

I remember only one childhood good friend. His name is MA ZhaiBai. He lived just across the street from our house with his mother. His father was no longer alive when I could remember. He had an older brother who was an army officer. He was two or three older than me. We went to the same primary school, and he was in a higher class. At one time, the school moved to a nearby village to avoid the bombing of Japanese airplanes. We used to go together to school and back every day. He was very nice to me. Like a big brother. Took good care of me. We parted when I went to Sichuan in 1942. It was not until 1990, almost 50 years later that we met again in Taipei. He was still just like a big brother.

Another friend was QIU AnYu. I cannot remember whether we were classmates. He was about my age. His father was a medical doctor. Probably the only doctor of western medicine in that city. He was the godfather of my oldest brother. We got YU in our name from them. So I got to know AnYu, but not too well. Again after about 50 years, I met him again in Tsinghua University. He had been a professor of civil engineering all those years. He still lives in Tsinghua as professor emeritus.

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童年好友我只记得一位，他叫马再白。他跟妈妈住在我们路对面，我记事的时候他父亲就已不在世了。他哥哥是个军官。他比我大两三岁。我们上同一间小学，他上的年级比我高。有一阵，为了躲避日本飞机轰炸，学校转移到附近的村子，我们就每天一起上学放学。他对我很好，像个大哥哥，很好地照顾我。1942年我去四川，我们就不在一起了。直到1990年左右，差不多50年后，我们才在台北再见面，他还是像个大哥哥一样。

另一位朋友是裘安裕。我记不起来是否跟我同学过。他年龄和我相仿。他父亲是个医生，也许是城里唯一的西医，也是我大哥的教父。我们名字里的“裕”字就是从他们那里来的。所以我得以认识安裕，但不算很熟。也是差不多50年后，我在清华大学又见到他。他这些年是土木工程方面的教授，现在还作为退休教师住在清华校园里。