

## 故 人 略 歷

故人 鄭清妍長老 於 1934 年 7 月 15 日，出生於廈門鼓浪嶼，父鄭德和醫師，母郭錦治；上有三位姊姊：大姊：清愛、二姊：清嬋、三姊：清妙，以及兩位弟弟：仁澤與仁傑。一家八人，建立一個和諧、基督化的家庭。

1937 年廬溝橋事變爆發，時局變遷，兵慌馬亂，故人隨父母家人往返於廈門台灣兩地，終於 1949 年回到台灣。淡江中學畢業後，赴日本基督教會創辦的青山學院就讀。1969 年赴美深造，在 Long Island University 攻讀幼兒教育，經過 internship training 後，順利考取幼兒教育執照，1981 年在 Flushing 設立托兒所招生，作育英才。

故人自幼信奉耶穌基督，來美後一直在紐約台灣基督教會服事上帝。1995 年，該教會為配合教勢發展及擴充青年禮拜之需，擬就原有牧師館拆除，以現地興建大樓乙座。旋即成立「綜合大樓籌劃小組」。該大樓架構，地下樓為托兒所，地上一樓為青年部禮拜堂，二樓則為初來紐約就學的學生宿舍，三樓仍做牧師館之用。當募足預建款(約 60 餘萬)之際，即經長執會及會員大會，通過立案籌建，以「綜合大樓建築小組」為名著手各項興建事宜。上述二小組成員中，故人都榮列委員。

當大樓承建期間，故人不辭辛苦，日以夜繼，奔波操勞，並積極參與輪值「監工」之責，特別大樓建築當下，追加不足餘款，經故人個自勤奮，共約填補 30 餘萬，大樓因而五年後，始告竣工啓用，鑒於故人汗馬之勞，及其家族奉捐獻巨款，復經小組提案及會員大會議決，是項綜合大樓工程，則以「鄭德和紀念中心」為名奠基，以資孝順留念。2002 年，故人始於此紀念中心地下樓開辦托兒所，春風化雨，良師益友，百年樹人，也完成故人的宿願。

故人一生愛主愛人。她慷慨、樂善好施、熱心公益，行善積極惟恐落於人後，凡舉淡江中學、台灣的神學院、台灣宣教基金會、白水溪教會等等，都有她的奉獻，也常有為自己理想來紐約闖天下的學子來尋求她的幫助。但是她不求名聲，不求報答，只是安靜而持續地為主做工。

2019 年 5 月 26 日故人因宿疾蒙主恩召，回到天父懷抱。家屬對其離世沉痛不捨。請關愛她的親友，不要懷著憂傷來告

別追思，要和她同心讚美主，然後回去成為上帝園中的一棵好樹，釘根在主活水溪邊，結出主意愛的果子。願主祝福。

## Eulogy

Elder Ching-Yen Cheng was born on July 15, 1934 in Xiamen, Gulangyu. Her father was Dr. Te-Ho Cheng and her mother, Kim-Di Guo. She had three older sisters: Ching-Ai Liao, Ching-Xian Chen and Ching-Miao Lin, from oldest to youngest. She also had two younger brothers: Ren-Zhe Cheng and Ren-Jie Cheng. She came from a harmonious, Christian family of 8.

In 1937, the Marco Polo bridge incident broke out and the political climate changed, so the whole family followed their parents back to Taiwan. Upon graduating from Tamkang Middle School, Elder Ching-Yen Cheng went to Japan to attend Ching-Shen College, which was founded by the Japanese Christian Church. In 1969, she came to the United States to study early childhood education at Long Island University at the Brooklyn Campus. After completing her practical training, she successfully obtained an early childhood education license. In 1981, she established a daycare in Flushing to take care of children while their parents worked.

She believed in Jesus Christ from a very young age. Upon coming to the United States, she attended Tucc right away, glorifying God and serving His people. In 1995, the church proposed to demolish the original pastor's pavilion to cope with the overall development of the church, and planned the expansion of the youth ministry into the Te-Ho Cheng Memorial Hall. A Comprehensive Building Planning Committee was thus established and the structure of the Memorial Hall was as such: the basement was to be the Union Daycare Center, the first floor was to be the youth chapel, the second floor was to serve as a student dormitory for those new to New York, and the third floor was to be used as the pastor's pavilion. After donations for the building were collected, the Consistory and the General Assembly approved the plan. The Construction Building Committee was thus established, and they started constructing the building. Elder Cheng was a member of both committees.

During the construction of the building, Elder Cheng worked tirelessly and actively participated in supervising the construction workers. When the donations that had been offered to construct the building no longer sufficed, Elder Cheng generously covered the remaining amount and allowed the construction to be completed in five years. Once the building was completed, it was named the "Te-Ho Cheng Memorial Hall" by the two committees and the General Assembly. In 2002, Elder Cheng opened the Union Daycare Center in the basement, fulfilling her life's calling to take care of children.

Although she's had many difficulties in her life, she lived by faith and overcame her setbacks through faith until she was old and weak. Elder Cheng remained unmarried. She lived a life of diligence and took care of her parents. She was loyal to her brothers and sisters and loved her family.