



## Somvang Chanthalone

July 19, 1939 - June 11, 2023

Somvang Chanthalone, 83 years old, died peacefully on Sunday, June 11, 2023 at home after fighting a long battle with liver cancer and stroke.

Somvang was born July 19, 1939 to Choum (father) and Kongkeo (mother) at Nathoun Noi village in Salavan, Laos. He was the oldest of five siblings - two sons and three daughters. He was the only one in the US, while the other four remained in Laos. He is survived by one younger sister in Laos.

He was ordained as a novice monk for three years from 13 years to 16 years to study at the temple school. He then joined the army at 19 years from 1958 until 1990. He escaped Laos afterwards, spending a year in the Ban Napho camp in Thailand before arriving in the US in 1991. He married Phouthone in December 1999 and together they have two daughters, Phouthavone Katheryn - age 22, and Manyphone Anne - age 18. He retired from Liberty Carton in 2011.

Somvang loved being involved in the Lao community. Even more so, he loved fishing and watching water buffalo auctions. He was well-known for his slow fishing methods, but abundance in catch. He set a good example on how patience can bear great results.

Thank you for being here to help us celebrate his life. We appreciate all of you for supporting us during this difficult time. Buddhist funeral service is on Saturday, June 17th, 2023 and starts at 12:30 PM. Afterwards, we invite friends and family to join us at our home for food and refreshments.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 17. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Hopkins Chapel  
1400 Mainstreet  
Hopkins, MN 55343

## Chapel Service

JUN 17. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

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