



William An Tieu

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William An Tieu, 72, passed away on December 1, 2020, in Tulsa, Oklahoma. He was born November 1, 1948, in Vietnam.

During the Vietnam War, at the very young age of 19, An worked as a translator/interpreter for the US Armed Forces for seven years before fleeing to the US with both his and his wife's families along with their son, Joe.

When Vietnam fell in 1975, he and his family landed at Ft. Chaffee refugee camp in Fort Smith, AR. He immediately began working at the refugee camp's data center as a janitor. However, because he was so inquisitive about the data center and its operations, they began to show and train him in computers.

Shortly after arriving at Ft. Chaffee, the families of John Knox Presbyterian Church in Tulsa, Oklahoma sponsored An and his family under the Vietnamese Resettlement Program. They relocated to Tulsa, Oklahoma, and have called it home for the past 46 years, with their second-generation growing up here now. Within two years of establishing residency in Tulsa, An worked two jobs and saved enough earnings to purchase a house, two cars, and material goods necessary for his young family. He achieved many accomplishments throughout his life in Oklahoma; becoming a naturalized citizen, starting a long career with computers and obtaining an Associate's Degree in Computer Science while working full time, and raising a family to name a few. An continued to advance his profession as a mainframe systems operator and programmer until his retirement. Over the course of his life, he worked hard to give his family the "American Dream," where he would save and scrimp to afford his children a better life than he had.

If it was not for An and his position and relationship with the US Armed Forces, he, his, and his wife's family would not be where they are today. For years, he tirelessly petitioned the



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Department of Justice Immigration and Naturalization Service for their admittance and was responsible for bringing over twenty family members to the US.

He often devoted time to the church to help with other refugee families, participated as a member of the congregation, and also served as a trustee during his 46 years with John Knox. One of his favorite church activities was bringing food to the needy during the holidays as a way to give back to those that paid it forward years ago for his family.

An was married to Anh for 47 years and out of this union, they had two children, Joe and Diana. He was a dedicated husband and father who took great care of his family and extended family. He loved his family, fishing, trading on the stock market, smoking cigars, spending hours in the yard, and talking about the past and traditions.

An is survived by his wife, Anh, son and daughter-in-law, Joe and Cheryl, daughter and son-in-law, Diana and Sywei, and grandchildren, Kate, Emilia, and Elliott. He also leaves behind numerous siblings, cousins, nieces, nephews, and friends.

An's favorite charity was the Wounded Warrior Project - https://support.woundedwarriorproject.org/default.aspx?tsid=10043&ovr_acv_id=5246.



Events

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Visitation

- Monday**, December 14, 2020
- 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM CT
- Floral Haven Visitation Suites**
6500 S 129th E Ave., Broken Arrow OK 74012

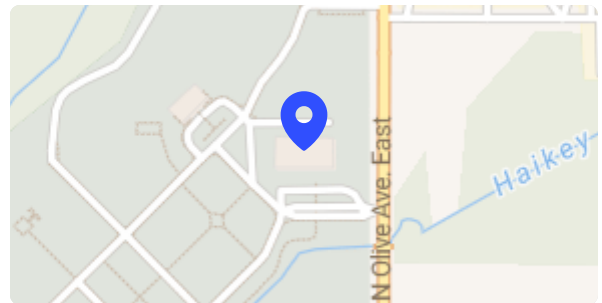


Celebration of Life Funeral Ceremony

- Tuesday**, December 15, 2020
- 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM CT
- Viewneral Service Online**
OK

Burial

- Friday**, December 18, 2020
- 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM CT
- Floral Haven Memorial Gardens**
6500 South 129th East Avenue, Broken Arrow OK 74012





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Floral Haven Funeral Home, Crematory Andcemetery shared a **Video**.



December 15 at 7:20 AM



Haydyn Daugherty posted:

He was always so glad to see my son Haydyn at church. He usually had a snickers bar to give him. He will be missed.

December 15 at 8:04 AM



Randy Cole posted:

What a beautiful service today for An. It was a personal and touching tribute to the wonderful family he grew. My love and prayers for the entire family.

December 15 at 7:16 AM



Pam Cowan lit a candle in honor of William.



December 15 at 6:52 AM



Stephen Doun posted:

"By Providence we became a family through marriage, and by one Savior we become brothers in Heaven." I shall cherish the last few emails you sent to me. I shall miss you. 兆宣姻親，人生苦短，未能多次把酒言歡。而今天人一方，祈望一路好走。來日天堂再敘。你的親家

December 15 at 5:54 AM



Rick And Judy Milroy posted:

An's presence will be greatly missed by our church family. His infectious smile, optimistic greetings and willingness to help wherever needed were his constant gifts to us and our community ministries. Peace be with you. Rick and Judy Milroy

December 15 at 5:53 AM



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Betsy Whitmarsh posted:

We enjoyed seeing you at John Knox. You had a warm smile for everyone and will be missed.

December 14 at 3:06 PM



Anonymous sent a Small Garden Dish to the Tieu family.



December 14 at 11:22 AM



Gordon L Nielsen posted:

I am proud and very pleased to have known An Tieu for many years as we have both been faithful members of John Knox Presbyterian Church in Tulsa. He has served the church in many capacities, and we have always greeted each other with a smile and a handshake. He will be remembered by very many persons who loved him through these many years. May our Lord bless his family as they mourn his loss.

December 14 at 10:27 AM



Nettie Singer December 14 at 1:06 PM

An was always kind and friendly to me. I will always remember him. God be with his family.
From Nettie



Claire Siuchan posted:

The great man! You will truly be missed by everyone Uncle William. Only if people understand the amount of good deed you have done. Especially for our family. If it wasn't for COVID, you will be the one who will have enough respect to bring every single person in the Tieu family together.

December 14 at 8:32 AM



Anonymous sent a Sentiments of Serenity Spray to the Tieu family.



December 13 at 1:03 PM



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Daniel P. sent a sympathy card to the Tieu family.

December 11 at 9:49 AM



Daniel Patitz posted:

We would get together once every two weeks for lunch and catch up with each other.

December 11 at 9:38 AM



Anonymous sent a Pink Tribute Spray to the Tieu family.

December 9 at 7:51 AM



Anonymous sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Tieu family.

December 9 at 5:29 AM





Media

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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring William by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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