

## Eulogy by Hao Ming, Mingwei's Godmother

Ming Wei was with us for a precious twenty years. I watched her grow from a little baby to a beautiful young lady. She was a very loving girl, always delighting her grandparents with surprise hugs and kisses. Even though she was younger and smaller, she was always protective of her big *cheh-cheh*.

Li Chang and Tarn How believed in exposing Ming Wei to many different things, and she always rose to the challenge.

From her stays in Hong Kong, then China, until she re-entered the Singapore education system, Ming Wei breezed through school effortlessly. She was always amongst the top few of her cohort, from Nanyang Primary School, to RGS and then to RJC.

Ming Wei enjoyed sports. She went sailing with her parents and camping in Pulau Ubin. She even climbed Mount Kinabalu – and effortlessly at that. Ming Wei was always passionate in whatever she undertook. She always sought to excel. Archery was one such activity. Within 2 years, she improved to such a level that she represented RJC successfully at South-East Asian and Taiwanese competitions. Her latest activity was learning to ride a motorcycle the correct and safe way.

Ming Wei always chose the road less travelled. Tarn How wanted her to take on a job after her 'A' Levels. Instead of getting a job at McDonald's or

Subway, as most young girls of her age did, she took on a job as a waitress at Harry's Bar. She worked till the wee hours in the morning. Even then, she threw herself wholeheartedly into it. She learned to mix a mean cocktail in the process. She in turn taught Tarn How the art of pouring a mug of beer and a glass of champagne.

Although Ming Wei enjoyed a privileged lifestyle, she also felt keenly for the less fortunate. She gave tuition to a pair of siblings in Toa Payoh, and helped them improve their grades. She also went to Nepal to do community work at a hospital.

Ming Wei lived life to the fullest, and always challenged the boundaries.

I remember the excitement when Ming Wei was offered a scholarship from A-Star to read medicine at Cambridge. It was in Cambridge that she blossomed. She enjoyed the mental stimulation and the "buzz". Once again, she dared to be different. She continued with karate, going on to become the President of the Cambridge University Karate Club. It was also here in Cambridge that she found love, and was loved in return.

*Those we love don't go away,*

*They walk beside us every day.*

*Love leaves a memory, no one can steal.*

Ming Wei, sleep well.