



Ethan Miele Zhang

June 11, 2022 - October 8, 2024

Ethan Miele Zhang was born on June 11, 2022, in Philadelphia to parents, Patricia Miele and Yiwei Zhang as their only child. Ethan was deeply loved by his grandparents: “Nna” Weixia Dong, “Ganna” Debbie Young-Miele, “Yeye” Baogong Zhang and “Pop-pop” Robert Miele. He was also blessed to have his uncle, Alex Miele, and great-aunts, Angela Miele and Patricia Lang.

In his short 848 days of life, baby Ethan developed into a caring, inquisitive, adventurous boy who brought smiles and laughter to everyone he met with his adorable sense of humor. Ethan was notorious for his voracious appetite and was especially fond of fruits of all kinds. His favorite activities include reading books, playing with water, riding his bike wagon, playing with friends at playgrounds, doing arts and crafts, singing songs, and giving “huggy-huggies” generously to all his favorite people.

Ethan loved doing “gym” workouts with his Dada and perfected Ethanflips, Dadlifts and trust falls. He was always eager to show his Mama that he was her little helper and loved to make everything from PB & J sandwiches to apple pie with her. He enjoyed riding on Ganna’s scooter, eating tomatoes from Pop-Pop’s garden, and playing with the family cat, Noodles. At the end of each day, Ethan loved nothing more than to read books in bed with his parents while snuggled in his favorite blanket like a burrito.

His whole life, Ethan was full of boundless energy, creativity with art projects, curiosity for all tools, and he was most known for his endearingly affectionate personality. Ethan exhibited significant aptitude for languages, being able to communicate in Chinese and English and sing songs and count in five languages. Above all else, Ethan's greatest achievement was making his parents a better mom and dad each and every day.

On the evening of October 8, 2024, at his home in Bear, Delaware, Ethan read two of his favorite stories, kissed his Mommy and Dada, and went to sleep. He passed away peacefully in his sleep wrapped in his favorite blanket with his beloved plushies. The sudden passing of Ethan has heartbroken his family at home and abroad, his friends at Paxson KinderCare, neighbors in the community, and every soul he touched.

The family sincerely requests that, in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the Ethan Fund at the Delaware Children's Museum, which was Ethan's favorite place to go nearly every weekend. Funds raised will go to the creation of a sensory room for young children like Ethan. <https://37451.blackbaudhosting.com/37451/Ethans-Special-DCM-Project>

Those who wish to share their favorite photos of Ethan may do so here, and all are welcome to view the photos: https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1VltETTYUH2EsNBBEPYZfpOjWrxrJJG_I?usp=sharing

A visitation will be held on Sunday, October 20, 2024, from 1:30-3 PM at Strano & Feeley Family Funeral Home, 635 Churchmans Rd., Newark, DE, 19702. A celebration of life will follow at 3 PM. For directions or to send an online condolence please visit www.stranofeeley.com

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **20**. 1:30 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Strano & Feeley Family Funeral Home
635 Churchmans Rd.
Newark, DE 19702
(302) 731-5459

Celebration of Life

OCT **20**. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

JL

“ *My deepest and heartfelt sympathies. I know he is still with you shining his beautiful light all around you. Jen Laird*

Jenifer Laird - October 22, 2024 at 10:36 AM

BZ

“ *Patty and Yiwei,*

Fang and I are terribly sorry to hear about the passing of Ethan. We know that this is absolutely heartbreaking moment for your family. I just want you know that our thoughts are with you and we are always here for you.



Baoxing Zhao - October 21, 2024 at 11:15 PM

LP

“ *Ethan and Patti, I am devastated to hear of your loss and offer my deepest condolences to you and your family. Lisa Peterson*

Lisa Peterson - October 21, 2024 at 06:21 PM



“ *Ethan was such a pleasure to have in class. His smile, his laugh, his knowledge, his big appetite, his love for Santa .. such a ball of joy. In the short time of knowing him, Ethan filled my heart! I will forever cherish the memories I have with him. I will miss my bump buddy ☐ -Ms.Branisha, KinderCare*



Branisha Aunyea - October 20, 2024 at 01:17 PM

MZ

“ I can't begin to imagine the grief and sorrow that your family is experiencing, but I hope that the love of those close to you will bring you strength and comfort during this most tragic time. Praying for peace that surpasses all understanding as you celebrate Ethan's life.



Melissa Zeissig - October 20, 2024 at 12:10 PM

CP

“ Sending my deepest condolences to you and your family during this time.

