



Vanmany Thongsouk

December 15, 1935 - September 6, 2022

Vanmany Thongsouk 陳美金 Chen Mei Jin วรรณเมณี วีระกุล, 86, was a retired entrepreneur, widow, mother and mother-in-law to five loving children and their spouses, grandmother to seven beloved grandchildren, a loyal sibling of three brothers, one sister, and esteemed sisters-in-law and brother-in-law, and relative to many in various countries including Thailand, Laos, Canada, France and more.

Vanmany was born in Ubon, Thailand, and grew up in the historic town of Muang Kao at the bank of the Mekong river, where her China-born parents traded herbs and grains, and operated a famous rice liquor brewery. Her marriage to the love of her life, Hong Suthat Veerakul, set the trajectory for a move to Pakse, then later on Vientiane to operate a popular fine-imported product store and several movie theaters. Eventually, under political unrest in the region, the family moved to Ubon, and then Bangkok in 1975.

An Asian American success story, Vanmany and her late husband, Hong, then in their mid 40s and concerned for their children's higher-education opportunities, migrated to the United States with four teenagers and a toddler in tow, leaving behind their businesses in Thailand and Laos which had been upended by Vietnam War in the mid 1970s. From 1981 on, Georgia was their adopted home.

"ArMah Vanmany" was blessed to have enjoyed seeing her children and her pride-and-joy grandchildren grow up near and around her. Weekend dinners, family gatherings for birthdays, American and Asian festivals and other traditions- especially the annual beach vacation- oftentimes featuring her legendary cooking, were events where everyone always looked forward to seeing her.

Her travels throughout the US, Europe, and Asia gave her a sweeping perspective of the world, but she still maintained the humble traditionalism of her youth. Her roots informed the strict discipline in which she prepared food and upheld ceremonial practices during occasions like ancestral memorial services, Thai and Chinese festivals, Buddhist events and hosting out-of-town visitors.

Vanmany was a worldly woman with a renowned sense of righteousness and fairness. She was proficient in two Chinese dialects- Mandarin and Teochew-, Thai, Lao, and had basic proficiency in English and Spanish. She took pride in her right to vote and was an active participant in American elections. Above all, she was a woman with a wonderful sense of humor and deep love for her family, expressed most outwardly with her grandchildren. The memories of her many acts of love to us, small and large, are the ones we will miss the most.

Please see details below for upcoming ceremonies honoring Vanmany's life.

Thursday, September 8, 2022, at 6PM

Friday, September 9, 2022 at 6PM

Thai Temple Wat Buddhachua, 3094 Rainbow Dr, Decatur, GA 30034

Buddhist Ceremonies will be performed at the Thai Temple Wat Buddhachua. Dinner will follow the ceremonies on both days.

Saturday, September 10, 2022, at 1:45PM

Northside Chapel, 12050 Crabapple Rd, Roswell, GA 30075.

The Funeral Service and Cremation will be performed at Northside Chapel
Funeral Directors and Crematory. No refreshment service.

*Masks will be provided. Black attire is optional.

Cemetery Details

Cremation - Northside Chapel Crematory

12050 Crabapple Road
Roswell, GA

Previous Events

Funeral Service

SEP **10**. 2:00 PM (ET)

Northside Chapel Funeral Directors & Crematory
12050 Crabapple Road
Roswell, GA

Tribute Wall



“ *Vanmany Thongsouk*

October 08, 2022 at 11:37 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Vanmany Thongsouk.*



September 09, 2022 at 07:41 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Vanmany Thongsouk.*



September 09, 2022 at 12:58 AM



“ *A New Sunrise Spray was purchased for the family of Vanmany Thongsouk.*



September 08, 2022 at 04:05 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray* was purchased for the family of Vanmany Thongsouk.



September 08, 2022 at 08:56 AM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray* was purchased for the family of Vanmany Thongsouk.



September 08, 2022 at 12:20 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray* was purchased for the family of Vanmany Thongsouk.



September 07, 2022 at 09:57 PM

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“ We are so sorry to hear about the passing of 大姑。

Our family will not be the same without her. I know we'll find comfort in each other and we will get through this together.

Please accept our deepest condolences and let us know if there is anything we can help.

Love,

Mak & Jennifer

Wai Mak - September 07, 2022 at 04:42 PM