

Dr Wei-Tze Lyn

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Dr Wei-Tze Lyn, born on December 27th, 1917 in Gulangyu in the province of Xiamen southern China, passed away at the Four Seasons Healthcare Center at 7pm on Monday October 4th 2010.

Dr. Lyn was the third of five children. His father, the third son of the well-known Lin family, encouraged his children to pursue their education in all parts of the world. Following Dr Lyn's graduation from Tsing Hua University in Peking, where he obtained a bachelors degree in mechanical engineering, Dr Lyn competed for the prestigious national scholarship offered by the Chinese government. He was awarded a winning place at London University, England, where he completed his Masters and his PhD in the same subject. He ventured to the north of England to work in the engine industry for Rolls Royce. It was here in Derbyshire that he met his English wife to be, Edith Perry. In those days interracial marriage was still largely uncommon. Dr Lyn then returned to London where he was later to earn his Doctorate of Science from King's College, becoming the first Chinese university professor in England. Later in 1968, Dr Lyn was invited to hold a position at Cummins Diesel Engine Company. He later became Vice President of Research.

In the late 70's, owing to his former connections to the top scholars of his field in the Far East, he kindled the early relationship between China and the US, leading to a scientific exchange that would later open the doors for Cummins to a successful pursuit of new business opportunities in China.

Dr Lyn is recognized as a world authority in diesel engine combustion. He has been honored by the Institution of Mechanical Engineers and the Society of Automotive Engineers, both from whom he has received significant recognitions.

Dr Lyn was a deeply respected teacher in his field. He left many fond memories with students from all over the world. Up until shortly before he died, young Chinese engineers coming to Cummins for work experience, continued to visit him to pay their respects and cherish his expertise. Dr Lyn, known to his friends and colleagues as Alyn, was actively involved in the Association of Handicapped Citizens in Columbus and also served eight years on the Board of Directors of Beverly Farm, Home for the Disabled in Illinois. He was a passionate tennis player and attributed his long life of health to the hours he spent on the tennis court. He was a great lover of classical music and as a student had taught himself to read music, in order to follow the scores of his favorite symphonies.

Dr Lyn was a devoted husband and never failed to mention that all he had achieved would not have been possible without the love and support of his dear wife Edith.

Dr Lyn's love of his children, his enthusiasm, wisdom and curiosity and his inexhaustible devotion to the challenges of having a handicapped son, made him a most wonderful father.

Dr Lyn and his wife have had three children; a son, Robert Lyn; a daughter, Angela Gyr-Lyn and Michael Lyn, their autistic son who sadly passed away earlier this year. Robert, his wife Fiona, Joanne and Matt, Jenny and Chris, Emily and Henry express their deep sadness and loss. Likewise in deepest sorrow, Angela and her husband Thomas, Su ling and Simon, Oliver, Sebastian and Anna and three great grandchildren, Nancy, Maxi and Samuel. The family wishes to convey their profound thanks to all their friends, in particular Moira and Vinod Duggal, for all their love and support in this difficult time.

Graveside service will be on Friday, October 15, 2010 at 2 pm, at the Godfrey Cemetery, in Godfrey, IL. The Rev. George Humbert will officiate.