



Eugene C. Eoyang

February 8, 1939 - October 13, 2021

Eugene C. Eoyang, Emeritus Professor at Indiana University in Bloomington, Indiana and at Lingnan University in Hong Kong passed away on Oct. 13, 2021. He was 82 years old. He leaves his wife, Patricia and sons Christopher and Gregory and 2 grandchildren. A memorial concert will be held at IU. Details TBD.

In lieu of flowers, etc. please make a donation to the Indiana University Office of International Services, lschrade@iu.edu, in his honor.

Allen Funeral Home and Crematory 4155 South Old State Road 37 is handling the arrangements and online condolences, photos, and memories may be shared with family and friends at www.allencares.com

Tribute Wall



“ Just found this page by coincidence.

I am a graduate student from Prof. Eoyang's 2014 Master Class at HKBU. Honestly, it was a challenging course to take in that Prof.

Eoyang was a very strict and demanding teacher. He would let us pay extreme attention to basic stuffs, e.g. spelling and grammar, quoting "细节决定成败(Details determine success or failure)". However, I am so glad that I chose his class since I have had learned a lot from him way beyond the course itself. Prof. Eoyang, surely, was the most amazing teacher I've ever had in my life. It is a shame that there was no final conclusion on the discussion about "玉阶怨" with him.

Rest in peace, Prof. Eoyang.



Ruchen Ye - May 29, 2022 at 11:48 AM

SM

“ *I just learned of Eugene's passing, and send my deepest sympathies. I look back fondly on memories of long, lively conversations conducted in exotic venues across the globe. Eugene was a great mind and mentor, and an exemplary thinker in the field of Comparative Literature. May peace surpassing reason fill your hearts in his absence.*

Scott Miller - March 23, 2022 at 06:51 PM

KK

“ We just read of Gene's passing--and we are truly sorry. Not only has the world lost a great scholar, but Ross and I lost a valued friend and mentor. We both learned from Gene and had a wonderful time in foreign climes with Gene and Pat. You have both been so generous with time and friendship. We will miss him. Pat, please know that we are thinking all good thoughts for you. All our love!
kathy Komar and Ross Shideler

kathleen komar - March 23, 2022 at 05:49 PM

YU

“ I am truly sorry to hear about the loss of Prof. Eoyang. I was one of the students of the class of 2020 from the Master Class at HKBU and I was inspired a lot by Prof. Eoyang's knowledge, thoughts, and sharing about translation and cultures. My heartfelt condolences go out to Prof. Eoyang and his family. He will be missed and he will never be forgotten, may his soul rest in peace.



Yuki - October 26, 2021 at 09:04 AM

DH

“ Professor Eoyang was my colleague when I was in Lingnan. He was the best mentor when I need advice and guidance. I still remember he's one of the rare Mac users in Lingnan and everyone in ITSC was reluctant to render support to his computer problems. I was then assigned to provide dedicated support to Professor Eoyang and after several encounters, I had earned his trust and became the only source for solving his computer problems and answering his inquiries. While I was only able to help him to solve his IT problems, Professor Eoyang has always got my back when needed. He provided an in-depth testimonial to support my promotion and he gave me invaluable advice when I felt lost in my career. Whenever I needed support by someone, he was always there to give a helping hand.

Professor Eoyang will always be in my heart. My sincere condolences to Mrs Eoyang and the Eoyang's family.

Desmond Ho - October 20, 2021 at 02:36 AM

MM

“ I am so sorry to hear this news via friends in Hong Kong. Eugene was my wonderful colleague at Lingnan University and i have thought of him often in the years since we all went out separate ways. He was so kind to me; he taught me how to behave as a professor in the HK world of that time, and always with so much humour and sharp vision, My condolences to his family and all those who will miss him all over the world.

Meaghan Morris

Meaghan Morris - October 20, 2021 at 12:35 AM

RH

“ Pat, I am very sorry for your loss. I held Mr. Eoyang in upmost respect. He was my first employer once I graduate college. I've never forgotten the working relationship we had during the years of working at Indiana University. Though I never had him in class, I'm sure he was one of the better instructors the University ever had. I pray the memories you and your sons had with him will keep your hearts in peace.

