet not very far away !!

Miranda (classmate of Flora in SSGC, family friend of Chau's)



Dear Rachelle,

I will always remember you as the kind hearted, God loving lady. Your love for God is so evident and you carried out his love through your actions and words. People who have interacted with you can feel that you genuinely care. I recall the time when I was depressed due to some personal problems and you took me to a park, listened to my rant, handed me a napkin to wipe my tears, and then treated me to egg waffle ice cream ^.^ I will never forget that day. As someone new to Hong Kong, having a friend like you means so much and is such a blessing. Rachelle, you're such an incredibly kind person, it is tremendously heart-breaking to lose you. I hope that now you have received Lord's peace. May God heal you, comfort you, bring you purpose and joy in heaven. You are very much alive in Christ and your glory will live with us. I know you are watching us, praying for us as you normally would. I'm looking forward to the day where we could have egg waffle ice cream in heaven. I bet it would taste better up there. Wait for me <3

Love, Apríl



Your big and gracious smile is always with us. While you were in Toronto, the joyful time that we had eating, singing, sharing and praying together is still in our memory. You are part of our family!

Still remember that each time you came to visit us, you will suggest that we will worship together. We then sang and jammed music together. You were such a talented worship leader! I still remember that when you first expressed that you would like to learn the keyboard in HK, I taught you a few chords and you continue your self learning and become such a great worshiper. Whenever I watched you playing on the keyboard and worship with your beautiful voice, I thank God that he has given you such gifts and talent to truly worship Him and soaked in Him.

Every time you shared that you have the opportunities to worship Him in church events or wedding events, you were so excited and so filled with passion. Your attitude in worship really encourages the brothers and sisters around you, including our family! Though we have ups and downs in our lives, I believe that you are now peacefully with our Father. You can continue to worship Him every day with your voice, to lean beside Him as a child and to bless your family members and friends with your unceasing prayers.

we thank you for the blessings that you have brought to our family!

Míss you forever!

uncle Stephen, Auntie Robina, Ivan and Nathan.







2009 Thailand Outreach @ Youth Alive Fellowship





2009 Luo Yang Outreach @ Youth Alive Fellowship





2004 Summer Camp @ Youth Alive Fellowship





2003 Rachelle's Baptism





I Love beyond words.]

Rachelle Chau, you embodied this so well. I experienced this most when you went out of your way to support me at my fundraiser run in January this year. I didn't really expect anyone to be willing to do this, § we weren't particularly close, so it was the biggest and sweetest surprise that you offered to come and be there for me in person. You were the one who went the extra mile, coming out early on a Sunday morning to meet me at the finish line, when most everyone (including myself) would much rather sleep in. I was doubtful I'd even make it to the finish, but in promising to meet me there, you became one of my biggest cheerleaders that championed me to make it. Thankfully I did, and I'm deeply grateful § glad that, along with my family, we got to share in that very special moment together.

You lived life to the fullest by living a life marked by love. Love that goes the extra mile and believes the best in people, like you did for me and for everyone around you... a tangible 'love beyond words' that showed Jesus. It's the hardest thing to say goodbye and accept the reality of such deep loss, especially when life so young was stolen so tragically like this, and with so many unanswered questions... But we know your life didn't end here; the one blessed assurance we can hold onto is the knowledge that you are now free from pain, sorrow, and suffering, now home in the arms of the everlasting Father, and we will indeed see you § your lovely signature smile again.

