



Simon Tam

June 26, 2020

Simon Tam passed away June 26, 2020 in Union City, CA.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Skylawn Funeral Home and Memorial Park, Highway 92 at Skyline Blvd., San Mateo, CA 94402 650-349-4411.

Service details and obituary will be posted as soon as they become available.

To ensure the health and safety of our community, we are following all guidelines set by local, state and CDC officials. If you are planning on attending a service, please contact the funeral home in advance, so that we can plan accordingly.

Comments



“ Simon was an incredible colleague, and even bigger pleasure to be around. He could light up your day with his smile and energy, or make you laugh with his amazing humor. Simon, you will be missed. Thank you for all amazing moments you gave me. My thoughts and condolences goes out to all friends and family.

Chris Kaczmariski - July 09, 2020 at 03:57 PM



“ I'm very sorry for the loss of Simon, I didn't know him on a super personal level but when we talked at work(Maxar) it was always paired with laughter he was a funny guy and very nice to me & everyone! He will be missed. Praying God comforts you in this very difficult time. Much love & God bless!



Presley Pitre - July 09, 2020 at 01:18 PM



“ From Anna Yu, colleague/friend from Maxar purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Simon Tam.



From Anna Yu, colleague/friend from Maxar - July 08, 2020 at 02:01 AM



“ I was Simon’s manager for a scant six months. Because of that, it was my great privilege to talk to him once a week. We rarely talked about work; he was so good at his job that we didn’t need to. Instead we talked about more important things, like family, and friends, and life outside the office. He might be the most centered person I’ve known. He had his priorities straight. He was a kind and wonderful person, and I will miss him.

Chris MacKnight - July 07, 2020 at 09:36 PM



“ Simon had the perfect mix of being both wise and humorous. When I first got out of college, he was my very first mentor and honestly I didn't know what to expect. At first, I thought he was almost too relaxed! He taught me however that this balance was something that I needed to keep my sanity.

I enjoyed the moments I had sitting with him for 3 years as a cubicle mate. I used to hear stories about his grand-kids (Curly, Sam, and Brian), he loved you guys and would speak very fondly of you! He would always pull through on the toughest projects despite his relaxed demeanor. I learned that he tries not to worry people and that being relaxed is one of the ways he lets everyone know not to worry too much. I know that behind the scenes he put in a lot of work and dedication, sometimes I would catch him working in the oddest hours of the day (after hours until 9 PM or on the weekends), still tackling bugs.

His mental resilience and humor helped me through the times where I would get stuck in my own head. Even though he was under pressure and had a heavy workload of his own, he would always know the best way to calm you down. His life lessons of just remembering what's important and encouragement that he provided me during the times that I doubted myself helped push me along in career. I don't know where I would be without him.

To my dearest mentor, you will be missed.

Vincent Tang - July 06, 2020 at 01:04 AM



“ Simon was a great guy. He was a mentor to me, 24 years ago, when I had first gotten out of college and started working. I was constantly in awe of just how brilliant he was.

Simon was above all a great person and a wonderful human being.

He was always happy and helpful. I once asked him if I could pay him to do some work for me but he refused and just did it on his weekends to help a friend. I enjoyed all our lunches at TK Noodle and the conversation we had about work and life.

Rest In Peace Buddy!

Neil Baliga - July 04, 2020 at 11:02 PM



“ I had the pleasure and privilege of working with Simon for ten years. I was his manager, but considered him a colleague and a friend. He was the ideal employee -- dedicated, dependable, and hardworking. I could always count on him to get the job done. His coworkers could also rely on him to lend a hand or for advice. Simon was also great to be around. I will miss our conversations -- whether it was talking shop, or just shooting the breeze about a variety of things, such as sports or family. He will be missed by us all, and remembered fondly for being a great colleague and person.

Michael Zammit - July 03, 2020 at 09:41 PM



“ Your Maxar Family, Huong Le + Rajin Gill purchased the Sweet Remembrance Spray for the family of Simon Tam.



Your Maxar Family, Huong Le + Rajin Gill - July 03, 2020 at 06:34 PM



“ I remember sitting in a cubicle by Simon over 5 years ago. We would always be the first ones in the office. It was nice to have his company. "Morning Simon!" "Morning Marlene". He was such a gentle soul.

I'm most grateful for Simon taking my younger cousin under his wing. Vincent was starting his career as an engineer. Simon guided him, and I felt like he grew Vincent into a stronger character. Thank you, Simon. For being a great friend, a great colleague, and an even better teacher.

I'm sorry I didn't call. I was so hopeful for our outdoor social distancing picnic. You are dearly missed.

Marlene Tang - July 03, 2020 at 06:25 PM



“ Your friends @Maxar, Mike Zammit + Robert Fleming purchased the Treasured Lilies Spray for the family of Simon Tam.



