



Theodore Tsai

August 9, 1974 - November 3, 2007

Theodore Hans Tsai (33) of Bentonville, Arkansas, passed away on November 3, 2007, surrounded by his loving family after a long and courageous battle with brain cancer. Theodore graduated from the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania at the age of 20. He obtained his CPA at age 21. He earned his MBA from the University of Virginia and was a buyer for Wal-Mart in Bentonville. There he met the love of his life and married Carie Lynn Wishon on July 3, 2006 in Rogers, Arkansas. Even though their marriage was cut short, their love for each other will last through eternity. Theodore's accomplishments were inspiring and his love of life was contagious. He was loved by many and he will be deeply missed by all who knew him. Theodore is survived by his wife, Carie; his parents, Stanley and Phyllis Tsai of Cochranville, Pennsylvania; his sister, Cynthia Tsai and her companion Michael Teng of San Jose, California; his grandmother, Frances Britt of Danville, California and his faithful cat, Isabel, who always was by his side. Funeral services will be at 2:00 PM, Wednesday, November 7, 2007 at Bentonville Church of Christ, Bentonville, Arkansas with Dave Davis officiating. Burial will be at a later date. Visitation will be between 5:30 to 8:00 PM, Tuesday, November 6, 2007 at Bentonville Church of Christ. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Brain Tumor Association, 2720 River Road, Des Plaines, IL 60018.

Tribute Wall

BE

“ Theo was the very first person I met on my first day at Penn and he promptly introduced me to everyone he knew, even asking me out to lunch with a group of his friends so that I may meet some people. He would often pop his head into my room just to say hello or to chat.

Theo was an energetic and enthusiastic person. He was bright and happy and always smiling and that is the way I will remember him. In my mind he is still 20 years old and eager for everyone to hang out and have fun.

My thoughts and prayers are with his family. I am grateful to have known Theo.

Betsy England - September 19, 2012 at 11:30 AM

JG

“ So shocked and saddened to learn of Theo's passing. He was a very important part of my childhood, as were Mr and Mrs Tsai and Cynthia. I have so many fond memories spent at his house playing video games, croquet, badminton, etc.

Justin Grilli - September 19, 2012 at 11:30 AM

KT

“ I am so sorry to hear of Theo's passing. Please know that you all will be in my prayers.

Karen Thompson - September 19, 2012 at 11:30 AM

RH

“ We are brokenhearted to know that this world has lost such a loving, caring, intelligent, & happy person as 'Theo', as we affectionately called him. As my son, Brian's, best friend during all of their growing up years, we will always smile thinking of all their friendly competitions, adventures our family shared with him (learning to drive, trips & outings together, people thinking he was our second son, etc) Actually, Brian always DID think of him as the brother he never had. He was the best part of Brian's childhood into manhood. We will keep him in our hearts always. Thank you, Theo, for being part of our lives! It was a privilege.

Robert Hochman - September 19, 2012 at 11:30 AM

LL

“ With deep and sincere sympathy

Lora y. Liu - September 19, 2012 at 11:30 AM

XL

“ Cari,
Just wanted you to know that you and Isabel are in my thoughts and prayers.
Remember to delight in life and take the time to care for yourself.
Allow God to grant you strength and allow him to comfort you. let me know if you need anything.
With Loving Thoughts,
Debbie

Xin Yin Loo - September 19, 2012 at 11:30 AM

BD

“ It is with tremendous sadness that we learned of Theo's passing. He was so full of life and optimism; he was a true pleasure to be around. We feel lucky to have had the opportunity to get to know him, but very sad that it hadn't been for longer.

Our condolences to his family.

Breda Duignan & Gareth Davis - September 19, 2012 at 11:30 AM

MC

“ May the Lord keep all of you close during this time of deep loss. Love and prayers to all

Mary Craven - September 19, 2012 at 11:30 AM

RL

“ Hans had such a zest for life and a positive spirit, even when faced with the most challenging moments. He is truly an inspiration to us all. I will always remember our childhood visits, the laughter we shared, and his loving smile. God Bless you, Hans. You will always be in my heart.

Robin Lee - September 19, 2012 at 11:30 AM

EL

“ I have always loved his smile and good-natured attitude. It's been years since we've seen each other, but even through his email updates on his bouts with cancer, I could see his smile and feel his courage.

I know he will be missed by his family and friends.