In loving memory of Rachelle Chau Nikki When I think of her, I hear her laughter and remember her engaging presence. She listened intently and treasured the little details that may have seemed insignificant but that made up people's lives. - Velda, UTCCF

What I remember about her is how she always had a positive outlook to things, was genuinely inquisitive and interested to know how you were really doing, how she had a heart that loved God and loved sharing that love through musical worship. - Alyssa, UTCCF

I remember Rachelle as someone who worked hard to reach out to people at the fellowship no matter how well she knew him or her and always greeted people with an affable smile. I am thankful to hear that during this past time of struggle in her life she was able to have the support of her family. I remember being invited to an event at life spring church by her and seeing her performing worship that day really revealed the depth of her passion for serving God and her musical talent. - Roger

What I remember about Rachelle is her childlike faith. She truly had a heart that loved God deeply and it was always on full display, in her joy, her infectious laugh, and her compassion for others. - Wilson, UTCCF What I remember about Rachelle

I will always remember rachelle for her passion for Jesus. she was not shy of sharing her faith with others and always showed compassion towards other people's lives. thank you for introducing me to CCF in 1st year; you made a big impact to my life. - Ernie, UTCCF

I will always remember her gentle spirit, her genuine care and concern for people, especially the weak and oppressed. She always had a mission in her heart and that was to love Jesus and share that love with others. - Karen, UTCCF "What you have just heard, was Rachelle's first live radio recording for York University at FM 105.5 on May 16, 2018 5:10pm.."

My name is Tsuey, and I first met Rachelle in my second year of university in Toronto. Both of us attended the Chinese Christian Fellowship, and Rachelle had just resumed her second year of uni. Eventually, in our fourth year of university, we became housemates, living in a house on Beverly Street in downtown Toronto. It was Lydia, Rachelle and I in the same house and we had our fair share of ups and downs.

I am here to share my memories of her, both the good and the bad, because I know if she's listening to this, she'd laugh with me at some of the things that I say. And then she'd tell me, "Aww thanks Tsuey thanks for being honest." So here's to being honest.

In our first few encounters, Rachelle struck me as someone innocent and almost...Asian dumb blonde. It is as if she is new to the world, so fresh, so hopeful and so...excited about everything around her. Perhaps a little too excited sometimes.

I will always remember her story of her first (or at least I think it's her first) business flight. She was on a long haul flight (either to or from Hong Kong), was upgraded to business class and got excited when she was offered a champagne. Wayyyy too excited. In the most Rachellelike manner, she downed too much champagne and upon landing, she stood up to get her overhead luggage. And vomited.

Oh Rachelle.

Here's another story. Lydía was the other housemate, and our birthdays are only one day apart. Hers is on December 1st and mine on December 2nd. During the year when we stayed together, we decided to celebrate our birthdays together and Rachelle was very keen to make our birthday cakes. But knowing Rachelle, who cooked very little for her life, we weren't sure how she'd make one cake, let alone two. So, one day, as we were walking home together, she asked us this question very innocently, "Can you please teach me how to make your birthday cakes?"

We would never fail to know that she was home. In fact, we would never fail to know when she woke up, when she walked to the washroom, when she was putting on her shoes to get out of the house. One of the things that I remember about her, and I could almost hear it to this day, is her dragging her feet in her white pair of home slippers.

The other thing I remember about Rachelle is her enthusiasm when she talked about Jewish diaspora. She was a student of Jewish diaspora and it was because of her that I learned the meaning of the word "diaspora". Every single time we had someone new visiting our place, and someone who didn't know what she studied, she'd launch into a whole spiel on what is Jewish diaspora. She was never tired of talking about God's people and in fact, anything that is close to God's heart.

There were times when I got annoyed with her excitement and consistent encouragement. And she got annoyed with me for not being equally encouraging. She was constantly smiling, and so welcoming, that it was impossible for me to be equally as smiley and welcoming. Her persistence, however, must have had an effect on me because one day, after a long and stressful day in school, I remember vividly that I looked forward to coming home to her welcoming smile. I was walking down the sidewalks, on my way home, feeling tired of school and the world, and I remembered feeling glad because I knew that Rachelle would be home and she was a familiar face who would welcome me home.

Over the days after the news of her death, it slowly sunk in to me that as much as I was mourning the loss of a friend, I was also questioning my own faithfulness as a friend. And the reason why I said that is because, Rachelle had been such a faithful and loyal friend, that her faithfulness puts me to shame.

