

Haiyan “Heidi” Pan (FCAS 2010)

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Haiyan “Heidi” Pan keenly observed her world and the people she held most dear. She held a ceramic science degree and was an early adopter of predictive modeling. She was fascinated with Chinese history and accumulated a large collection of books on the subject over the years.

In 1999 she married Zisu Zhao. The couple moved from Shanghai to Germany and then to the U.S., where

Pan pursued an actuarial science degree at Boston University. After a few career moves, the couple settled in Princeton, New Jersey, to be close to Pan’s post at Munich Re America.

With the birth of her daughter, Ellen, in 2011, Pan’s world changed. She loved being a mother and delighted in observing her young daughter as she grew, especially as the child developed her personality. She wanted her daughter to have the best of everything.

“She really loved the kid,” said Zhao. “She wanted her daughter to be happy, to be independent.” Zhao said that Pan especially wanted Ellen to understand and learn Chinese. Pan left her daughter all of her books of Chinese history — to be read in Chinese one day.

She is survived by her husband and daughter.