Your friends @Maxar, Mike Zammit + Robert Fleming - July 03, 2020 at 06:17 PM



“ Simon was my friend and co-worker for 14 years, and my cubicle neighbor for 10. We talked daily about stocks, fine dining, and family. We shared a fondness for McDonald's coffee. I see the comments on the wall here, and I recall Simon having chats with each of these individuals. He was kind, funny, and insightful. Simon was always willing to lend an ear for anyone who needed advice. While he had many friendships at work, he also was a very dedicated engineer. When focused on a project, Simon would stare intently at the screen, working efficiently to finish his deadlines in half the time expected. And, he had a reputation for developing bug-free software. We would joke that despite the commonly known idea that all software had bugs, that rule did not apply to software developed by Simon.

My favorite memories of Simon were how he glowed when he talked about his family. He loved and respected his parents and each of his siblings. He loved all of his nieces and nephews and were very proud of the adults they had grown into. But above all, he cherished his wife and his grand nieces and nephews. He enjoyed taking his nephew's children out for snacks after school, tutoring them when they were younger, and watching them become conscientious teenagers. He respected his wife's dedication to family and her love in preparing him homemade meals. He envied her sense of adventure and hoped she would be able to travel and see the world.

When Simon thought highly of someone, he liked to say, "He's a good guy. There's not a bad thing anyone can say about him." That rings very true here.

We will all miss you, Simon.

Huong Le - July 03, 2020 at 11:54 AM



“ It has been many years since I last saw Simon, but Simon was always incredibly friendly and a great person to chat with. Our favorite topic was to talk about different different restaurants, especially some good Hot Pot. I'll always remember his smile. May he rest in peace.

Uygar Aral - July 03, 2020 at 11:15 AM



“ Vincent and Marlene Tang purchased the Finest Farewell Spray for the family of Simon Tam.



Vincent and Marlene Tang - July 03, 2020 at 12:18 AM



“ Simon, I will miss talking to you. Whether it is politics or the stock market or life in general. You are a wonderful person. RIP.

Ed Yu - July 03, 2020 at 12:07 AM



“ Simon was a wonderful co-worker and friend, always cheerful and smiling when I talk with him. I am every grateful to have known him, may he rest in peace.



Quoc - July 02, 2020 at 09:09 PM



“ The Software Engineering Directorate (Maxar / SI) purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Simon Tam.



Karen Soo Hoo - July 02, 2020 at 06:03 PM



“ Simon,

I was so sad to hear of your passing. We worked together at SSL/Maxar/SI for so many years. I will miss your presence and your sense of humor. We would see each other in the hallways and joke about who was going to buy Dim Sum Lunch one day for the other person. Your contributions to the company were many. You were valued and respected by many. May you rest in eternal peace, Simon.

Karen Soo Hoo

Karen Soo Hoo - July 02, 2020 at 05:50 PM



“ I had the pleasure of working with Simon for many years. No matter what was going on, if he saw me in the hallway or anywhere else he would always say hi, address me by my name, and do it with a smile. My sincerest condolences go out to the Tam family. Simon will be missed!

Darren Orrell - July 02, 2020 at 05:26 PM



“ I'm saddened by the news of Simon's passing. Simon was my to-go guy. I will always cherish the fun I had with Simon. Rest in peace my friend.

Al Pu - July 02, 2020 at 03:02 PM



“ Ted Marcopulos and the entire Maxar EAGE Team purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Simon Tam.



Ted Marcopulos and the entire Maxar EAGE Team - July 02, 2020 at 01:28 PM



“ Memories and thoughts of my colleague and friend Simon Tam.

My name is Ted Marcopulos and I have the honor of working with Simon for more than 15 years at Space Systems/Loral (Now Maxar). Simon was the primary software development engineer for nearly all the projects I have been responsible for. Projects included Solar Array Simulators, Spacecraft Monitor and Control systems, Battery Simulators, Advanced Communications and Telemetry and a host of other specialty simulators. Working with Simon was great, he and I were almost always on the page when it came to how the software would function and how it would look to the end users. My running joke with him was always “is it done yet” to which he would almost answer me telling me not yet when in reality whatever the project he was working on was mostly already done. He would amaze me by quickly he would complete projects and how quickly he could get his arms around new complex problems. The many projects Simon worked on will be a long lasting tribute to his excellent technical capabilities and his wonderful personality. It truly was an honor knowing and working with Simon, his joyful personality has made an everlasting impression on me and he'll be missed.

Ted Marcopulos - July 02, 2020 at 01:17 PM



“ With Heavy Hearts Rey Alvarez and EAGE lab crew purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Simon Tam.



With Heavy Hearts Rey Alvarez and EAGE lab crew - July 02, 2020 at 01:09 PM



“ Condolences to the Tam family, I have worked with Simon for nearly 20 years. His joyful personality will surely be missed.



Rey Alvarez - July 02, 2020 at 12:48 PM



“ Simon is my dear friend for over 20 years at work SS/L. He is a great coworker and mentor for me. I will miss be able to talk to him every morning before my working day.

Steven Leung - July 02, 2020 at 12:25 PM