



Thanh D. Pham

June 10, 1930 - November 6, 2015

Thanh D. Pham, age 85, of Bear, DE, passed away Friday, November 6, 2015. Thanh was the 3rd of 11 children born to Tuoi Pham and Dien Nguyen. He was fluent in Vietnamese, French and English. Thanh served as a sergeant in the South Vietnamese Army from 1950-1962. He then worked as a foreman at RMK, an American construction company, in Nha Trang, Vietnam from 1966-1972. In 1990 Thanh came to the United States with his family.

Thanh was an accomplished poet who wrote more than 100 poems. He was also an avid mandolin player. He enjoyed playing soccer, ping pong and tennis, gardening and traveling. Some of his favorite music was by Trinh Cong Son and Pham Duy. He read poetry by Han Mac Tu and Nguyen Binh. Reading favorites included Don Quixote by Cervantes and Truyen Kieu by Nguyen Du. Thanh was a great story teller and his famous story Meo Ca Quap (The Cripple Cat) lasted more than 5 years as he told it to his children. Thanh is survived by his wife, Oi Tran of Bear, DE; 3 sons: Thuan Pham and wife, Hong-Hoa Dang of Easton, PA; James Pham and wife Gloria of Rockaway, NJ; Don Pham and wife Hieu Nguyen of Randolph, NJ. 3 daughters: My-Hoa Pham and husband Thanh Tran of Dover, NJ; Yen-Ha Pham of Paris, France; and Julie Pham and husband Clifford Nguyen of Bear, DE; 9 grandchildren; and 7 great grandchildren.

A visitation will be held Saturday, November 14, 2015 from 11 AM – 12:30 PM in the Strano & Feeley Family Funeral Home, 635 Churchmans Rd., Newark,

DE 19702 followed by a service at 12:30 PM. For directions or to send an online condolence visit www.stranofeeley.com

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **14**. 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM (ET)

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Service

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“ I would like first to thank you all for joining us today, both family and friends alike, my father would be proud of the respect you’ve shown him and honored by your presence.

It is difficult, at best, to stand before you and attempt to honor my father in words. It is never an easy task to capture someone in a speech, as words frequently fall short of capturing someone’s true essence. In this instance, they fall so far below the mark that I feel it is almost futile to try. I am going to ask each of us gathered here to sit in silence for a moment and remember something about this man who touched each of our lives in so many ways.

Even though born and raised in Vietnam for most of his life, my father had the deepest appreciation for this country. He often told us how much he appreciated for having adopted America as his new country. That he wished to be born American in his next life.

My father was an accomplished poet, who made more than 100 poems. Most of these poems we as his children memorize by heart. He had a great appetite for literatures in books and poems in Vietnamese, English and French. He was also fond of soccer, ping pong, tennis, and gardening.

I have so many memories of Dad. When we were growing up he would tell his bedside story every night, his famous one, on the fly story about a cat who was cripple but witty. It’s been so many years passed and even though none of us remembers the story but it still lives in and touches our hearts.

He would write letters to me reminding me to study hard when I was in school. His famous mantra was:

*“If you love me, you get a BA – Vietnamese spelling for father
If you love your mom, get an MA – Vietnamese spelling for mother
And if you love yourself, get a Ph. D (my last name and middle initial)*

His love of education didn’t stop there. When my sister, Julie, just immigrated to this country, she was also subjected to the same “treatment”. I remember going to the local high school with dad and Julie.

Counselor: “Based on what you and your son have told me and the

transcript, I'll put her in 11th grade."

Dad: "No, no put her in 10th grade.", he demanded

"But dad", I said, "that would put her back one year. I think it would be good if she is in 11th grade"

We argued and debated for almost an hour and finally the counselor and I caved in.

And every time Julie had any problems with her school, he would proudly say, "Luckily they had listened to me, otherwise she would have been drown". And every night he would help her with her English until she graduated from high school.

Yes, he will be missed.

His children and friends will miss his jokes, his company and his compassion.

His grandchildren will miss his love.