I reached out to a few UTCCF friends, to recollect memories of her. It has been 6 years since we've all graduated and over the years, we have dropped in and out of each other's lives. But in all of the messages that I have received from them about Rachelle, there was only one theme. Rachelle loved our God and Saviour. And it is out of that immense love, that she could look at people and be so genuine in building relationships with them. It was out of that love for God, that she could be so engaging, inquisitive and present in her conversations with all of us. It was out of that love, that she could have a childlike faith both in Him and in those around her. She truly had a heart that loved God deeply and it was always on full display, in her joy, her infectious laugh, and her compassion for others. It was out of that love, that she lived a life away from personal glory to living a life for His glory. It was out of that love, that she worshipped and led others to worship.

It is sad that she has now left us. Her choice to end her life has perhaps left many of us wondering. However, as I was writing this and remembering all that Rachelle had lived her life for - God, worship, love for others, kindness, patience - I am encouraged to know that she was indeed a Christian sister who, although imperfect in her ways, had lived a life of the first and greatest commandment. "To love the Lord our God with all our heart, with all our soul and with all our mind." Despite her final choice in life, as a friend who had walked a short distance of life with her, I'd say that she is a testament of a faith that gives wisdom, courage and strength in the many dark valleys of life. She has been a loving and faithful sister and friend until the end, and for that, I will miss her.

Tíll I see you agaín, síster.

Rachelle, my beautiful friend.

I don't know how else to descríbe you. We go way back... Thínkíng about ít, ít stíll makes me smíle. We were 16 but we loved Jesus and Hong Kong. We were kíds with bíg dreams, fíre ín our hearts and innocence ín our thoughts. 4 of us from 4 dífferent denomination and church came together ín unity. Every single week for 2 years we prayed together. We took authority and commanded the spírit of murder behind abortion to come down. We learned spíritual mapping and repented on behalf of the ídols our ancestors erected. We travaíled, críed, battled and worshipped together. We knew each other ín spírit.

I knew you as a worshiper. You were always on the worship team, leading harp and bowl sessions, involving in houses of prayers. Even in your low points, you held on to your worship.

I knew you as an artist. You were the dancer, the one who wrote a song during quiet times, the one who love the arts in worship. You see beauty in the mundane.



Most of all, I knew you as a friend. Many in our circle have come and gone, yet we kept in touch. You saw me in the depth of my pain and tried to sympathize. I saw you in your dark moments and tried to lend a hand and ear. More than that, we trade stories of our victories and beautiful moments. We don't always see each other but when we do, it's like old days.

My beautiful friend, I dreamed of you a few days after you entered another realm. I was walking along the beach on an autumn cloudy day with several friends (you love people), and I came upon this tiffany blue chest-box. I was like, this is Rachelle's box! We opened it up and found your old school work, report cards, color pencils...etc. It's a prophetic picture of your life: The content of the chest represents all that is in your past, and it's all released into the heavenly realm now, where complete healing is your portion. The clouds are the covering of God's glory and Divine Presence. The Blue that used to be depression has now been transformed by the River of God, sanctification, healing, new Jerusalem, and the heavenly realms.

I know Heaven and have many loved ones there - now you're one of them. Rachelle dear, thank you for loving well. I love you and eternity will come soon enough where we see each other again.



With all my love, Prís



August 2013: Girl's retreat at Singing Waters, Mono

This particular trip meant so much to me and I'm sure, Rachelle. The symbolism and choice of this particular retreat centre really was a blessing and gave us the opportunity to bond as sisters and friends in Christ. It reaffirmed personally, the quality and depth of this very dear and committed sister of mine.

