



## Dan-By Aram Kim

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ML

“❤️ Heavenly❤️



Mary Luschei - February 28 at 08:28 PM

HK

*Thank you so much. I know she loves and misses you too, and believes in you. Keep going with your studies as she wants you to do amazing things in your life ❤️ -her family*

Ha-Yang Kim - March 01 at 02:28 PM

LK

“*Dan-By was more than a teacher, she was a guiding light. Devoted to her students and deeply committed to their learning, she poured her heart into everything she did. Her classroom was not just a place of learning; it was her life's work and her calling. She believed in every student who walked through her class and never let a single one slip through the cracks. She celebrated their successes as if they were her own and worked tirelessly to help them reach their fullest potential.*

*To many, she was a hero, a steady source of encouragement, strength, and unwavering support. The difference she made in this world cannot be measured, because it lives on in the countless lives she shaped. Her impact will be felt for years to come, and she will be missed more than words can express.*

*Lauren Kovarik*

Lauren Kovarik - February 27 at 07:57 PM

HK

*Thank you so much for this beautiful tribute ❤️ -her family*

**Ha-Yang Kim** - March 01 at 02:27 PM

DU

“ *My heart still cannot accept that you are gone. I keep hoping this is only a dream and that somehow I will hear your voice again. Writing these words brings tears I cannot hold back, because I miss you so much.*



*You were never just my children's teacher — you were family to us. You were my dear friend, someone who came into our lives and filled them with kindness, warmth, and love.*

*My heart aches , I wish you had told me — I would have stood beside you through everything. You were always there for us, and I wish I could have been there for you too.*

*Thank you for loving our family so deeply. Thank you for your friendship, your patience, and your beautiful heart. You left footprints in our lives that will never fade.*

*I miss you every day. I carry you in my heart, and I will love you always. Love you ❤️*

*Your friend, always,  
Mrs. Cao*

**Diem Uyen** - February 27 at 07:32 PM

ML

*You know that she's hearing every word that you've written and every thought that you have. She loves you all and will always be there with you.*

**Mary Luschei** - February 27 at 08:10 PM



*Thank you so much for this beautiful and moving message about our precious Dan-By.*

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**Ha-Yang Kim** - March 07 at 11:50 PM

KC

“Bright, does the marooned orange surround  
the blinding sphere in yellow  
In its far off bright smog in yellowed red.  
I watch the waters become artists with its  
blurred reflection  
As I lay my back against the rough surface of an old tree,  
Thin yet it carried me well even after my pure youth  
I looked at its once bright leaves now fallen beneath me  
Vibrant colors matching the the water's light of vibrant gold  
I sigh not out of relief, and cover my eyes from its blinding sunset  
the only sob that filled the silence.  
Painful sobs that butchered me in every beat.  
As I forced myself to open the gates of sight, the sun nearly slept.  
I rose from my grief away from the tree that had lost all its golden  
hair,  
I rest my hand one last time, along its warmth that once held my  
hand  
I pick up one bright yellowed fallen leave of the old tree  
And walked away  
I look up of the now blurry blue, migrating towards dying yellow  
sparks  
Not to make the continue grief of green  
I move towards the dark, holding onto the piece of the cherished  
tree  
With deep sorrow I will miss its guidance, how it held my hand  
The lessons in each leaf that fell on me.  
Wise tree, I'll always look back to when I was young.  
your lessons, the beacon that shaped my heart and painting of the  
world.  
Now I wipe my tears, towards the dark with no fear.



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An Ending, By Kevin Cao

Love you Ms. Kim❤️

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Kevin Cao - February 27 at 07:14 PM

ML

*Oh my heart- that was so beautiful Kevin. What an incredible gift your family was ,is , and always will be. She is smiling so big right now. I feel it deep in my soul.*

Mary Luschei - February 27 at 07:21 PM

HK

*Thank you so much for sharing this beautiful poem with us.*

Ha-Yang Kim - March 07 at 11:51 PM

SA

“ *Rip Ms Kim we loved you so much you may not be forgotten*



Stevenson Alokoa - February 27 at 06:24 PM

ML

*Steven -you are an angel and she loved you so so much. I I am so proud of you for writing this and posting that wonderful video. Love you and your family so much.*

Mary Luschei - February 27 at 06:35 PM

NW

“ *DanBy's love for her students and the immense time she devoted to their learning was only surpassed by her innate and honed skills in actually teaching her students in a way that made a difference. Her legacy will live on in the many, many students impacted by her love and attention. Rest in peace.*

Nola Wilson - February 27 at 06:22 PM

ML

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**Mary Luschei** - February 27 at 06:36 PM

HK

*Thank you so much. We are truly moved and grateful for her lasting Legacy and impact of all the lives of the students she taught.*

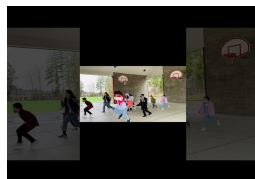
**Ha-Yang Kim** - March 07 at 11:53 PM

KC

“ Sometimes it's something small, a success I wish you could see, a mistake I wish you could correct, or a moment where I hear your voice in my head guiding me the way you always did. And then I remember you're not here the way you used to be. That realization still hurts more than I can explain. You were never just a teacher to me. You were safety. You were patience. You were the steady presence in a world that often felt confusing and overwhelming. In a classroom full of students, you somehow made each of us feel seen. You balanced strength with gentleness and discipline with kindness. And that deeply changed me.