Cherise Paramore



Cherise Paramore - October 20, 2024 at 04:12 AM

RA

“ Pattie and Yiwei, Words can not express how much the loss of Ethan has ached my heart. He will always be remembered by all of the people who have met you and him. Pattie, I love you my friend. I am always here for you.



Ruwida alkreksi - October 19, 2024 at 05:35 PM

RA

“ Ruwida alkreksi lit a candle in memory of Ethan Zhang



Ruwida alkreksi - October 19, 2024 at 05:28 PM

PR

“ *Our deepest condolences. The Rices*



Philip T Rice - October 18, 2024 at 08:04 PM



“ *Janica Kriss lit a candle in memory of Ethan Zhang*



Janica Kriss - October 18, 2024 at 04:17 PM

WW

“ *My heart was broken when hearing the news. Ethan was such a lovely boy and so kind to everyone. We will never forget his big smile and warm hug. We will miss him forever!*



There are no words that can ease this kind of pain, but I want you to know that my heart goes out to you and your family.

Wanying Zhao & Shen Wang - October 18, 2024 at 03:52 PM

NE

“ *Nathan Elton lit a candle in memory of Ethan Zhang*



Nathan Elton - October 18, 2024 at 11:03 AM

PE

“ *Peri lit a candle in memory of Ethan Zhang*



Peri - October 17, 2024 at 10:17 PM

KL

“ *My deepest condolences to your family. I am stunned and heartbroken to hear of Ethan’s passing. He was a bright, friendly boy with an infectious personality. I will hold dear the times I was able to spend with him at Bright Horizons. May your memories of Ethan guide you through this impossible time. You are in. Y thoughts and prayers. Ms Kim*

Kim Lopes - October 17, 2024 at 04:39 PM

RH

Our deepest sympathy to you and the family. Cherish every memory and Ethan will always be by your side. Love and hugs to you both

Rose Helmuth - October 20, 2024 at 01:11 PM

KR

“ *I was so heartbroken by the news when I heard, loved Ethan he was full of hugs and smiles sending my condolences -Kiana from bright horizons*



kiana randolph - October 17, 2024 at 01:11 PM

SP

“ Sarah Palmer lit a candle in memory of Ethan Zhang



Sarah Palmer - October 17, 2024 at 11:38 AM

RB

“ Patti and Yiwei, my heart has been heavy since receiving this news. Ethan was clearly a lovely boy who deeply touched the lives of those around him. His passing is a profound loss.

Robbie Bushong - October 17, 2024 at 11:23 AM

LS

“ My deepest condolences. Hearing the news broke my heart. My son was in class with Ethan as he talked about him from time to time.



Leah Schell - October 16, 2024 at 09:43 PM

SR

“ My deepest condolences. I will always cherish the memories of Ethan in the toddler classroom, and the light he brought too. Ethan was full of pure happiness and joy. I am so grateful to have been able to meet Ethan, he will continue to shine bright forever. My thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. -Ms. Shauna from Bright Horizons ❤️

Shauna Ryan - October 16, 2024 at 07:30 PM

LK

“ Yiwei and Patti, I am very sorry to learn about your beloved Ethan. You and your families are in my thoughts and prayers. May you find strength and comfort in the days ahead. With my deepest condolences.

Lisa Kelly

Lisa Kelly - October 16, 2024 at 05:58 PM

RS

“ Rachael Selway lit a candle in memory of Ethan Zhang



Rachael Selway - October 16, 2024 at 04:59 PM

RE

“ R. Lynn Epps lit a candle in memory of Ethan Zhang



R. Lynn Epps - October 16, 2024 at 04:53 PM

DW

“ I am so deeply sorry for the loss of your beloved Ethan. My heart aches for you, and I hope you find strength in the love and support surrounding you.



Danielle Wenzel - October 16, 2024 at 11:22 AM

MM

“ I am so extremely sorry and heartbroken to hear this news. Ethan was such an amazing, sweet, intelligent and kind child and I am so beyond grateful to have been able to know him. My thoughts and prayers are with you during this tough time. I have so many great memories with Ethan at school and even after moving up classrooms he never forgot to say goodbye to me at the end of the day which always melted my heart. He never failed to put a smile on my face and he will be dearly missed. - Ms. Morgan from Bright Horizons ❤️

Morgan Molitor - October 15, 2024 at 11:19 PM

MG

“ Sending my deepest condolences. Going through Ethan's pictures since hearing the news. It breaks my heart writing this. Sweet baby boy Ethan. So happy, smart & loving. Thank for being so kind & gentle. May you rest peacefully.

