



Long Chen "Bill"

October 29, 1977 - February 8, 2026

Long Chen (Bill), 48, of Blacksburg, Virginia, peacefully passed away on February 8, 2026. Born on October 29, 1977, in Heilongjiang, China, he was our dad, a devoted husband to Bo Zhang, and a loving father to Richard and Raina. Dad was a hardworking and dependable man who spent many years in the international market and food industry. He was known for his strong work ethic, reliability, and willingness to help others.

Dad represented strength, loyalty, discipline, generosity, and he was someone people could rely on without hesitation. One of his most remarkable traits, especially in our eyes, was his ability to observe closely and learn a skill without being taught. This was how he learned to fish and fix things, often surprising everyone around him. Dad loved fishing and cooking, whether spending peaceful hours by the water or preparing meals at home. His passion for cooking grew from his work at U.S. Foods, and we loved his food—sometimes even more than our mom's. He was firm but fair, and when he was strict, it was because he wanted us to learn and grow. At the same time, he had a lively side, sharing jokes, smiling easily, and finding small ways to brighten other people's days.

Dad is survived by his wife, Bo Zhang; his children, Richard and Raina; his parents, Yanan Chen and Shuhua Zhang; his brother, Han Chen; and many friends and extended family members who will miss him dearly. We find

comfort in knowing that Dad's legacy lives on through the lessons he taught us, the love he gave us, and the memories we will carry with us forever.

A funeral service will be held on Friday, February 13, at 2:00 p.m. at Blacksburg Christian Fellowship Auditorium, 2300 N. Main Street, Blacksburg, VA 24060.

In lieu of flowers, a GoFundMe has been set up to help the family with expenses.

<https://gofund.me/dbf8efd22>

Previous Events

Funeral Service

FEB 13. 2:00 PM (ET)

Blacksburg Christian Fellowship
2300 N Main St
Blacksburg, VA 24060-1308
(540) 552-8002

Tribute Wall



“ *Bill was such a fun and loving person. I enjoyed seeing him, his wife Bo Zhang, and his children in church during Chinese Bible Study. I will never forget the memories with him. I am so sorry for your loss. I will miss Bill dearly.*



Frank Peng - March 21 at 02:12 AM



“ *I waited on Bill at the town offices. A kind and generous person. I am so sorry for your loss.*

Anita - March 10 at 02:21 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Long Chen "Bill".*

February 20 at 10:44 AM



“ *Long was such a wonderful person. Our children grew up together, and I was able to see just how caring, loving, and generous he was. He always had a big smile and a genuine desire to help others. We will miss him very much. May he rest in peace.*

Yang Yi - February 18 at 01:30 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Long Chen "Bill".



February 14 at 07:51 AM



“ Yong D. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Long Chen "Bill".

Yong D. - February 12 at 10:27 PM



“ VASoybean Board & VA Soybean Association purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Long Chen "Bill".



VASoybean Board & VA Soybean Association - February 12 at 04:40 PM



“ VASoybean Board & VA Soybean Association planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Long Chen "Bill".

VASoybean Board & VA Soybean Association - February 12 at 04:40 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Long Chen "Bill".*



February 12 at 03:24 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Long Chen "Bill".

February 12 at 12:41 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Long Chen "Bill".*



February 12 at 12:41 PM



“ *Zhenyu & Ruimin purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Long Chen "Bill".*



Zhenyu & Ruimin - February 12 at 12:37 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Long Chen "Bill".

February 12 at 09:11 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Long Chen "Bill".



February 12 at 09:11 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Long Chen "Bill".

February 12 at 02:54 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Long Chen "Bill".



February 12 at 02:54 AM



“ Huafeng Zhao & Xu Lin purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Long Chen "Bill".



Huafeng Zhao & Xu Lin - February 11 at 10:34 PM

XL

“ Xiaoying Li planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Long Chen "Bill".

Xiaoying Li - February 11 at 10:26 PM

XL

“ Xiaoying Li purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Long Chen "Bill".



Xiaoying Li - February 11 at 10:26 PM

TF

“ The Mozzoni family purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Long Chen "Bill".



The Mozzoni family - February 11 at 08:46 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Long Chen "Bill".



February 11 at 12:57 PM

QW

“ *The memories we made together in Arkansas are unforgettable. From traveling to Houston and studying side by side for our TOEFL exams, to fishing in the rain at Beaver Lake, every moment meant so much to me. I will always remember the delicious food you cooked for every gathering and the first “Bomb shot” at your house to welcome our parents on their first visit.*

Thank you for being part of the most important chapters of my life.

Rest in peace. You will always live in my heart.

Qiang Wang - February 11 at 12:12 AM

QL

“ *Qiang Wang & Junxia Li purchased the Beautiful i
n Blue for the family of Long Chen "Bill".*



Qiang Wang & Junxia Li - February 11 at 12:07 AM

JC

“ I met Long and Bo at the University of Arkansas. I remember his outgoing personality and how quickly he became part of Dr Chen's crew. Many great memories come to mind, for me personally, I always remember that he helped me pass the driver tests to get my driver's license, those were years when I was still building my confidence and purpose in life, I am very grateful to have crossed paths with Bo and Long...We had a great time at Fayetteville, we worked hard and played hard. Over the years I enjoyed keeping in touch with Dr Chen's students and their extended families, Long was like extended family for us and he will be missed, please know that we have you in our hearts, thoughts and prayers, any time you are in St Louis please reach out. God Bless you, Juan Mayta

Juan Carlos - February 10 at 06:38 PM

JW

“ Jiao Wang purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Long Chen "Bill".



Jiao Wang - February 10 at 04:12 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Long Chen "Bill".



February 10 at 04:11 PM

PZ

“ Ping Zhao purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Long Chen "Bill".



Ping Zhao - February 10 at 03:33 PM

AB

“ Ailan Zeng & Wei Bao purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Long Chen "Bill".



Ailan Zeng & Wei Bao - February 10 at 02:43 PM

郑敬

“ 郑尧杰 (Yaojie Zheng) 敬挽 purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Long Chen "Bill".



郑尧杰 (Yaojie Zheng) 敬挽 - February 10 at 12:27 PM

YL

“ Yi-chen L. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Long Chen "Bill".

Yi-chen L. - February 10 at 10:32 AM

DL

“ Dennis L. purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Long Chen "Bill".



Dennis L. - February 10 at 10:07 AM

CX

“ Congze X. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Long Chen "Bill".

Congze X. - February 09 at 07:52 PM

NL

“ Nick L. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Long Chen "Bill".

Nick L. - February 09 at 05:17 PM

AW

“ Brother Bill was an amazing man. His passing is devastating beyond words. He was an exceptional friend who was always available to help and share his wisdom. We shared many meals and laughs together. Above all, Bill loved his family. He was the proudest father and husband. My thoughts are with Bill's family during this difficult time and I offer my deepest condolences. May Bill rest peacefully in heaven.

Andrew Williams - February 09 at 09:22 AM

AW

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Andrew Williams - February 09 at 08:57 AM