"Love the adventures in the woods and the riverbed with this girl 💟 :) She challenged me to walk through the riverbed and yes I (we) did it!" -Rachelle on FB December 2012: Ryan and Theresa's wedding

Thank you for being such a stable rock in my life, a faithful sister, a wonderful friend, an amazing role model, a teacher, a leader, supporter, encourager and beyond. Cheers to many more years because space and time doesn't separate. <3

Love,

Naomí



January 2013: girl's event



"Life-spring love :) Thanks for coming out you guys!" -Rachelle on FB



July 2013: Ryan and Theresa's farewell at Life-Spring Church



May 2013: Rachelle's birthday celebration



November 2012: Theresa's bachelorette at Life-Spring Church

This was such a fantastic and refreshing day! I remember feeling weirded out by Rachelle's caption when I first saw this photo because I thought to myself, does this mean we're best friends now (you know, one level above mere friendship)!? At the time my definition of "best friend" was confused and I lacked the basic capacity to address the matter so I did what I knew – embrace. What a tremendous blessing it has been to embrace (and mutually so) this wonderful, creative, loving human being whom I can call eternal sister and friend. She's taught me more than any friend has ever taught me.



Sep 2012: Life-Spring Church house after worship/prayer

I dídn't líke this photo but Rachelle sure díd hahaha. Rachelle was there for me in a very awkward season of my lífe where my identity and voice was being built anew from the ground up as a "baby Christian." Nothing spells out f-a-i-t-h-f-u-l than one whose there for you in your darkest as well as most awkward hours. I couldn't have dreamt it even if I tried. She played a huge role in teaching me how to be intimate, comfortable, joyful, bold with my awkwardness by simply being herself.

"Nayy, I actually like this picture, more than the first time I looked at it... We look beautifullIII :) We've def grown up the past 2 years..!!" -Rachelle on FB





June 2013: Rachelle's grad! We needed at least one silly photo that day!

It was SUCH a blessing to celebrate Rachelle's graduation. What a beautiful day. And thank God I could leave placement early that day. I decided to do something different and made a purse using a newly purchased table cloth (thank you Auntie Pat for helping sew the seams with your machine (because mine broke down)!!!).

In retrospect I would've done sooo much more in terms of gift giving (I was on cloud 99) but Rachelle, being the gracious lady she is, never complained about anything. Even as I dig up old memories, I don't think there was ever a time she was unhappy with me or the friendship. Our friendship was so organically and intensely centered on nurturing and nourishing each other on a deep level that it was always positive between us. The closest thing to a heart break was when she moved back to Hong Kong. Internally, I had to detach myself emotionally – had to "let go," and the fear of losing her was actually what caused me to be more distant with her in communication. I never shared this as I didn't know how at the time. Nonetheless, somehow, we still were able to keep in touch progressively.



December 2012: Ryan and Theresa's wedding "I love these people.." - Rachelle on FB April 2013: Jon and Karen's wedding



May 2013: Rachelle's birthday celebration (we were playing a game in the church parking lot after dinner)

The first real "fight" Rachelle and I had was over event planning for her birthday (more like her frustration with me lol) overestimated my ability to organize a large group event and she got frustrated at my lack of attention to detail and logistics. In the end, the turnout was great and we had a fantastic evening. Props to Derek Chan for lending his heiping hands!

I knew Rachelle and Timothy at our Rotary Club's activities with the introduction of Flora and Danny. Though there had not been close communication with Rachelle, I had the impression that this lady was polite, caring and respectable. I felt happy for Flora and Danny because they had such a nice daughter. The news of the incident came to me as a big shock. Never had I thought about the occurrence of the matter. I felt sad personally, but even sadder for the Chan family's invaluable loss. Thanks to the frank and selfless disclosure by Flora on the website, I have now a much clearer understanding of the matter and Rachelle. I am proud of the Chau family's boldness and forgiveness. It's not easy at all to do so. Flora, Danny and Timothy, you are marvelous! we all have to look ahead and continue with our lives in the best and meaningful manner. No doubt, we will all meet Rachelle some time and somewhere. Rachelle, have your carefree time! Flora, Danny and Timothy, take care and all the best!

