



## Dr. Lai Han Lisa Watt

September 13, 1972 - September 8, 2018

On September 8, 2018, Lai Han Lisa Watt, loving mother of Lok-Yi and valued member of social work and social justice communities in Hamilton and at McMaster, passed away at the age of 45.

Lisa was born on September 13, 1972 in Hong Kong. She received her bachelor's degree from the Chinese University of Hong Kong and Master's degree and PhD, both in Social Work, from McMaster University, Canada.

Lisa was a generous and skilled contributor to many teaching, research and social change projects in the Hamilton community and at McMaster. She worked in various sectors of social services including at Catholic Family Services and the Immigrants Working Centre. She was involved in support networks among parents of children with diabetes, active with her daughter's school, and volunteered with the Beasley Neighbourhood Association. She taught at McMaster and was a caring mentor for so many, with a special passion for the wellbeing and success of racialized students. She had recently taken up a professorship at the King's School of Social Work at Western University, London, Ontario.

Lisa will be deeply missed by her family and by hundreds of friends and colleagues who have experienced the gifts of her attention and kindness.

On Friday September 21st a Celebration of Life will be held at Convocation Hall, second floor of University Hall (room 213), McMaster University. Convocation Hall will open at 4pm, the Memorial will begin at 4:30 pm. Everyone is welcome. For directions, see the McMaster School of Social Work website. Note: University Hall is building #1 on the campus map. People in purple shirts or purple armbands will be near the parking lots B and C to direct you.

Burial will take place at 2:30 pm on Sept 24 at White Chapel Memorial Gardens, 1895 Main Street West, Hamilton, Ontario, L8S 1J2. Family and friends are welcome. Earlier notices indicated a visitation - this is to confirm that there is no visitation.

Condolences, memories and photos may be left at <http://www.circleoflifecbc.com>

A fund for Lok-Yi's education and development will be established in Lisa's memory; details about how to contribute will be available at the Celebration of Life.

A memory book: Remembering Lisa for Lok-Yi. Do you have a story about Lisa you can share with her daughter Lok-Yi? Lisa's friends are assembling a memory book, and are asking for stories, photos, or other contributions. Stories about Lisa for her daughter, including stories about Lisa and Lok-Yi, or Lisa talking about Lok-Yi, are especially welcome. Please send your contribution by October 22nd to [loveandcarecommunities@gmail.com](mailto:loveandcarecommunities@gmail.com)

# Cemetery

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# Events

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**White Chapel Memorial Gardens**  
1895 Main Street West  
Hamilton, ON, L8S 1J2

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**Celebration of Life**

04:30PM

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McMaster University Convocation Hall  
1280 Main St. W., Hamilton, ON, CA, L8S 4L8

# Comments

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“ Lisa, you are one of kindest, most just and genuine person I have ever known. You are dearly missed! You are remembered as a hardworking, very responsible wife and mother. You had never run away from your challenges in life- a tough fighter!! I will always be proud of you. Rest in peace.

Maria Ly Dodds  
St Paul's Convent

**Maria Ly Dodds** - November 11, 2018 at 01:35 AM

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“ Lisa, I can't believe the news. I will miss you always. RIP.

Alice  
St Paul's Convent School

**Kong Wan Hau** - November 04, 2018 at 11:17 PM

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“ Lisa, I pray for your family. RIP. You were a caring person, always willing to help!

Kathy Ng, St Paul's Convent School

**Kathy Ng** - November 04, 2018 at 09:11 PM

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“ Dear Lisa, I miss you. I pray for your soul, Lok-Yi and all your family members. Rest in Peace. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Sincerely,  
Joyce  
St.Paul's Convent

**Joyce Leung** - November 04, 2018 at 10:40 AM

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“ Dear Family of Dr. Watt, I am sorry for your loss.

Sincerely,  
Shirley Chau



**Shirley Chau** - October 03, 2018 at 11:28 PM

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“ Lisa, it is so heart breaking to hear that you are gone. You are the kindest, most caring human being I know. You were such a great support and guide for us in our undergraduate years and truly an inspiration to us. You will be truly missed and I pray that you rest in peace.



**Sumi Sangaran Pillai** - September 20, 2018 at 08:36 PM

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“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dr. Lai Han Lisa Watt.



September 20, 2018 at 06:01 AM

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“ I was looking for a qualitative researcher fluent in Cantonese a number of years ago to work on a caregiving study of immigrant parents of children with cancer. Someone put me in touch with Lisa. I will always remember the first time we met. It was at Second Cup in Westdale on a lovely sunny day. She arrived very very pregnant! Fortunately, the timing of the project was such that she was able to join my team and work closely alongside my postdoc Sonia. It was a classic example of the whole being so much better than the parts. We made a great team, produced some great papers and had a lot of fun along the way. I missed Lisa when she went on to do her PhD in Social Work. But she always kept in touch. We would meet for coffee and she always remembered my birthday (constantly thinking of others). I will remember Lisa as kind, loving, loyal, caring, funny, hardworking, thoughtful and an amazing mother to Lok-Yi!

**Anne Klassen** - September 18, 2018 at 03:54 PM

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“ You will be missed Lisa. while Chair of Facilitating Inclusion Board of Directors, the cooperative thrived!  
Sincerely,  
Rosemary



**Rosemary** - September 18, 2018 at 03:11 PM

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“ There are no words, just a deep and abiding sadness and sense of loss. Lisa's every breath was a force for good in a world that can be cruel and unforgiving. She truly was a light of hope and kindness to all who knew her. She couldn't help it. It's who she was. You will be sorely missed, Kind Friend.

**Lawrence Hogarth** - September 18, 2018 at 11:01 AM

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“ I was so sad to hear about Lisa's death. I met Lisa about 7 years ago at a support group for parents of children with type one diabetes. I was immediately drawn to her incredible love and care for Lok-Yi. Lisa was very concerned that Lok-Yi was a picky eater so we stayed after the meeting and talked about our kids. We also connected because I had lived in Hong Kong. We often talked about this amazing place during our lunches at Williams Coffee Pub. When I presented a poster as part of my M.Ed at Brock, Lisa was the only person who showed up (with Lok-Yi). Their presence will stay with me forever. Lisa was an incredible human being, and a very loving mom. I will miss her beauty.

**Patrice Palmer** - September 18, 2018 at 06:51 AM

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“ Lisa was always really kind to me and really didn't need to be. I only wish I could be half as selfless or kind as Lisa. I will miss her. Our society was a better place because of her positivity.

**nick** - September 17, 2018 at 03:42 PM

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“ this hurts so much and breaks my heart. it was wonderful working with you and it was such a pleasure seeing your smile everytime we had meetings at mcmaster you taught me a lot and ill never forget you my second mom and when you found out my mom passed helped me you through it and now your gone hope my mom shows you a few dance moves up there , When we went on the trip to Ottawa University it was amazing and i got to know more about you and i met your wonderful daughter Lok-Yi who became my little sister. I remember you saying your goodbyes cause you were moving on to bigger n better things , so happy for you well you dont have to worry no more you are in a better place now Love you Lisa you will be missed by many .  
Nathan Gray

**Nathan Gray** - September 17, 2018 at 03:38 PM