My mother will miss having her best friend by her side for more than 60 years.

I will surely miss my father for his poems and his inspiration.

*I do know that somewhere, in the vastness of whatever lies beyond, my dad is smiling down at us and wishing us well. We love you,
Goodbye Daddy.*

James (Tri) D. Pham

James (Tri) Pham - November 16, 2015 at 07:42 AM

“Đi?u Van

Kính thua huong linh Cha !

Trong gi? phút thiêng liêng huong tr?m nghi ngút, trang nghiêm, v?i lòng thành kính c?a c? gia đình, chúng con qu? tru?c huong linh Cha, lòng nhu s?c t?nh l?i, sau nh?ng bâng hoàng h?t h?ng khi Cha trút hoi th? cu?i cùng, thì gi? đây, trong lòng m?i chúng con, ch?t trào lên n?i ni?m thuong xót, vì s?p ph?i vinh bi?t chia ly ngu?i Cha, ngu?i Ông kính m?n! Cha oi! ngày mai thân xác yêu thuong ? y, s? mãi mãi không còn ? l?i v?i chúng con r?i.

Cha oi! công d?c và tình yêu thuong c?a Cha đã ban cho chúng con: nhu tr?i , nhu bi?n, th? mà chúng con chưa d?n đáp du?c bao di?u.

" Lên non m?i bi?t non cao

Nuôi con m?i bi?t công lao Cha già."

Khi mà chúng con th?y du?c, hi?u du?c công on sâu n?ng c?a m? cha, thì Cha đã ra đi mãi mãi.

Ôi ! làm sao nén du?c bùi ngùi ti?c thuong, khi mà Cha su?t c? cu?c d?i cung ch? vì con, vì cháu.

Cha oi ! Cu?c s?ng d?y dua chúng con, m?i ngu?i m?i n?o, d?t khách quê ngu?i, chúng con:

" Com an chén bát x? ngu?i

Mà lòng canh cánh, góc tr?i m? cha."

Nh? khi n?ng cháy trua hè , tháng gió ngày đông, Cha đã d?i n?ng, d?i mua, c?n m?n, c?m c?i d? có d? com an, áo m?c, nuôi n?ng chúng con.

Nh? khi chúng con ?m đau , lòng Cha b?n ch?n lo âu, thuong xót.

Nh? th?i khó khan, Cha t?ng ch?y vay t?m áo, chi?c chan, d? chúng con du?c ?m áp.

T?t c? tình yêu thuong ?m áp, hi?n hòa n?ng nàn ?y, gi? đây đã ùa v? v?i bao n?i ni?m ti?c thuong. Chúng con su?t d?i xin ghi t?c!

Cha oi! Lúc tu?i già x? bóng, chúng con cung mong du?c c?n k?

bên Cha d? s?m hôm cham sóc. Nhưng Cha cung bi?t khó lòng,

Cha v?n thu?ng d?ng viên chúng con c? g?ng lo toan, d? con cháu

du?c no ?m b?ng ngu?i. Th? m?i bi?t r?ng: Trong cu?c d?i này,

không ai thuong con b?ng m?, b?ng Cha!

Ch? m?y hôm rày thôi, d?u s?c mòn, lúc ki?t, th? mà Cha v?n bình tâm, t?nh táo. S? an nhiên bình th?n ?y, cho chúng con càng hi?u du?c r?ng: " Tru?c lúc lâm chung, cha v?n mu?n cho con cháu du?c an lòng". Và chúng con l?i càng thương xót vì ch?ng giúp du?c gì cho Cha kh?e l?i.

Lòng c? b?o lòng, chúng con âm th?m kh?n nguy?n Ph?t Tr?i phù h? cho Cha. Th? nhưng! C? b?u tr?i tình yêu thương ?y đã s?p xu?ng!

Than ôi! T? dây dâu còn n?a.