May God bless him as he rests in peace, and bless his family and wife Carie for her love and support.

xoxo

Edmund & Susan Leung - September 19, 2012 at 11:30 AM

AD

“ *Phyllis, Stanley and family,*

I'm so sorry for your loss of Hans. May it comfort you to know that others care and support you at this difficult time. I've never met Hans but I feel as though I have - with all the wonderful things I heard about him from his Auntie Shirley from the time he was a kid growing up. My deepest heartfelt sympathy to you all.

Annabelle Der - September 19, 2012 at 11:30 AM

JP

“ *Stan,*

*We send our deepest sympathy for the loss of your son, Hans. We pray that the God gives you all the support your family needs.
Pallavi and Jay*

Jay Pathak - September 19, 2012 at 11:30 AM

GN

“ *Hi Stan,*

I am sorry I will not be able to attend Han's service this afternoon. Please cheer up. Subbarow called me last night and asked me wether I will attend the service or not. I will see you when you get back.

Goro Nagase

Goro Nagase - September 19, 2012 at 11:30 AM

TB

“ Dear Mr. Tsai.
I am very sorry to hear about the passaway of your son and would like to share the grief with your family. Please accept my condolence.

Sincerely

Tong T. Banh

Tong T. Banh - September 19, 2012 at 11:30 AM

SE

“ *I had the pleasure of working with Theo when he first started as a Buyer with Wal-mart and was able to come full circle and work with him in his most recent area. It was such a joy and pleasure to work by his side. Theo was a very special, gifted and kind man. That resonated with all that he did. He will be incredibly missed by me and many many others. If a man is measured by the good deeds a man does, then Theo was a mountain of a man to me. I feel very blessed for knowing Theo and my thought, prayers and well wishes go out to his family at this time.*

Steven Elliott - September 19, 2012 at 11:30 AM

JM

“ *May God be with you during this most difficult time and grant you peace and serenity.*

May God Bless You and the entire family.

Joanna Moore - September 19, 2012 at 11:30 AM

BK

“ I worked with Theo over the last 18 months as a supplier to Walmart. Through it all, Theo was such a nice person, and never let a minute of regret show! He was always very upbeat, and had a great sense of humor. He will be missed by his Walmart teammates. My thoughts and prayers go to Theo's family.

Bonnie Kronbach - September 19, 2012 at 11:30 AM

BJ

“ Theo will be greatly missed. He was always positive and that smile...it was the best. I enjoyed working with him and pray only the best for his family.

Bo Jones - September 19, 2012 at 11:30 AM

RY

“ Theo will be missed more than words can ever say. He was the best person ever. My heart goes out to Carrie and the family, and may God be by your side to give you strength and comfort.

Rhonda Yost - September 19, 2012 at 11:30 AM

DW

“ I did not personally work with Theo but we did work on the food team together and through this became good acquaintances. There was never a day when Theo was not wearing a smile. He literally lit up the room. His attitude and outlook made such an impression on me. I know that marrying Carie was a true joy for him and I pray that their brief time together was lived to the fullest. We have truly lost an angel on earth. Our hearts ache for our loss but I can't help but be thrilled that Theo is no longer suffering. And to know that we have an angel watching over us. My heartfelt prayers go out to Carie and both families. God Bless always, Denise and family

Denise L Weidler - September 19, 2012 at 11:30 AM

BC

“ Although I have only know Theo for a short time it did not take long for me to realize how special he was and how his passion for evrything he touched enhanced all of our lives.
My heart goes out to all his family and friends and I have a feeling he is watching over all of us.

Barbara Couturier - September 19, 2012 at 11:30 AM

DF

“ Our family extends to you our very deepest sympathy in the loss of your son, brother and husband. We were very saddened to learn that a young man of such promise, at an age close to that of our own children, should be taken from you and from all of us. We have fond memories of him growing up, and just as we shared the happier moments of his growth and accomplishments with you, we share in your grief and loss. Your family is in our thoughts and prayers.

Dr. and Mrs. Saligrama SubbaRao and Famiilly - September 19, 2012 at 11:30 AM

JH

“ When I first came to Bentonville, I was alone and without friends. Theo was the first to extend a hand of friendship - his kindness knew no bounds. Despite the East coast/West coast rivalry, we were both city kids, both big time ?gringos?, and both huge fans of the Fresh Prince. Intelligent, affable, and generous ? Theo was extraordinary in so many ways. I will miss him tremendously. To Carie and the Tsai family, my deepest condolences.