Love Adrian Lau

Dear Rachelle, we weren't that close back in the secondary school when we first met. After all these years and I saw a familiar face at The Vine Church where I was new to. Same lovely and warm smile. I hope you are singing in peace with Christ, there will no longer pain but love. You indeed touch lots of hearts with your caring and talents. Stay strong the Chau Family, I am grateful that you keep the blog running, it's not the blog/website touching our hearts, but all of your the blog/website touching our hearts, but all of your everlasting joy. Sorrow and mourning will disappear, and they will be filled with joy and gladness - Isaiah 51:11" Lots of love, Queena

Love

Queena

I think everyone's first thought of Rachelle is that she has a pure and joyful heart, full of love for Jesus. We will miss her. May you all find comfort in Him, and thank you for sharing so honestly. Indeed she continues to bless us and glorify God, even though she's no longer with us. Peace and love.

Love Nícole Chew

I'm not a very expressive person but your smile and beautiful voice will never be forgotten. Our family will miss you so much 家姐!

Love, Ivan



It is such heartbreaking news to learn of your passing. My condolences to your father, mother and brother. Though I don't know you well, your song that I have looped quite a few times this morning shown me the deeper part of your longings. May the Lord protect you. There are quite a few what could have been in my mind - with such gentleness, how many more lives could have been touched for Jesus. With such talent, how many more hearts could have been mended. With such a loving heart for children and youth, how many more (including your own) could have been transformed. What could haves - these could only be left into our Heavenly Father's hands. Father, only You can touch Rachelle's heart now. No harm could ever come close to her anymore. Please continue to reveal Your heart to Flora, Danny and Timothy, as they miss Rachelle so so much. Please heal their hearts and fill the void that only You now can fill. Lord. I ask for Your direction for and protection over them. Please continue to walk with them with Your great Love,

Mimi

I got to know Rachelle when she served with me in Children's ministry at The Vine. Her smile and ideas to make the ministry better will always be remembered. Rachelle and my mother entered heaven together on April 12, 2018. I am mourning both of them.

Julie

Still remember the days when we chatted and hanged out. I will keep the memory of our friendship forever. Rest in peace, we will not forget you, a true friend with a

kind heart.

Love, Wing Lam

Dear Rachelle

May you rest in perfect peace and embraced by the love of God, surrounded by angels with hymns and music. One day you will resurrect and shine beautifully in the light of the everlasting Father, meeting your parents, brother and friends in a heavely chorus.

Love, Rosina Tsui

Those of us who knew her, even if only a little, will remember what a sweet-natured young woman was Rachelle. She sang like she awas in Heaven. The Chan family will now have a very special angel looking after them.

Love, Michael

I met Rachelle only once. It was my first CNY celebration in Hong Kong. Rachelle and her warm family welcomed myself and John into their loving home for a day of food, singing and laughter. I had never met Rachelle before arriving that day and Rachelles#039;s glowing smile and care for everyone was clear from the first moment. I will never forget the positive energy that Rachelle showed us throughout the day, making sure to help with translation any moment it was needed. Rachelle, your light shined brightly on that day, it still does, through all

Jimmy McGann



Dear Rachelle

Your smile and your look (when you pondering on some thoughts) will always be missed. You are a lady with beautiful soul! You always choose to forgive in whatever circumstance. You choose love and be grateful all the time in challenging moment. I am honored to be a friend of yours!

Wilma Wu



Rachelle, I'm not sure if you even remember me anymore. We haven't talked or seen each other in so, so long since primary school, as we as a class all moved on in life to achieve our own dreams. I'm deeply saddened by your passing away and I just wanted to say that I still remember you, even though it was so long ago and we were so little. Because you were the first person at school to be nice to me when I first transferred. I was lonely and scared and confused. Nobody wanted to talk to me or teach me the ropes, because we were so young and I suppose a lot of us haven't learned. the meaning of generosity yet. But you, at such a young age, already had such a generous heart. I will not forget your kindness and thank you again for it. You lived a beautiful life and the world was made a better place because of your life.