Cha ôi ! Ngày nay Cha đã di r?i! Tru?c gì? t?n bi?t, chúng con, các cháu cúi d?u tru?c linh c?u xin l?y t? on Cha đã ban cho chúng con thân xác, hình hài và tình yêu thương d? trong cu?c d?i này, tru?c ni?m vui và n?i bu?n, tru?c nhân tình th? thái chúng con đã có du?c s? che ch? ?m áp c?a Cha, có du?c ni?m tin yêu d? s?ng, t?t c? di?u đó đã có trong Cha, trong em và con cháu, có trong nh?ng gì đã m?t và đang còn, có ? bu?i ban d?u và phía mai sau. Tình yêu thương và h?n khí ?y, là ánh sáng soi t? trên bu?c du?ng chúng con đi.

Ngày mai Cha đã di r?i. Khi Cha ra d?i, Cha khóc mà m?i ngu?i d?u cu?i. Bấy gì? Cha lia d?i, Cha m?m cu?i và m?i ngu?i l?i khóc. Sinh th?i, Cha là m?t ngu?i ch?ng, ngu?i cha, ngu?i ông h?t lòng thương yêu, lo l?ng cho v? con, Cha là m?t ngu?i con h?t lòng v?i b?n t?c, là m?t ngu?i dân s?ng v?i nghĩa v? v?i d?t nu?c.

"Tôi đi th?t th?u trên du?ng cái

T? c?ng tru?ng thi d?n c?ng nhà

Bí?t t? sao ra ngàn ái ng?i

Tôi mu?n du?ng v? c? mãi xa..."

Bài thơ Cha đã làm cách đây 70 năm c? l?n qu?n, ch?p ch?n, vang v?ng trong ký ?c c?a chúng con...

T?t c? chúng con đã v? đông d? v?i Cha! Thành tâm qu? du?i ánh hào quang Chu Ph?t. H?i hu?ng tâm tu, d?nh l? tru?c Đ?c T? Bi cùng c?u nguy?n cho Hương linh Cha du?c s?m vãng sanh v? Mi?n c?c l?c !

Nam Mô A Di Đà Ph?t

Ph?m Duy Trí

James (Tri) Pham - November 16, 2015 at 07:40 AM

SA

“ *Systems Engineering Directorate, Picatinny Arsenal purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Thanh D. Pham.*



Systems Engineering Directorate, Picatinny Arsenal -
November 13, 2015 at 03:15 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Thanh D. Pham.*



November 13, 2015 at 11:36 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Thanh D. Pham.*



November 13, 2015 at 11:12 AM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Thanh D. Pham.*



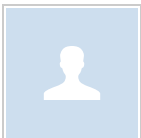
November 12, 2015 at 03:41 PM



“ *7 files added to the album New Album Name*



THUONG VO - November 12, 2015 at 01:28 PM



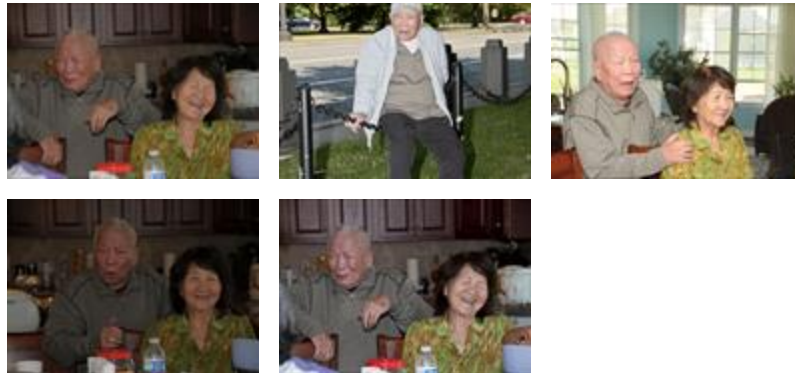
“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Thanh D. Pham.*



