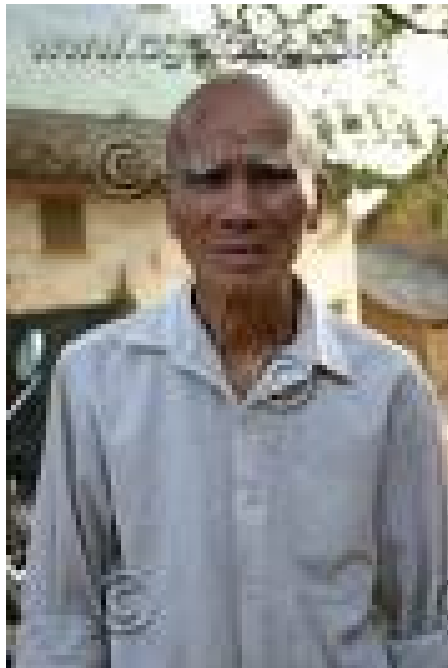


The Blue of Mr. Lai in Taiwan



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Mr. Lai's Spring

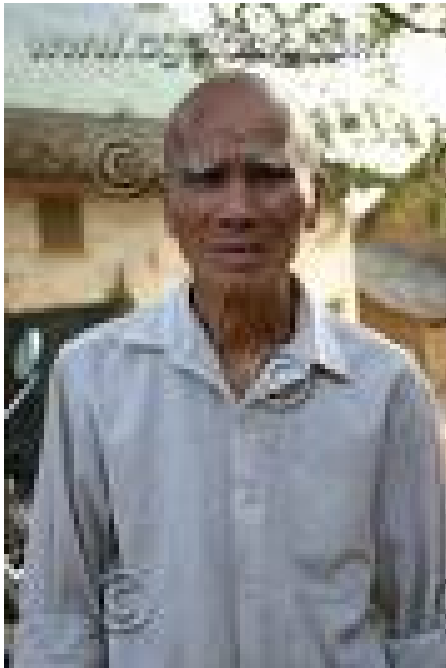


Mr. Lia had a happy family in Kaohsiung County in 1949. He and his wife were glad to live with his son and two grandsons on a farm. He had a nice health care and enjoyed tea-arts with his family.



Mr. Lai's Winter

Unfortunately, Mrs. Lai died of a cancer in 1980 and his son and grandsons have been abroad since 1981. So he has become blue so far.



Mr. Lai's Expectation

Being a 70-year-old man, Mr. Lai has to make his own life by farming. Fortunately, his son gives him **living expense** monthly. So he can survive. His favorite pastime is to **go to the park nearby** to see his old friend. He **hope** that he can have good health and see his son or grandsons someday.



Prompts

1. Why did Mr. Lai become blue? What is or are the possible expectations of Mr. Lai?
2. How does Mr. Lai's show his filial piety to his father when he is abroad. How do you feel about the change of the filial piety in Lai's family?