Love,

Wynne

詠欣須然 uncle yuen (志明) 只來探訪你們時見過你一面, 但你比我的感覺是善良有禮,談吐得體,收到你父母的資訊, 才知你已離去往天父身旁,在這裏我深感難過,但我們都永 遠懷念你,但願你能獲平安和寧靜,在天父裏得永生的快樂。

志明叔叔

Thinking of you at this time. Admiring you for the dignity you have shown in your sharing.

Love. Nígel Raymont Rachelle is a beautiful young lady inside § out. That beautiful smile of hers-how can anyone forget that. We had the privilege of knowing § having her over at our place when she was residing in Toronto -through TLCF church where we both attended. We will truly miss her.

Lena Dearest Rachelle, thank you for the opportunity to get to know you. The time you spent with us in Toronto will forever be remembered. You were one of the kindest, most encouraging person with a great sense of humour and I will certainly miss that about you. Thank you for showing us what it means to love our Heavenly Fatherto have faith and trust in Him. Continue to sing songs of praise in Heaven, my friend - God Loves to hear you sing =)

From our family at Life-Spring we miss and love you

Rachelle. You are a beautiful woman inside and out. A

blessing to know you and love you. From all of us at

Life-spring and overflow

Love

Sabriel Wee

Love Carrie Ng

Love,

Dear Rachelle - this is Auntie Joyce, a classmate of your mom. You probably do not remember me much as our encounter was only brief. I first met you when I was working with your mom together in the SSGC Alumnae around 2004-2006. At that time, you often tagged along to the alumnae activities helping with whichever chores you could, always enthusiastically and joyously. Rachelle - it is really not for us to question your decision to take the last course but from your last words in the instagram, I saw your strong yearning for the relief ... from all the agony and anguishes you were undergoing. You said you could feel again and you saw love ... sadly, the overwhelming power was not giving way. Perhaps you were truly exhausted ... and perhaps you felt you have already completed all your mission on this earth and on that note, you departed. I will be thinking that those were your thoughts love and light in your last moments. It is alright to take a rest now little angel. Life is not about longevity but its splendour. You have had such a blessed life, so gifted and loved. You will always be remembered as the sweet darling angel whom God has now called for to sit on his right side. Next time we look up into the jet black night we will marvel at you sparkling up there once again, this time guarding all of us au revoir.

Love, Auntie Joyce Dearest Rachelle, I really miss your smiley face. I miss working with you on Sundays teaching the little ones at church. Thank you, for your love for Jesus, for people, and for those kids. You have been planting seeds of joy in their little hearts. Thanks for being always so encouraging and offering to pray for others. You are indeed a woman of faith. I know that Jesus is taking good care of you now up there. Love you tons. <3

Love, Sherry Zhong

I met Rachelle when I was on a mission trip in Hong Kong and China. She was one of our translators and was so welcoming, encouraging and warm. She made our whole group feel at home and taken care of. My memories of that trip will always involve her taking us to various locations of interest and allowing us to experience the amazing local cuisine. She was a true light for Jesus and I am praying for her family and joining them in thanksgiving for her life, all the way from Scotland. God bless x

Ruth

Again - Song For Rachelle

G What a beautiful life you've lived before the Father Em A heart that sang for Him C. Knowing He was near G What heartaches you've been through The tears and the hurt Em But Jesus was your King the One who bore your pain G Now that you're in heaven D6. D Singing songs to Him Fm Gazing at His feet Your heart's relieved G And no harm could go near D6 D To where you are Em In the arms of Christ (For He sacrificed

G

If we could shout to heaven D6. D Saying words to you Em It would be of love C. D. C. D. But it's still so tough ...

