SAIA CONVEYS HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES FOR SUNSHINE ENTERPRISE LOSS

KANSAS CITY, MO | December 28, 2018 – The Scaffold & Access Industry Association (SAIA) wishes to convey its heartfelt condolences to Sunshine Enterprise, Inc., for the recent loss of their leadership team. Wei Chen, founder and CEO of the Memphis-based wholesaler and distributor of construction and industrial equipment, was one of four Sunshine executive council members who died in a tragic plane crash on December 20, 2018.

The other three crash victims were identified as John Chen, COO, and Danielle Mitchell, controller, of Sunshine Enterprise and Bruce Pelynio, CEO of Heli Americas, one of several Sunshine portfolio companies. The crash occurred just outside of Atlanta, where the four were attending a strategy meeting. The cause has not yet been determined, according to the National Transportation Safety Board.

StepUp Scaffold, a subsidiary of Sunshine Enterprise, is a long-standing member of the SAIA. For more information, please send all inquiries to info@sunshinet.com or call 901.452.0188. Funeral details are as follows:

Wei Chen

_Wei was the true definition of the American dream. That’s how he should be remembered. We will be forever grateful to Wei for demonstrating to all of us at Sunshine Enterprise what a caring servant leader looks like and inspiring us all to learn and seek ways to be the best version of ourselves._

**Visitation**
Friday, January 4, 2019
4:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Memorial Park Funeral Home & Cemetery
5668 Poplar Avenue
Memphis, TN 38119

**Memorial Service**
Saturday, January 5, 2019
Begins at 10:00 a.m.
University of Memphis Rose Theater
470 University
Memphis, TN 38111

**Burial Service**
A private service for family only will take place immediately following the memorial service.
The Chen family will greet friends and colleagues during Friday’s visitation services. While flowers are appreciated and can be sent to the Chen family at Memorial Park Funeral Home & Cemetery, 5668 Poplar Avenue, Memphis, TN 38119, donations in lieu of flowers to the following organizations that were meaningful to Wei are also being accepted:

- St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital
  Wei Chen Memorial Fund
- Scaffold & Access Industry Association (SAIA)
  Education Fund

**John Chen**

*John was the jack of all trades at our company. There was nothing he couldn’t learn or do. He was loved throughout the company for his selflessness. He was an incredible listener. He was patient with everyone. He was always smiling.*

**Visitation & Reception**

Wednesday, January 2, 2019
4:30 - 6:00 p.m.
Highland Church of Christ
400 N. Houston Levee Road
Cordova, TN 38018

**Memorial Service**

Begins promptly at 6:00 p.m. following the visitation and reception
Wednesday, January 2, 2019
Highland Church of Christ
400 N. Houston Levee Road
Cordova, TN 38018

Online condolences may be made at [FamilyFuneralMemphis.com](http://FamilyFuneralMemphis.com).

**Bruce Pelynio**

*Bruce was a true team leader. He loved his team at Heli Americas. He was there for his employees – not just as a boss. His door was open to them for any matter, large or small. His favorite statement was a Benjamin Franklin quote: "We must, indeed, all hang together, or most assuredly we shall all hang separately."

A private celebration of his life will be taking place. For those who wish to donate in his memory, the Pelynio Family suggests two organizations that were meaningful to Bruce: the Salvation Army and [Tunnel2Towers.org](http://Tunnel2Towers.org).

**Danielle Mitchell**

*From the moment Danielle walked through our door to interview with Sunshine Enterprise, she made a tremendous mark on our company. She was a great cultural fit and rose to the duties of her role from day one. And just like Wei, she had a tremendous zest for life.*

**Memorial Service – Georgia**

Friday, December 28, 2018
12 p.m.
First Missionary Baptist Church
110 W. Calhoun St.
Thomasville, GA 31792

Those interested in sending flowers for the Georgia service should send them to the Mitchell Family at Collins Family Mortuary, 502 W. Shotwell St., Bainbridge, GA 39819.

Homegoing Service – Memphis
Monday, December 31, 2018
11:00 a.m.
Life Church of Tennessee
650 Houston Hill Road
Eads, TN 38028

Those interested in sending flowers for the Memphis service should send them to the Mitchell Family at Memorial Park Funeral Home & Cemetery, 5668 Poplar Ave., Memphis, Tn 38119.

Sunshine Enterprise Executive Council Members (left to right): Mike McAnnally, President, StepUp Scaffold, a Sunshine Enterprise Company; Danielle Mitchell, Controller, Sunshine Enterprise; Wei Chen, Founder and Chief Executive Officer, Sunshine Enterprise; Bruce Pelynio, President, Heli Americas; John Chen, Chief Operations Officer, Sunshine Enterprise.

About the SAIA
The Scaffold & Access Industry Association (SAIA) is a non-profit trade 501(c)(6) association committed to raising the standards of professionalism within the scaffold and access industry. The SAIA represents all facets of the scaffold and access industry through various councils that include, aerial work platform, construction hoist, fall protection equipment, international, industrial, mast climbing, plank and platform, shoring, supported scaffold and suspended scaffold. Through its various programs, the SAIA promotes safety, training and a highly professional, responsible image of the scaffold and access professional. The SAIA delivers thousands of safety training programs a year at various locations throughout the world. These programs cover all aspects of scaffold and access safety and equipment use. The SAIA is also the secretariat for the American National Standard, SAIA ASC A92 and A11 standards. For more information, call 816 595.4860 or visit us at www.saiaonline.org.
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