



# Tuyen Ngoc Huynh

April 16, 1934 - June 28, 2021

Survived by:

Spouse: Millet Huynh; Daughters: Anh Therese McCauley (spouse: Chad McCauley), Tuyet Catrina Huynh-Weiss (spouse: Jon Weiss), Caroline Millet; Grandchildren: Aidan, Carson, Willow and Sander

Funeral Details for Friday July 2nd, 2021:

Prayer Service starts promptly 10am - 11am at funeral chapel Washburn - McReavy, followed by visitation from 11am - 1pm

Address: Washburn - McReavy Bloomington Funeral Chapel, 2300 W Old Shakopee Road, Bloomington MN

Burial procession to Cemetery 1pm - 2pm

Address: Bloomington Cemetery, 10340 Lyndale Ave S, Bloomington MN

Buddhist Ritual following burial at Niem Phat Buddhist Temple 2:30pm - 3:30pm with luncheon following

Address: Niem Phat Buddhist Temple, 935 Dale St N, Saint Paul, MN

Please join us for lunch at the temple after the Buddhist ritual.

The family would like to thank the staff of Minnesota Hospice (Tammy, Alyssa, Andrea and Matt) for their exceptional care of Tuyen these past few weeks. Thank you also to Thuong Tao Thich Minh Trong and Ban Ho Niem MN for all their support and prayers.

Please note: NO Flowers or Plants. In lieu of flowers and plants, please send memorials and condolences %: Millet Huynh, @ Washburn-McReavy Bloomington Chapel

All donations will be donated to: Niem Phat Buddhist Temple in donor(s) name.

Tuyen was diagnosed with terminal cholangiocarcinoma (bile duct cancer) on June 4th,

2021. He lived the last few weeks of his life with fervor and enjoyed time with family. He was a child of 3 wars: World War II, the Indochina War and the Vietnam War and survived the last one by fleeing the city of Saigon the night it fell April 30, 1975 with his wife and two daughters (Anh Therese and Tuyet Catrina). The family was settled in Bloomington, Minnesota with the support of LSS and there, Tuyen won his beloved ranch-style home in 1980 in a housing lottery and raised his family and an additional daughter born in 1976 (Caroline) there until his death.

Tuyen joined the French Air Force at the age of 18 in 1952 serving as a procurement officer. When the French pulled out of Vietnam following their loss in the Indochina War, Tuyen was transferred to the South Vietnamese Army. He was fluent in Vietnamese and French and taught himself English. Soon enough, he was hired by the U. S. Government to train their soldiers in the Vietnamese language and served as a translator at Langley Air Force Base. While in the United States, he worked and lived in Alexandria, Virginia / Washington DC and El Paso, TX. He befriended many American Marines and businessmen and upon his return to Vietnam in 1968 met and married his wife (Pierrette Millet). The close ties he had with his American friends helped him to escape the chaos and violence of the last night in Saigon before the city fell. He was the most patriotic man as a result of all the gratitude he felt towards America in helping him to start a new life in the United States.

Tuyen had a lot of pride in his family and in his appearance. If you saw him around town he was always dressed for success: full suit, cravat or bow tie, pocket kerchief and patent leather white shoes - even if the weather was over 90 degrees. He loved to dress in white - no matter the season. He was a life-long learner teaching himself several languages (French and English), accounting, Math (algebra, calculus and economics), and immigration law. He helped several refugees to obtain residency in their adopted homelands as a result of his applied learning(s).

He was an avid foodie - before the foodie culture really took off. He loved to cook and experiment with dishes and could recreate any meal he had eaten out. He loved to cook for his family too and hated to waste food (probably as a result of being hungry all his childhood). His last few weeks entailed a variety of "last suppers" in which the family took him to eat at all his favorite restaurants and delighted in watching him eat what he could.

His favorite hobby was to "tool around" driving throughout his beloved Twin Cities, smoking his cigar and handing out money to the homeless. He imagined a world with no war, no pain and plenty of food. May he obtain the life he imagined in his next journey - a world of imagination!



# Cemetery

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## **Bloomington Cemetery**

1800 West Old Shakopee  
Road

Bloomington, MN, 55431

# Events

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**JUL Visitation 10:00AM - 12:30PM**

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Bloomington Chapel

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**JUL Chapel Service 12:30PM - 02:30PM**

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# Comments

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“ Big hugs to you and your family, Therese, during this time! I believe your father's beautiful spirit lives on within you, and we are blessed to know you! May peace cover your family. Lots of love, Kathryn M

**Kathryn** - July 01 at 05:18 PM



“ Thank you so much Kathryn! I appreciate your kind sentiments.

**Therese** - July 02 at 10:36 PM