

A tribute to Dr. Darold Treffert (1933 - 2020) RIP

From across the globe I grieve the loss of world renowned Dr. Darold Treffert. His work is a legacy for us all. I am so grateful to have had him take part in the life of my family. Dr. Treffert nurtured, supported and strengthened my belief in my son Ping Lian Yeak's capabilities.

"Initially, I became so inspired through reading about savant syndrome from your (Dr. Treffert's) website! ... Later, I gained so much more knowledge about savant syndrome through reading your book "Extraordinary People: Understanding the Savant Syndrome". Then, I emailed you... and the journey of you and Ping Lian began and also indirectly, through you I got to know Dr. Rosa C. Martinez..."

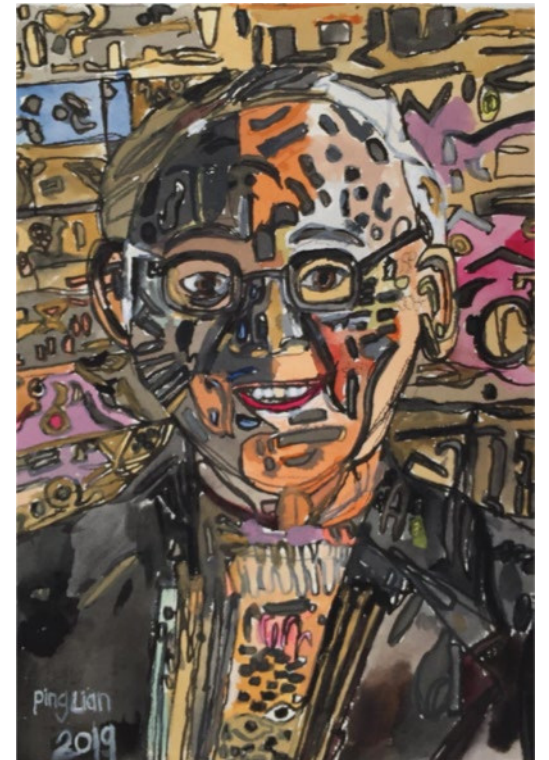
Dr. Treffert and Dr. Rosa's faith in Ping Lian's talent and my own personal experiences and journey with God sustained my faith in Ping Lian's talent and my perseverance in supporting Ping Lian in his Artistic Journey! Dr. Treffert and Dr. Rosa are the two persons who continually walked this journey closely with Ping Lian and I; since the first day they knew us. Ping Lian was only 10 years old, and he is now 27! They have never stopped walking with me in supporting Ping Lian's Journey.

Dr. Treffert supported me, guided me, shared his knowledge and his experience and encouraged me, from the time we were living in Malaysia on to our time in Sydney. Without this continuous support, guidance and encouragement from Dr. Treffert and Dr. Rosa; deep in my heart, I know that I would never have so strongly approached my son's disability from a strengths point of view and Ping Lian would not have achieved the merits he has achieved in his artistic journey www.pinglian.com.
Dr. Treffert and Dr. Rosa have been my best mentors!

Dr. Treffert, is an amazing, kind and humble person. He is a legend. He will be greatly missed by so many around the world. Ping Lian and I will greatly miss his genuine and infinite passion for all people.



#19201 Dr. Darold Treffert (oil on canvas)
Painted by Ping Lian Yeak in 2019



#19202 Dr. Darold Treffert (ink on paper)
Painted by Ping Lian Yeak in 2019

These portraits of Dr. Darold Treffert were painted by Ping Lian in 2019 to acknowledge his immense contribution to the understanding of autism spectrum, Hyperlexia and savant syndrome.

"Thank you Dr. Treffert for leaving behind the incredible legacy of your research and knowledge in Autism Spectrum, Hyperlexia and Savant Syndrome. People throughout the world will continue to be benefit from your dedication and hardwork in these fields. I will also make sure to continue to share your goodness and your legacy from the other side of the globe."

"Thank you Dr. Treffert! You have contributed in making a great difference in Ping Lian's life and indirectly in the lives of my family!"

<https://www.fdlreporter.com/story/news/2020/12/14/fond-du-lacs-dr-darold-treffert-leaves-legacy-work-in-savant-syndrome-autism-disorders/6546052002/>

*My deepest condolences to the Treffert family.
May God give you comfort and strength. God bless!!
Sarah SH Lee - Ping Lian Yeak's mother - Dec 2020
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