Mrs. Gloria - October 15, 2024 at 10:24 PM



“ Dina Blank lit a candle in memory of Ethan Zhang



Dina Blank - October 15, 2024 at 07:04 PM

MC

“ I am so sad to hear of this news. I was your first teacher at AJ in Elkins Park PA, we were sad when you moved away. Mom and dad I cannot imagine, I am so sorry. Just know for everyone he met, he made us a better person.

Margaret (Peg) Cohen - October 15, 2024 at 04:34 PM

SP

“ My heart goes out to you and your family in this time of sorrow. May you find comfort in the cherished memories of your beloved son, Ethan. Please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers. My deepest sympathy ~ Stacy Purse

Stacy Purse - October 15, 2024 at 03:27 PM

EV

“ We were so sorry and heartbroken when we got the news of Ethan passing away. Our daughter Inaaya liked Ethan a lot and used to play with him in the daycare. We feel the pain as a parent and miss his innocent face in the school. We are still struggling to absorb the news. There are no words that can truly express the sorrow and heartbreak that comes with such a loss. Please know that our thoughts are with you and your family during this incredibly difficult time. May you find comfort in the love and memories shared, and may the child's spirit live on in the hearts of those who knew them. If there's anything I can do to support you, please don't hesitate to reach out.



Evana - October 15, 2024 at 02:27 PM

BM

“ Always will be in my heart . Ms Bothina bright horizons

Bothina Marouf - October 15, 2024 at 01:56 PM

MR

“ I'm very heartbroken. Ethan you were an amazing kid with a heart of gold. You always loved to help out around the classroom. Loved your cat ! This really hit hard. We will never forget about you. May you rest peaceful in heaven and enjoy every fruit you can. My heart is aching...

MRS.JJ - October 15, 2024 at 12:33 PM

SS

“ Dear Yiwei and Patti,
Please accept our deepest sympathy on the passing of Ethan. It is clear he brought joy, laughter, and love to all who were blessed to know him. We pray God would bless you with the sweetest memories of your precious son to last you all your days. And, in time, may your grief give way to a peace that transcends understanding in having had your life enriched by such a special angel. With condolences, Scott and Lisa Stevens

Scott Stevens - October 15, 2024 at 12:00 PM

SJ

“ Schentel Jones lit a candle in memory of Ethan Zhang



Schentel Jones - October 15, 2024 at 11:43 AM

TP

“ The staff of Adath Jeshurun Early Learning Center sends deepest condolences. Ethan was a treasured student who will be remembered for his sweetness and smile.

Tracey M Perchick - October 15, 2024 at 11:39 AM

LH

“ Yiwei and Patty, I offer my deepest condolences for the loss of your beloved son, Ethan. He will be remembered for his laughter and the joy he brought into your lives and the lives of those around him. May cherished memories and surrounding love bring you peace. You are in my thoughts and prayers. - Lisa Hodge

Lisa Hodge - October 15, 2024 at 11:33 AM

AL

“ AJ ELC in Elkins Park is sending love to your family. We are so saddened to hear of this tragic loss.

Amy Leech - October 15, 2024 at 10:11 AM

CM

“ Christine Motta lit a candle in memory of Ethan Zhang



Christine Motta - October 15, 2024 at 08:50 AM

TW

“ Yiwei & Patty ~ I am so sorry for your loss of your precious Ethan, and can't begin to imagine what you're going through. There are no words to express the sorrow I feel for you and your family. The love you shared with your beautiful son will always live on in your hearts and Ethan's bright light will shine on in everyone he touched. Thank you for sharing your many photos and videos of his joyful life; they so beautifully reflect his extraordinary spirit and your deep love for your special son. My heartfelt love and prayers are with you. - Tracy Willman

Tracy Willman - October 14, 2024 at 06:50 PM

MA

“ There are just no words. My heart breaks for you. Ethan sure did light up a room with that gorgeous smile. I was so excited when he let me hold him a year and half ago. I will treasure that moment forever. Mariann



Mariann - October 14, 2024 at 05:58 PM

SD

“ Sarah D-H lit a candle in memory of Ethan Zhang



Sarah D-H - October 14, 2024 at 05:01 PM

SA

“ I am so very sorry to hear this devastating news about the death of your beautiful Ethan. I'm sending you and your family my deepest sympathies, and hope that his memory serves as a blessing to you all. ~Sarah Baker Andrus

Sarah Baker Andrus - October 14, 2024 at 03:07 PM

DA

“ Patti, I am so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Dru Arban

Dru Arban - October 14, 2024 at 02:46 PM

VD

“ *VICKI DIBONA lit a candle in memory of
Ethan Zhang*



VICKI DIBONA - October 14, 2024 at 02:46 PM