November 12, 2015 at 08:40 AM

TV

“ 8 files added to the album Memmories 2013/1



Thuong Vo - November 12, 2015 at 07:10 AM

HT

“ Anh Hung xin gọi l?i chia buồn cùng hai em Th?ch Hàm và gia
quyền. C?u mong hương linh bác trai s?m v? nơi cõi Phật.
Thành Kính Phan Uu
Tr?nh Gia Hung và các con - Saigon, Viet Nam

hoàng Tu?ng - November 12, 2015 at 12:30 AM

TP

“ Duoc hung tin Tha^ñ Phu của? Thach da~ ma~n pha^ñ, Anh Chi
xin tha`nh tha^t chia buo^ñ cùng Thach, Hà`m, Bàc Gà'i và` tang
quye^ñ. Nguye^ñ ca^u Huong Linh Bàc Thanh som Sie^u Sinh
Tinh Do^.
Nam Mo^ Tie^p Da^~n Dao Su A Di Da` Pha^t.

From: Pho' Hoa`ng Tu`ng và` gia di`nh

Tung Pho - November 11, 2015 at 09:25 PM

PT

“ Dear Julie, anh Ham, and Family,

I am so sorry about the passing of your Father. It is wonderful that he was cared and surrounded by Bac gai, Julie, anh Ham, and family in his time on earth. Now he is standing by Buddha in Heaven. May looking back in memory help comfort you tomorrow.

You are in my prayer and thought. Please let me know if there is anything that I can do for you in this trying time.

Phuong Tran - November 11, 2015 at 08:33 PM

KH

“ Khai Hoang purchased the Lily and Rose Tribute Spray for the family of Thanh D. Pham.



Khai Hoang - November 11, 2015 at 06:26 PM

KD

“ Khai Va Gia Dinh lit a candle in memory of Thanh D. Pham



Khai va Gia dinh - November 11, 2015 at 05:32 PM

KH

“ *Ham & Thach,*

Anh chi xin chan thanh chia buon cung hai em, Bac gai va gia dinh.

Nguyen cau huong linh Bac trai som duoc vang sanh noi coi Phat.

Anh chi Khai, va cac con, chau Thuy, Thao, Thu, Kurt, Kayla, Nhan

Khai - November 11, 2015 at 04:49 PM

DV

“ *Daniel V. purchased the Gerberas and Palms Spray for the family of Thanh D. Pham.*



Daniel V. - November 11, 2015 at 12:54 PM

HO

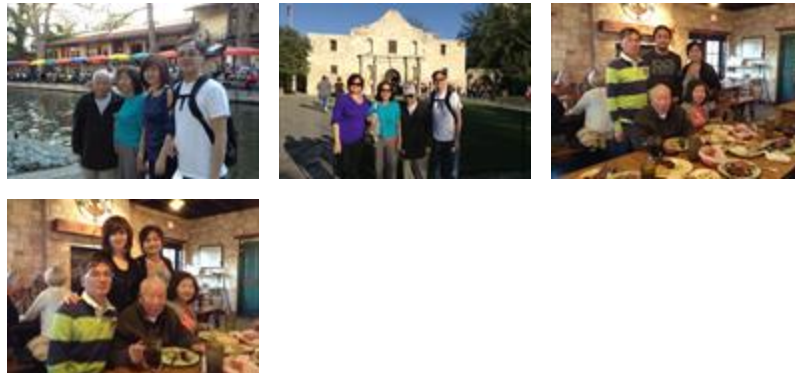
“ *5 files added to the album Dad memories*



hoangtuong - November 11, 2015 at 12:40 PM

HO

“ 4 files added to the album *New Album Name*



hoangtuong - November 11, 2015 at 12:34 PM

HO

“ *Xin chia bu?n v?i cô Tu, Thach Ham va toan gia quyen.
Cau mong huong linh chu Tu du?c v? cõi Niet Ban.
Thành Kính Phân Uu.*

HoangTuong

hoangtuong - November 11, 2015 at 12:07 PM

JU

“ 1 file added to the album *Dad memories*



Julie - November 10, 2015 at 10:28 PM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Thanh D. Pham.*



November 10, 2015 at 09:24 PM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Thanh D. Pham.*



November 10, 2015 at 09:19 PM



“ *Julie lit a candle in memory of Thanh D. Pham*



Julie - November 10, 2015 at 09:18 PM



“ *Ham & Thach,*
Anh chi xin chan thanh chia buon cung hai em, Bac gai va gia dinh.
Nguyen cau huong linh Bac trai som duoc vang sanh noi coi Phat.
Ngoc Thuong va cac con Khanh, Hoang, Long, Tam, An.

