



## Tze-Ning Chen

November 18, 1929 - May 14, 2019

Tze-Ning Chen departed us on May 14, 2019 at home with his family, in Stamford, Connecticut. Tze-Ning was born November 18, 1929, in Zhejiang, China, the second son of Li-Fu Chen and Lu-Ching Sun.

He graduated from National Taiwan University, and was the first of a long pipeline from NTU to conduct his doctoral studies at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, where he specialized in combustion engineering. He later joined Ingersoll Rand's research division in Princeton, NJ, where he enjoyed many years working with a large team of researchers to develop many of the cutting-edge technologies behind small and large industrial machinery, and then later completed his career at Thermo-Electron. He was a quintessential engineer, constantly pushing the limits of human invention, while also bringing the best out from his colleagues. His accomplishment and ingenuity as an engineer were matched by his commitment to family and home, where he continually fixed, modified, and improved every corner of their house with his handiness and know-how, and demonstrated to his children the importance of creativity, integrity, and patience.

Tze-Ning is survived by his wonderful, loving wife, Joan of 59 years; his children, Bernie and his wife Lisa Ruderman, Chris and his wife Melinda Shockley, and Jeff and his wife Karen Ho; his grandchildren, Jason, Michael, Adam, Mira, Jacob, Ella, and August; his brother John and sister Jenny and her husband Arthur Yu, and countless nieces and nephews who all admired and adored him. Tze-Ning was preceded in death by his brother Jimmy.

Widely appreciated for his wisdom and for his ability to bring people together, he enjoyed a tight-knit, warm, and loving extended family. Tze-Ning was an unbeatable chess strategist, ping pong player, and puzzlebreaker; a passionate gardener; and loved playing tennis with his long-time friends. He traveled the world extensively with his family and friends, and experienced the evolution of nations, cultures, and the American dream many times over. Tze-Ning will be deeply missed by all who knew him and cherished his love and his friendship.

The family has entrusted Tze-Ning's final arrangements to Bosak Funeral Home, 453 Shippan Avenue, in Stamford. If you would like to leave an online condolence message for his family you may visit the family guestbook hosted on [bosakfuneralhome.com](http://bosakfuneralhome.com) or on Facebook at [facebook.com/bosakfuneralhome](https://facebook.com/bosakfuneralhome).

# Previous Events

## Family Gathering

MAY 18. 1:30 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Bosak Funeral Home  
453 Shippan Avenue  
Stamford, CT 06902  
(203) 325-9300  
<https://www.bosakfuneralhome.com/>

## Service

MAY 18. 2:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ I am sorry for your loss and for the abrupt message I left on this website several hours ago. I learned on May 4 that I believe I knew your husband/father as Peter Chen during the summer of 1952 and 1953 in New Jersey. During those summer's I lived in Toms River NJ with my older sister and her husband . They, and their friend Pete Chen , were all involved in chicken farming. My family in Toms River and Freehold and Pete near Lakewood. I made the connection on May 4th of this year while having dinner with my nephew ( who is a Professor of Chinese ) and his Chinese born wife who related a story that was published on a Chinese language blog relating to a Chinese family 's experience on a chicken farm near Lakewood N.J. For the last several weeks we have been searching for your family in the hope that Tze-Ning Chen was my friend "Pete" from close to 70 years ago. If this incredible coincidence is of any interest please contact: [larrymlerner@hotmail.com](mailto:larrymlerner@hotmail.com). Thank you, and again, my apologies and deepest condolences.



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Laurence M. Lerner, Ph.D - May 20, 2019 at 12:39 AM

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“ Sorry lost the message re Pete and my family and the NJ chicken farms in the 1950's. Please contact if interested [larrymlerner@hotmail.com](mailto:larrymlerner@hotmail.com)

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Laurence M. Lerner, Ph, D - May 19, 2019 at 05:39 PM