You believed in me before I fully believed in myself. I think about that often. There are so many things I wish I had said when you were here. Thank you for your patience on my worst days. Thank you for not giving up on me when I was distracted, discouraged, or difficult. You didn't just teach subjects. You taught character, compassion, and courage. The days I smile when I think of you. But even in the sadness, there is gratitude. Because loving you as my teacher was a gift. Being guided by you was a gift. Even missing you is proof of how deeply you touched my life. Thank you, Ms. Kim, for your heart, your wisdom, and your quiet strength. I miss you more than I can say, but I carry your lessons and your spirit with me everyday. Your impact will never fade, and neither will the love and gratitude I hold in my heart. Love you deeply, Ms. Kim.

By Kenzie. 1st Grade - 5th Grade.



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Kenzie Cao - February 27 at 06:08 PM

HK

*Thank you Kenzie for your beautiful message. I know she loved and believed in you so much and wants you to continue onwards in your education.*

*Would it be possible to send me a copy of the photo with the flags to my email? Our family would love to have a good copy of this photo. Thank you!*

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**Ha-Yang Kim** - March 07 at 11:57 PM

KE

*Yes, we have this picture and the last picture on 12.12.25. May I have your email please*

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**kenzie** - March 15 at 08:41 PM

ML

“ I had the honor of working with Dan-By at Auburn Online, and she was truly one of the most exceptional teachers I have ever known. She taught our first and second graders before they came to me, and nearly every student spoke of her with such love. To them, she wasn't just a teacher — she was one of their very favorites, someone who made them feel safe, seen, and deeply cared for.

Today, I have the heartbreaking task of sharing this news with parents, who will then tell their children. My heart aches for them. Dan-By poured countless hours into her students. Many arrived not even knowing their alphabet, and night after night she stayed up until 8:00, patiently teaching, encouraging, playing music, laughing, playing games, and simply talking about life. When they left her, they were confident, capable, and meeting benchmarks — a true reflection of her dedication and love. People often compliment my students' high scores, but the truth is, those successes began with her.

Beyond her remarkable teaching, Dan-By had a deep and genuine faith in Christ. We shared similar views of the world and spent many hours in meaningful conversation. I will forever cherish those talks. During our in-person events, she always created the most engaging and joyful experiences for our kids — activities filled with creativity, warmth, and wonder.

I am profoundly saddened that the world has lost such an incredible teacher, woman, and human being — but I find comfort knowing that heaven has gained a beautiful soul. Dan-By's love, kindness, and devotion will live on through every child she touched and every life she changed.

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Mary Luschei - February 27 at 01:43 PM

KI

*Beautifully said, Mary. We are all heartbroken by the news of losing such a wonderful person. I pray Dan-by's family finds some comfort knowing she is now resting peacefully.*

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**KimMee** - February 27 at 01:59 PM

ML

*I feel the family is going to be touched by what the children are writing and sending. She touched so many. 🙏*

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**Mary Luschei** - February 27 at 06:39 PM

HK

*Thank you so much Mary. We are so moved and grateful for reading our Dan-By's impact and legacy in her teaching and her spirit.*

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**Ha-Yang Kim** - March 07 at 11:59 PM

TC

“ *I worked with Dan-by at Terminal Park. We taught different grade levels, but we always found time to talk in the hall and catch up with each other. Today, my class was asked to think about a teacher they wanted to work hard for. One of my students shared that he worked hard for Ms. Kim when he was in second grade. She would let him know when he got a math answer wrong, but she also supported him and helped him understand how to get it right. He said she was his favorite teacher. I am deeply saddened to hear of her passing, and I extend my heartfelt condolences to her family.*

*Tara Clay*

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**Tara Clay** - February 25 at 07:41 PM

HK

*Thank you so much Tara for sharing this with us. We are so grateful.*

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**Ha-Yang Kim** - March 08 at 12:00 AM

MR

“ I am heartbroken by the loss of Dan-By. I had the privilege of working alongside her as a teammate, and I will always be grateful for the time we shared.

*Dan-By was truly kind and compassionate, the kind of person who made everyone feel seen and valued. She loved being an educator, and it showed every single day. Her students adored her, and our staff deeply respected her—not only as a talented teacher, but as a remarkable human being.*

*Some of my favorite memories are the long conversations we had about life, teaching, and all the ways we would fix the world if given the chance. On her last day at our school, we sat and talked for hours. I didn't know then how much I would cherish that time, but I will forever hold onto the laughter we shared and the wisdom she so freely gave.*

*Dan-By made a lasting impact on so many lives, including mine. She will be deeply missed, but her light will continue to shine through the countless students and colleagues she inspired.*

*With heartfelt sympathy,*

*Mary Runions*

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**Mary Runions** - February 25 at 07:18 PM

HK

*Thank you so much Mary. We are so moved and grateful.*

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**Ha-Yang Kim** - March 08 at 12:01 AM

MW

“ I will miss you so much, my sweet friend. Our conversations were always sacred, "real talk" as you called it. You always made me feel validated. You were an amazing teacher, friend, and person. I can't wait to see you again and I will have a million things to tell you. Love always.

*Mary Williamson*

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**Mary Williamson** - February 11 at 01:49 PM

HK

*Thank you so much Mary for sharing this. We are truly so grateful and moved.*

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**Ha-Yang Kim** - March 08 at 12:02 AM