Joan Hsia - September 19, 2012 at 11:30 AM

DP

“ Theo was always such a caring,friendly person, never down. He will be missed.

Deborah Price - September 19, 2012 at 11:30 AM

HM

“ *Tsai Family,
Please accept my deepest sympathy in the loss of your son,
brother, husband. I pray you will take comfort in the tender
memories you shared with your loveone. God will give you the
strength you need to go on but also remember you have friends
who care and understand. We are willing to listen to you, to cry with
you and to help dry your tears.*
Love,
H. E. Major

Helen E. Major - September 19, 2012 at 11:30 AM

GN

“ *Hans was a very caring and happy person who was always full of
life. I have many fond memories growing up with Hans and his
family. I always had fun playing croquet in his backyard, playing
board games, and talking about movies and cars. He always had a
positive outlook in life and never complained about anything. I also
admire his many accomplishments in life and I will draw upon his
many strengths. Hans will never be forgotten.*
*To his wife, parents, and Cynthia: Please accept my dearest
sympathies and prayers.*

George Nagase - September 19, 2012 at 11:30 AM

LE

“ *Theo's attitude to life and whatever circumstances he was going
through was always positive. What a great friend to have. i feel very
honored to have shared part of my life with him. Carrie my thoughts
and prayers are with you during your time of sorrow.*

Loretta Erickson - September 19, 2012 at 11:30 AM

JR

“ I had the opportunity to work with Theo during the last 3 ys. No matter what he was going thru, he had that enormous smile. He was truly a beautiful soul. He certainly stole a piece of my heart. I will always be grateful to have shared part of his life. My heart goes out to Carie and his family. May God Bless all during this sad time

Joyce Rader - September 19, 2012 at 11:30 AM

SS

“ I worked with Theo when he trained in the Hardware and Paint department at the Wal-Mart home office. He had such a positive attitude and was extremely kind. No matter how bad things looked, he could always find something good about them. He really did brighten your day.

Stacey Spataro - September 19, 2012 at 11:30 AM

JD

“ Theo and I shared an office at Wal-Mart. We had a lot of great times: I got to watch him fall in love with Carie, he introduced me to Inn-N-Out Burgers and many terrible "Fear Factor" food challenges. We laughed a lot. His smile was constant and his attitude was so positive and strong. My family and I will all miss you very much.

Carie, We love you and our prayers are with you. God bless you.

Julie and Andrew

Julie and Andrew DeJarnatt - September 19, 2012 at 11:30 AM

JP

“ I had the privilege of working with Theo in the intimate apparel department at Wal-Mart. Theo was such a great person with a positive attitude on life. He will be greatly missed by his Wal-Mart family, and my thoughts go out to his family during this very difficult time.

Jacqueline Phillips - September 19, 2012 at 11:30 AM

PB

“ My relationship with Theo started as business acquaintances. Nonetheless, in a short period of time he became a friend, a counselor and a mentor to me. Such was the strength of his character that even during the times of his illness; all I remember is the glowing smile on his face and an eternal enthusiasm in his voice. Like everyone else who ever met Theo, I will always remember him for his sincerity, humbleness, and consideration for others. Although Theo's presence will be greatly missed, he will continue to be a role model for a lot of us for the rest of our life.

Pankaj Binjola - September 19, 2012 at 11:30 AM

NM

“ We extend our deepest sympathy to the Tsai family. We have known Hans for many years. We have fond memories of our children playing together with Hans. We will miss him. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

Love,
Goro, Takako and George Nagase
Chris, Terumi and Naomi McKenna

Nagases and McKennas - September 19, 2012 at 11:30 AM

LS

“ I didn't Theo well, but what I do know is that he was a nice person and great to talk to. I know that he was loved by many, and will be missed greatly. My sympathies and condolences to Theo's wife, Carrie, and their families on this terrible loss.

Lorraine Spencer - September 19, 2012 at 11:30 AM

MC

“ Cyndi,
My deepest sympathy to your and your family on the passing of your brother.
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Michael Cochrane.

Michael Cochrane - September 19, 2012 at 11:30 AM

RH

“ So sorry for your loss.

Rick & Monya Ludeman, R & R Homes - September 19, 2012 at 11:30 AM

CF

“ Theo will be greatly missed and we will always remember his friendly smile and sweet attitude!