Thuong Vo - November 10, 2015 at 07:56 PM

CP

“ CHRISTINE PHAM purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Thanh D. Pham.



CHRISTINE PHAM - November 10, 2015 at 07:04 PM

FF

“ From your friends Michael Vinh and Roy Trieu and family purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Thanh D. Pham.



From your friends Michael Vinh and Roy Trieu and family - November 10, 2015 at 11:02 AM

FA

“ Friends from APG & Bel Air purchased the Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray for the family of Thanh D. Pham.



Friends from APG & Bel Air - November 10, 2015 at 10:00 AM

NA

“ Thach and family,

*Xin chia buo`n Tha.ch va` gia ddi`nh.
nguye^n xin ba'c so`*m ve^` no i mie^`n cu .c
la.c.*

Nam, Nga & Kids

Nam - November 10, 2015 at 08:11 AM



DM

“ Hi Thach, Ham and family.
I am very sorry to hear about Thach's beloved dad passed away.
Please accept my deepest condolences for the loss of your Dad
and father in law. My thoughts and praises will always be with you
and your family through this sad and tough time. I always consider
him as my second Dad. RIP Dad. We assure you that we will take a
very good care of Mom on your behalf.

Dang Hoang Minh

Dang Hoang Minh - November 10, 2015 at 07:40 AM

AT

“ Thanh that chia buon cung Bac gai va Thach Ham, cau mong
huong linh Bac trai som Sieu thoat. Quynh Trinh va Cac con Vu,
Phuong,Dat,Dung,Huy,Chi.

Ann Quynh Trinh - November 09, 2015 at 10:34 PM

CN

“ Clifford Nguyen lit a candle in memory of
Thanh D. Pham



Clifford Nguyen - November 09, 2015 at 10:21 PM

JP

“ James Pham lit a candle in memory of Thanh
D. Pham



James Pham - November 09, 2015 at 09:18 PM

TD

“ Dear Julie and Cliff: We are very sorry for your loss. Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers. May the warmth of family, friends and wonderful memories bring you comfort at this difficult time.

*Chúng cháu xin thành th?t chia bu?n cùng Bác và gia đình. Xin c?u
nguy?n on trên
cho hương linh c?a Bác Trai s?m du?c an ngh? noi mi?n c?c l?c.*

Tu?n và Thu, Middletown, DE

Tuan & Thu of Middletown, Delaware - November 09, 2015 at 04:17 PM

J&

*Cam on Anh Chi rat nhiều. Cau chuc Anh Chi va gia dinh luon manh
vui. J&C*

J&C - November 09, 2015 at 10:24 PM

BD

*Chia Buon cung ch? Tu va cac chau .
Duoc tin buon Anh Tu da an giac ngan thu ngay 9 thang 11 nam 2015,
em va gia dinh vo cung thuong tiec.
Xin thanh kinh chia buon cung chi Tu va cac con, chau trong gia dinh.
Thanh tam nguyen cau hương linh Anh Tu Pham Duy Thanh som duoc
binh an noi của Pha t.
Co Duong Sau va toan gia dinh .
Pham Thi Son &Bui Cu*

Bui Thi Dieu Duc - November 11, 2015 at 04:21 PM

HB

*Chung con vo cung thuong tiec Cau Tu da vinh vien ra di chieu ngay
6/11. Cau mong Mo Tu cung cac anh chi My Hoa, Duy Thuan, Duy Tri,
Duy Tung, Yen Ha, va Bich Thach dung qua thuong dau, nhat la Mo Tu
nho bao trong suc khoe. Som mong hương hon Cau Tu ve voi coi niet
ban.
Chau Bui Thi Dieu Huyen va Vo Ngoc Lam*

Huyen Bui - November 12, 2015 at 09:20 PM