Chorus G We miss you, Rachelle D We miss you Em Though you're up above

C We still miss you here right now G And we miss you, D Oh…we miss you Em We wanna hold you near C You know that you are so dear G we miss you, Rachelle D We *miss you Em But there will be that day C. C/D When we will all fly away

G And see you in heaven D Where we'll laugh again Em There will be no tears C. C/D. G And we will see you smile again

By Mimi Chuk

我只會翻開美好回憶

Verse1

 |Cmaj7
 D/C
 |Bm7
 Em
 |

 那天沒有原因拘留那記憶
 這刻沒法對應反映了心跡

 |Am
 D/A
 |G
 G/F
 |

 尋找沒有答案但早有足跡

PreChorus1

 |Cmaj7
 D/C
 |B7
 E
 |

 隨時間的順流漂泊
 誰用力張開雙手鬆綁
 那無盡

 |Am
 Am7/G#

 的脈搏
 是勇敢還是時代栽種的劇作

 |Am/G
 F
 |D

 迎面的風雨浪
 是命數但有你陪我渡過

*Chorus

 |G Bm7/F# |Em Dm |

 我只會翻開美好回憶 就當你相信彩虹退色

 |Cmaj G D/F# Em | Am D |

 逃避現實洪流的沖擊 呼一口氣教我更珍惜

 |G Bm7/F# |Em Dm |

 我只會翻開美好回憶 相信天邊彩虹不退色

 |Cmaj G D/F# Em | Am D |

 擁抱過去美好的痕跡 呼一口氣教我更珍惜

 |F D ||

 讓你我選擇翻開美好回憶

Verse2

 |Cmaj7
 D/C
 |Bm7
 Em

 因你的背影 退色
 讓過去冰封潛藏足跡

 |Am
 D/A
 |G
 G/F

 不信命!天愛滿有奇蹟

PreChorus2

 |Cmaj7
 D/C
 |B7
 E
 |

 華麗轉身遇你肩膊
 繁星下勾畫出你輪廓 手抱顫抖

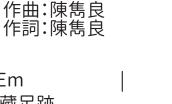
 |Am
 Am7/G#

 那觸覺
 沒想到那天選擇輕煙進天國

 |Am/G
 F
 |D

 迎面的風雨浪
 是命數但有你陪我突破

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A brief sharing itself, is not sufficient to share the sibling relationship I share with my sister.

But today it is also my greatest honor to share with all of you about my sister Rachelle and my relationship with her as a younger brother.

I would use the term "playful sibling rivalry" to describe our relationship. I would always play the role of a naughty immature younger brother, and she, a more mature and accommodating sister.

My sister is a very joyful person and loves to make silly faces with her selfies. But I always refused to take selfies with her, because I think it is a very childish thing to do. Sometimes she would try to sneak up on me and take a selfie, and I would make an annoyed or indifferent face, just to mess up the selfie. Thinking back, that itself is a childish and very young brotherly thing to do.

Although I look annoyed outside, deep inside, I love and care for her greatly. There were a few occasions that I played the role of an older brother and was able to protect her, and because of this, I am proud to be my sister's Guardian Angel.

Today I will continue to uphold this, this is also my motivation to help me carry on with life and to carry forward her legacy.

I am a quick thinker with lots of ideas. Sometimes Rachelle would ask me, "brother, can you tell me how to think as fast as you", she even mentioned once how she wished that I was her older brother.

But nothing would change the fact that she is my caring, loving, elder sister, whom I respect greatly, love completely and miss a lot.

Rachelle on the other hand, would use "sibling love" to describe our relationship, she was not shy to say it, as she mentioned this on her social media posts.

I remembered that on my graduation day, she was very happy and proud that I allowed her to post our photo together, as I always told her not to put my photo on social media because I value my privacy and most importantly, I look fat in those photos.

Looking back, it is actually me, her younger brother, who is honored to be featured in her profile picture.

