



## Kai Yin "Dennis" Cheng

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Kai Yin "Dennis" Cheng, age 55, of Bedford, IN passed away peacefully at his mother's home on May 28, 2015. The Cheng family came to the U.S in 1974. He graduated from Bloomington High School South. He He worked for Irish Lion restaurant in Bloomington as manager since 2001.

He was preceded in death by his father Chuen Cheng. He is survived by his mother, Wen Cheng; his sister, Sarah Cheng; older brother Brian, his wife Lucy, nephew Derek of MO; his younger brother Johnny, his wife Rose, and 2 children, Brandon and Belinda of CA.

There will no service. A private family memorial will be held later in Missouri. Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.allenfuneral-home.org](http://www.allenfuneral-home.org)

# Tribute Wall

DA

“ Dennis was a very nice person who made the experience at the restaurant even better. I really liked him immediately and he was always very kind to us every time we drove down from Indianapolis to eat at the bar. He was a perfectionist and had very good manners. To his Mother, I would like to say that you raised an incredible person who had touched so many of us. Did not know that he rode a motorcycle! I am happy to have met him and don't think I can go back to the restaurant as the food is not as good without him. What a wonderful spirit. I am so sorry for your loss.

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**Dana Wagner** - October 26, 2015 at 03:59 PM

LD

“ Sympathies to the family of Dennis Cheng. I had the pleasure of working for Dennis several years ago and will never forget the many lessons he shared with me, including the importance of presentation and the proper way to open a bottle of champagne. He was one of the hardest working people I have ever known and a true Bloomington icon who influenced many, many people. I am thankful for what he taught me and will always remember him fondly.

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**Laura (Young) Demarest** - October 26, 2015 at 03:59 PM

BO

“ Sarah  
We were saddened to see about your brother Dennis.  
Please accept our condolences.  
Bob & Liz

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**bob&liz collins** - October 26, 2015 at 03:59 PM

AN

“ My heart is heavy with sadness for the loss of Dennis. Both my husband Rick and I enjoyed Dennis' kindness and friendship at The Irish Lion. I will miss his hugs. My sincere condolences to the family. May he rest in peace. I will hold Dennis and you in my thoughts.

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**Anne Holen** - October 26, 2015 at 03:59 PM

SA

“ my thoughts and prayers go out to miss cheng,sarah, brian and Johnny Cheng..he was a great guy and I remember all the fun times we all had when I worked at new Garden for the Chengs...

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**Sandra Waterford** - October 26, 2015 at 03:59 PM

JO

“ Dennis was an inspiration to me and clearly others. His passion for whiskey provided knowledge, entertainment, and companionship that grew with time as my wife and I got to know him. His commitment to service and building a community sets him apart as an example to aspire to. Finally, his experience with cancer served as a point to bring us together in yet another shared community and to again see what a good friend and person to look up to he was. I hope that I can live up to that standard. Cheers to you and cheers to Dennis!

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**John Metzcar** - October 26, 2015 at 03:59 PM

RE

“ I worked for him at New Garden in the mid 90's and I am sorry to hear of his passing. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

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**Renee W** - October 26, 2015 at 03:59 PM

RI

“ Dennis was a good friend to me and my wife Anne. He was a true gentleman in a true sense. He was always kind and welcoming to us at the Lion. He was a good man and will be missed by many people he worked with and all the patrons that share the Irish Lion. May he rest in peace. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family.

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**Richard Holen** - October 26, 2015 at 03:59 PM

Jl

“ I am extremely sad to read of Dennis' passing in today's Herald Times. I've known Dennis since working at the Gold Rush and always enjoyed his company. What a wonderful heart and kind soul he possessed. I know you are all very proud of the fine man Dennis was. He loved you all so much and spoke of you last fall when we last got together to boat on Lake Monroe. I will remember Dennis with great fondness. I am so sorry for your loss.q

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**Jill Crawford** - October 26, 2015 at 03:59 PM

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“ My sincerest condolences go out to the Cheng family. Dennis was a great guy. The Irish Lion is one of my favorite places in Bloomington and it was always a pleasure to see him there and be greeted with his big smile. He will certainly be missed.

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**Whitney Gates** - October 26, 2015 at 03:59 PM

AD

“ *Dennis is one of the kindest, most remarkable people we've ever met. The Irish Lion became our family's "Cheers bar" - where Dennis knew our name. He welcomed us all, and he became part of our family, especially through his support of our daughter and her cancer journey and our songwriter daughter-in-law. We miss him already. We'll celebrate his life often, as we continue to gather for our own celebrations that he would have been part of. Our deepest thoughts of sympathy are with his family.*

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**Andy & Diane Strawn** - October 26, 2015 at 03:59 PM

MA

“ *Out thoughts and love go out to Dennis and his family. He will be dearly missed by so many. He has touched so many lives over the years and I am thankful to have known him. Dennis was a great man.*

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**Mollie & Anthony DelVecchio** - October 26, 2015 at 03:59 PM

DS

“ *Dennis was very much loved by us. We will miss his smile, his sense of humor, and also his cooking!*

*In a short time he accomplished a great deal, and impacted many, many lives. We will miss him.*

*To the family: We will be thinking of you all and wishing you strength and peace in this difficult time.*

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**David & Sandra Hill** - October 26, 2015 at 03:59 PM

BS

“ I am so saddened by the passing of Dennis. My deepest condolences to his family. Dennis was a wonderful friend. I got to know him well through the Irish Lion. He always treated my family as his own. He made my wife and daughter always feel like they were on top of the world when he would greet them with a hug. He is a wonderful person and I will miss him dearly. I am sorry for your loss. He will be missed.

*Ben Strawn*

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**Ben Strawn** - October 26, 2015 at 03:59 PM

RE

“ We got to know Dennis through our visits to the Irish Lion, and he embraced our whole family. Recently, he showed me so much support and compassion in my battle with breast cancer, which was so remarkable considering the struggle he was facing. I will never forget his warmth, hard work, and wonderful smile. My husband and I send our thoughts to his family. Cheers, always, Dennis! You will be missed dearly.

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**Ryan and Erika Peek** - October 26, 2015 at 03:59 PM

GA

“ Cheng Family, Our heartfelt condolences to Sarah, Dennis's Mother and brothers. It was a privilege to know Dennis and be his friend. I will miss him with all my heart. May he forever rest in peace.

*Gary and Kay Keck*

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**Gary Keck** - October 26, 2015 at 03:59 PM