

David Ngoc Pham was born on December 12, 1960, in Phú Yên, Vietnam to Phu and Tieng (Truong) Pham. He was 1 of 10 children. His family owned and operated a fishing business in Vietnam. In 1978, David and his brother, Thanh, fled after the Vietnam War to escape communist rule and arrived in Indonesia at a refugee camp. David and his brother were sponsored in 1980, by First Lutheran Church in Osakis, MN to come to America. David finished his schooling and graduated from Osakis High School in 1981. Afterwards, he attended Alexandria Technical College, graduating in 1983 to become a machinist.

During this time in America, David constantly tried to get ahold of his girlfriend, Mai, whom he was separated from when they were fleeing Vietnam. It wasn't until 1990, that David and Mai were reunited by a letter that took 6 months to reach her in Australia. In 1992, Mai and their son, Jack, were sponsored to come to America with David. The family settled down in what would be their new home in Alexandria, MN. David and Mai were united in marriage on May 17th, 1993. The couple was blessed with another son, Phillip, in 1994. David worked as a machinist at ITW Heartland for over 20 years before retiring.

David was a lifelong Minnesota Vikings fan and was always one of the loudest at his children's sporting events. He enjoyed traveling, especially the trips back to Vietnam and Australia to visit family. David enjoyed cooking, going on long walks and being outside. Most importantly, David loved fishing and being with his family. In keeping with David's loving and generous spirit, he was able to successfully donate life to four others after passing.

David passed away unexpectedly from a brain aneurysm on Thursday, May 7, 2020, at the St. Cloud Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Mai, sons, Jack (Elizabeth) Pham of Woodbridge, VA; Phil (Tara) Pham of Alexandria, MN; grandchildren, Noah, Lillian and Madison; brother, Thanh (Kim) Pham of Savage, MN, and many other brothers and sisters. David is preceded in death by his parents; and a few siblings.

Fisherman's Prayer

*God grant that I may
Live to fish,
Until my dying day,
And when it comes
To my last cast,
I then most humbly pray,
When in the Lord's
Safe landing net,
I'm peacefully asleep,
That in his mercy I be judged,
As big enough to keep.*

In Memory of
David Ngoc Pham
December 12, 1960
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May 7, 2020

Memorial Service
Anderson Funeral Home
Alexandria, Minnesota
Friday, May 15, 2020
2:00 PM



Officiant
Celebrant Margaret Schroder
Music
"Because of Love Instrumental"
By SuriMacrus Music
"Charming Heaven" by Suta Zither
Honorary Urn Bearers
Danny Pham Dat Quang
And David's Fishing Buddies
Interment
Kinkead Cemetery
Alexandria, Minnesota