Due to my sibling rivalry, I would never admit that she is pretty or beautiful. But as I was going through her photos for the funeral slideshow, my sister has a unique and graceful smile. She is indeed a very beautiful young lady, not only in the eyes of man, but I believe, also in the eyes of God. As she has upheld God's teaching and always strived to live a pure life with unconditional love for others, not because of her abilities, but because of her close relationship with God. All of this for God's Glory.

Looking at her Facebook, she posted about me two times on sibling's day (but she was always one day late, and I would always pick on her in a pretended mean way. However, she was probably late because sibling day was mainly celebrated by her Canadian friends, so with the time zone difference, it makes perfect sense).

Looking back on what I have said, it seems like I have been speaking mainly from my perspective. I am glad that Rachelle loves to share on social media, as I am now able to give you her perspective of this cool and naughty younger brother. I thankful that they were positive, and I am happy that I was there for her when she most needed it. "One of my closest friends is my brother, Timothy Chau. Thank you for making me a better person! Forever grateful for you. Irreplaceable gift..."

Rachelle is to me, is also an irreplaceable gift, I thank for her the sibling companionship. Thinking back, when I was in high school, we used to play chess at night and chat about life.

Here's another post she wrote:

"Today is National Sibling Day! I want to thank my brother TC for being most awesome, loving and wise :) Thankful dad and mom decided to bring you to life.. You've been such a great brother and friend <3 So proud to see you growing up to become a fine gentleman! Love you loadz"

I also love her a lot and therefore would like to share with you about the first song she wrote, sang and recorded.

Seven years ago, due to some miraculous encounter, my sister wrote and recorded her first song in Mandarín called

"You, Will Never Give up on Me" / 祢、永不放棄我.

I have uploaded the song and documented the beautiful story of it on myeverydaytreasures.com, you can see her testimony and her English translation of the song.

The song has helped me to go through these tough times and not to give up, I believe she would like to encourage you with the song as well.

After Rachelle has left us, days are extremely difficult. To be honest it is not easy for us as a family. A tragic event could bring the best out of people, it could also bring the worst out of them. But as my sister's selfproclaimed Guardian Angel, or now the family's Guardian Angel, I believe that she wants us to be the best person we can be. That is why with love, we will move forward.

Through these testing times, we are very thankful to have people from different communities to support us. And on behalf of the Chau family and my sister, I would like to thank all of you in this hall.

Our family is a very close family, we have been walking with Rachelle on her life's journey, not only in the past few months, but also for the past 29 years, this is also why we know what was in Rachelle's mind and why this happened.

I believe some of you might have questions regarding this, if you haven't read my mother's sharing on myeverydaytreasures.com, I encourage you to do so. It has given comfort and peace to many of those who read it.

To quickly sum up what happened, this did not happen because of long term depression or mental illness, this happened because of constant mental and verbally abusive behavior.

That is also why moving forward, we as a family have plans to setup something, this could be a movement or a fund to help Rachelle speak out and to raise awareness against abusive relationships and behavior. To prevent further incidents of taking of any lives. We will announce more details on the website and on social media.

Speaking from the depths of my heart, no family should experience the pain and sorrow of losing their loved ones like this.

We are just human beings, we can only comprehend whether something is here, or whether it is gone. We rejoice when we have, and we grief when its gone.



My sister is always full of hope and optimism for the future. And even though she is not with just any more, her spirit still lives on with us. I strongly believe in what Rachelle said on social media, "the best is yet to come", this may seem like a tragedy at first glance, but like a fallen tree, the fruits of the tree will blossom into a garden.

I have faith that after everything has settled, a seed would have been planted. We will have a movement and be a force of good against these abusive relationships and behaviors. By then I believe our family is not alone, because we will have your support, and most importantly we will have Rachelle and Her Heavenly Father's support to carry her legacy.

Rachelle's brother Timothy

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