Cassie Finley - September 19, 2012 at 11:30 AM

AW

“ Dear All,

*Theo was so loved around the office. I will miss his smiling face.
You are all in my thoughts and prayers.*

Sincerely,

Ann Wanger

Ann Wanger - September 19, 2012 at 11:30 AM

PH

“ *Theo has set the standard for
bravery and strength in the face of
a devastating illness. I have
always admired Theo for his upbeat
attitude toward his job and his illness. Theo was a great listener.
I feel very privileged to have worked
with Theo.
I pray that Theo's wife and family find
comfort in the fact that Theo touched
many lives in a positive way while he
was on this Earth. God bless you.*

Pam Holt - September 19, 2012 at 11:30 AM

AB

“ *Theo was a wonderful guy. We slowly became friends as well as
business associates. The thing I remember most is that he always
respected my travel schedule and insisted that I stay home with my
family as much as possible. He will be missed enormously.
Sincerely, Al Beck Acme-McCrary Corp. NC*

Al Beck - September 19, 2012 at 11:30 AM

JW

“ I had the pleasure to work with Theo. Theo had such a contagious smile and a awesome attitude that everyone loved. He was such a wonderful example of God's mercy and love. Please know that my thoughts and prayers are with each of you.

JoVon Wheatley - September 19, 2012 at 11:30 AM

BB

“ I'm so blessed to have the opportunity to work with Theo. His positive attitude and outlook on life has been such an inspiration & encouragement to me. For all of those he has touched, there will always be a smile in our heart.

Brenda Booher - September 19, 2012 at 11:30 AM

ST

“ Theo will be forever missed and remembered for the always present smile on his face. God bless you all.

Shelley Turner - September 19, 2012 at 11:30 AM

SK

“ I want to express my deepest sympathy to Theo's family on his passing. I work for Holt Hosiery Mills, a supplier to Wal-mart. Theo was our buyer for Dept 28. It was a pleasure working with and getting to know Theo. He was a very kind man with a warm smile and I am so honored I had the opportunity to meet and work with him. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you during this difficult time.

Sincerely,
Sherri King

Sherri King - September 19, 2012 at 11:30 AM

JH

“ Theo was a wonderful person to work with-very professional,determined, and challenging. The kind of person we wanted to work hard for. We also had the opportunity to share some common experiences from The Darden school. I will miss working with him as I know his associates in Bentonville will. All of us at Holt Hosierey Mills in North Carolina will be saying our prayers for him and his family.

Jed Holland - September 19, 2012 at 11:30 AM

XC

“ You touched all of our hearts in more ways than you'll ever know. Thank you for being you Theo. God Bless you and your family.

Xandria Clyburn - September 19, 2012 at 11:30 AM

JJ

“ Hans has brought so many gifts to my life. We spent so many summers being inseparable best friends when we were kids, just laughing, playing, and loving life. In between the summers, Hans was the most loyal pen pal anyone could ask for... I confided in him more than I would a diary! :) He was always there to hold my hand, no matter how many miles were between us. The latest gift he gave me was allowing me to be by his side when he left this life. Ever since I was little, I've had an intense fear of death. However, after watching Hans move from this life so peacefully and gracefully, I no longer feel afraid. I can still feel his beautiful soul throughout me, and I know I always will....

Jodina Jacks - September 19, 2012 at 11:30 AM

JR

“ Theo was such an awesome, smart, caring, intelligent young man. I got the pleasure to work with Theo when he first moved to Northwest Arkansas while he trained in the Hardware Department at Wmart. I have to say Theo was one of the most compassionate, considerate, genuine, humble, selfless men I have ever met. Even after I had my first son, he gave me lots of advice on baby food (as he was the Baby Food buyer for Wmart at the time) and I also gave him feedback accordingly... :-)
I am so happy I got the joy of knowing him and hope to meet him again someday in heaven.
To Theo's Family: May the special things about Theo live on inside your heart forever.
In Christ~~
Jamie Ragan

Jamie Ragan - September 19, 2012 at 11:30 AM

JE

“ I knew Theo for only a short time, but he made a big impact on my life and I'm sure many others. His strength and positive outlook on life are traits that motivated me to want to do better with my life. I hoped for so much more for him, but know that his life had so much meaning as he made an impact on everyone he came in contact with. My condolences to his wife Carie and his family and friends, may God be with you and carry you through this difficult time.

Jessica - September 19, 2012 at 11:30 AM

KB

“ Although I only worked with Theo for a short time, I will always remember him for being such a kind, thoughtful, and gentle man. There should be many more people in this world like him. He will be missed.

Kathy Bergren - September 19, 2012 at 11:30 AM