

I still remember clearly how you learned to walk, chasing me in the walker with laughter. When you were three years old, I secretly followed you to the guard room of our community, and watched you tell stories to the guards while waiting for the kindergarten bus. Maybe you don't know that, I accidentally saw the first love letter from your female classmate when you were in Grade 8. Dad was happy for your growth at every stage.

Dad knows that you were given special gift in computer programming. You have been inseparable from computers since you were three years old. You started to teach yourself various programming books in middle school. How much expectations did dad had to your future.

In September 2016, you came to Langley to attend high school at the age of 16. After two years, you were admitted to your favorite university SFU, with your favorite major computer science. When I listening to the sound of you typing keyboard, seeing you work so hard everyday to write code and develop various apps, although Dad didn't understand the details, Dad always believed that you would achieve great success in computers in the future. Dad was really happy and proud of you. Do you know? You are such a gratifying son. When you first time received salary from your part-time job, you immediately sent a big red envelope to your mother and me, and happily said, "Dad and mom, I myself earned the money."

Your mom also told me that, a few days ago you said to her, "Dad is coming, I would buy him a new chair", and also, "I would take Dad to the hot springs." Dear son, where is my chair? Dear Son, when will you take me to the hot springs? You also said, "From now on, I would drive my mom to Vancouver and walk around every lake every weekend when the weather is allowed." Dear son, when will we start the walk? Why don't you keep your word? Are you cheating us?

You are such a filial son, how can we bear to let you go this way? All the relatives are heartbroken. All of them like you and love you so much, say nothing of your

parents. Your mother and I are in the great grief, we haven't slept for several days. We still can't accept the truth that such a good son left us already. We even questioned God for that. When we looking back on the past, we really feel that we are not qualified parents. You are a good son, but we are not good parents. We didn't really understand you, we just loved you in our own way. My dear, I'm sorry, I didn't accompany you well. I was absent at many important moments in your life. As to this time, I had been ready to come and spend more time with you for Christmas, but you didn't wait for me. Dear child, I'm sorry, please forgive your dad's inadequacy. Only the heavenly Father is the perfect father, only he truly understands you, and warms your heart with His true love. Dad knows you are tired, you really want to rest. So your compassionate heavenly Father took you back to heaven, where you can be nourished in his lovely arms. Your departure gives us great pain, but we are also be comforted and have hope. In September this year, when you came back from the evangelistic conference by pastor Fu Kaibin, you shared with me your faith experience. You told me that you truly accepted Jesus Christ as your personal Savior, and decided to believe in the Lord from now on. The Lord Jesus promised us, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies." Therefor we believe that you are taken away by the Lord and are with him now, enjoying eternal beatitude. One day, when Jesus Christ comes again, he will bring you back with him, and then we will meet together.

Dear son, you are smart, sensible, honest, sincere, considerate, and filial. Dad is proud of you. don't worry, dad and mom know your wills, we will live well.

Dear son, rest in peace. See you in heaven!

Messages of Condolence

With her, your will

— **Lts**

Rest easy William. I will miss you a lot. Thank you for the wonderful memories in High School. See you in heaven.

— **Ben Yu**

Dear William, in the stars' tender light,
You are my deepest love, shining bright.
A brief song, a fleeting sight,
In the quiet depth of night.

— **Eureka**

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— **Jean**

Thanks for all the memories, you were an awesome guy to hangout with, see you in heaven Will

— **A***

William
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— **Jelon**

What a heartbreaking and inspiring eulogy for William. As dean of the Faculty of Applied Sciences at SFU, I can only convey the deep grief that my colleagues and I feel, and our heartfelt condolences to the family. As a father, I cannot imagine the pain that the family is feeling, but also as a father I also believe it is very important not to blame yourselves. Perfection in anything is unachievable. As parents, we do the best we can and surround our children with love. The love you have expressed for your child is deeply touching. My condolences once again to William's family and friends.

— **Eugene Fiume**

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William, my friend.

I was so sorry to hear of your passing. We haven't spoken since we graduated and went our separate ways, but you were a very kind friend. Your gentleness, humour, and intelligence will be greatly missed. I'm glad we got to be friends while you were here on Earth. You beat us to heaven, but just you wait until we catch up.

Mr. Zhou, Ms. Zheng,

Words cannot describe how my heart breaks for you both. To lose your son is an indescribable pain. I have a baby of my own and I cannot begin to comprehend the grief, confusion, anger, and horror you are going through. May you find some comfort in the truth that your precious son is in the loving arms of Jesus, free of pain, suffering, and misery. He is happy, he is safe, and he will wait for you both. May God help you through every minute without him. May He comfort you, may He guide you, and may He allow you some peace. You will see your son again someday. The Lord most High promises it. May God be with you always.

— Paige Griffiths



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