Rita (Deckard) Hardesty - October 18, 2021 at 10:20 AM

KB

“ Professor Eoyang served as a guide to me through graduate school. Having been dissuaded and disheartened by an instructor whose course I needed to pass, Dr. Eoyang encouraged me to continue my studies and apply for a fellowship, showing me a way to bypass the roadblock to my goals. In addition, as my employer in the IU East Asian Summer Language Institute, I gained a profound admiration and respect for him. A kind and gentle man, he expected hard work, long hours, and commitment, yet he celebrated with us a job well done and complemented our successes. Professor Eoyang left a lasting impression as a global citizen, positive role model, exceptional intellect and generous soul.

Kathy Boone - October 17, 2021 at 11:51 AM

DH

“ Eugene Eoyang was one of the great professors of comparative literature and an intellectual pioneer. His last visit to my graduate class--which had to be held via ZOOM--at the end of the 2020 semester was inspiring to all who heard him. We were lucky to hear his wisdom on that day. He was also a great friend and wonderful company. He will be greatly missed.

David Michael Hertz - October 17, 2021 at 11:34 AM

RO

“ *Pat and family: We we’re surprised and saddened to hear about Eugene’s passing. We send you our deepest sympathy and condolences. May the happy times and cherished memories remain in your heart.*

Buck and Andra Klemkosky

Robert - October 17, 2021 at 11:10 AM

JL

“ *To Patricia and the Eoyangs,
We are sorry for your loss. We will miss Eugene. Although we only see Pat and Eugene around the LRC a couple of months a year and get to catch up over a dinner or two when they are in Hong Kong, we always looked forward to his wonderful stories and humour. This globe trotting couple who have so much to share of their travels and experiences have been such an inspiration to us and so much fun to be with. Eugene will be remembered with much fondness.
With love, KC Mok and Joo Sim Lee*

Joo Sim Lee - October 16, 2021 at 11:40 PM



*My dearest Professor Eoyang, I am so sad to see you gone. It was like yesterday when I attended your inspiring classes at IU Bloomington, and your words of wisdom are still resounding in my ears. Your comments on my first book are imprint in my heart as memories engraved on a stone tablet. Eugene Eoyang Scholarship inspired and supported me to complete my Ph.D and I believe it did the same and will continue to do the same to all promising scholars from IU. While I thank you Professor Eoyang, your wife Patricia, for your generous contributions, I am determined to continue what is left over by you, that is to work hard like you in East and West literary relations. My dearest Professor Eoyang, I will forever miss you!
With deep love and great respect, Hanwei Tan, Hui Wu and Max Tan*

Hanwei Tan - October 18, 2021 at 01:13 PM

CH

I just heard the sad news belatedly from a friend. He'd probably be a little disappointed in me for saying that words almost fail me here. I owe not only much of my career to this brilliant and generous man but also for the simple but so profound act of introducing me to the possibilities and wonders of deep, serious literary study. His gifts to us all will live on. RIP, Professor. Thank you. Cary Henson

Cary Henson - October 30, 2021 at 04:59 PM

JH

I am so sorry to hear about the passing of my beloved teacher and mentor, Professor Eugene Chen Eoyang. He guided me through grad school at I.U. I never would have completed my graduate training without his support. He was the best teacher I ever had. 歐陽老師, 我永遠不會忘記您! Your student forever, Jim Hargett

Jim Hargett - November 15, 2021 at 01:14 PM



I am sorry to learn, belatedly, of Prof. Eoyang's passing. I had him as an undergrad in the early 80s at IU and his unmatched erudition and friendly persona has left a lasting impression on me. RIP

Douglas Hazelrigg - June 01, 2023 at 12:45 PM

JG

In 1970 I was in an AP program for my first year of college at IU; and my advisor recommended I take his s'tasng 'dynasty course even sstthough I'm not "chinese American and do not have any reaaon to take it--but it was wonderful! I learned a lot about good poeetry from his course. it was a big lecture class--he had no reason to remember me but we corresponded with me and when he and Mrs, Eoiyang went to 'Seattle, we reconnected; it was good to meet her! i am a retired attorney but also an uncredentialed professor of poetry in part because of him--the poetry we read was gorgeous! Jim Gray

James Gray - February 17 at 07:27 PM