



## Mr. Paul Zi-Fang Lee

June 30, 1937 - April 20, 2024

Paul Zi-Fang Li (李子方), Ph.D., 86, a resident of Tallahassee for 42 years, passed away Saturday, 20 April 2024, in Tallahassee. Paul was born June 30 1937, in Shanghai, China, to Teresa Lan Feng and Joseph Fen Lee.

He came to Tallahassee from China to study for his Ph.D. in Geology at FSU, accompanied by his late wife Gabrielle Wu Lee, an accomplished artist. Both were devout Christians, happy to escape at last from the persecution and discrimination they suffered at the hands of the Communists. In Tallahassee, they joined the Catholic Church of the Blessed Sacrament. After earning his Ph.D., Paul worked as a geologist for the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, with primary focus on protecting groundwater. He co-authored a number of scientific publications, and was an avid inventor. His notable inventions include a step-less variable ratio transmission, a scheme for rapid recharging of electric vehicles by battery-swapping, and a device for measuring seepage between surface and ground water.

Paul is survived by: William "Bill" Myers of Tallahassee, whom Paul and Gabrielle considered a son; his brother, Ziping Li; his niece Shihong (Terri) Li; and nephews Sihau (Chris) Li and Joseph Li. Paul and Gabrielle had many close friends in Tallahassee.

A celebration of Paul's life will be held Saturday, 18 May 2024, at the Abbey

Funeral Home and Tallahassee Memory Gardens, at 4037 N Monroe St.  
Friends are encouraged to arrive at 10AM. The service will start at 10:30 AM.  
Instead of flowers, donations are suggested to the Church of Blessed  
Sacrament, 653 Miccosukee Rd. Tallahassee, FL.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

MAY 18. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

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