

## ORBITUARY OF KHIEM NGUYEN



July 10, 1944 -August 24, 2026

Khiem Nguyen, age 82, passed away peacefully on August 24, 2026, following a long health battle. Born on July 10, 1944, in Nam Dinh, Vietnam, he was the beloved son of the late Tam Nguyen and Kim Nguyen (née Dao).

Khiem was a man of remarkable strength, intelligence, and perseverance. Throughout his life, he overcame many challenges with resilience, determination, and grace. He was deeply respected by those who knew him for his wisdom, kind spirit, and unwavering work ethic.

For years, Khiem proudly owned and operated a beloved pho restaurant in Lakewood, Ohio, where he shared delicious meals. His restaurant became a gathering place where friends, neighbors, musicians and newcomers alike were welcomed with humor, comfort food, good conversation, and unique service. He took great pride in serving his best pho and creating lasting connections with those who walked through his doors.

Outside of work, Khiem enjoyed reading, listening to music, and continually expanding his knowledge. A thoughtful and intelligent man, he found joy in learning and sharing his insights with others. His quiet wisdom, determination, and caring nature will be deeply missed by all who had the privilege of knowing him.

Khiem leaves behind his loving sister, Kim Nguyen, his nieces and nephews: Van (Jim) Marosek, My Linh (Wayne) Wiggins, Anh Nguyen, John Nguyen, Tony (Allison) Nguyen, Hung "Mark" Nguyen, Diep Nguyen, Minh (Mike) Suster, Tuan (Quyen) Nguyen, Bick (Lane Kelley) Fielder, and Alice (Johnny) Johnson.

He is also survived by his cherished great-nieces and great-nephews: Emily, Alina, and Isabella Marosek; Mason and Ai Tien Wiggins; Henry and Andrew Suster, Mai Phuong; Kaitlyn and Jacob Nguyen; Chloe, Gavin, and Lola Fielder; Mai Xuan and Quy Lan Johnson; Kyleigh, Brooklyn, and Ethan Nguyen.

Though he is no longer with us, Khiem's legacy of perseverance, kindness, and dedication to family and community will live on in the hearts of those who loved him.

A traditional Buddhist funeral service will be held on Friday, September 4, 2026, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Sunset Chapel, 6245 Columbia Road, North Olmsted, Ohio 44070. Visitation will follow that evening from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the chapel.

A graveside service will be held on Saturday, September 5, 2026, at 12:00pm. at Sunset Memorial Park.

Family and friends wishing to participate in Khiem's final ride from his former Cleveland home to his place of rest are invited to gather at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, September 5, 2026, at 10316 Clifton Boulevard, Cleveland, Ohio 44102. The procession will depart from his former home promptly between 10:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. and travel to Sunset Chapel, where a committal service will be held at 11:45 a.m. Following the service, Khiem will be laid to rest in his final resting place at Sunset Memorial Park.

Following the conclusion of services on Saturday, family members and friends are invited to join the family at Vien Quang Temple, 4724 W. 130th Street, Cleveland, Ohio 44135.

Khiem will be remembered for his strength, generosity, wisdom, and the countless lives he touched through both his family and his community. May his memory be a blessing to all who knew and loved him.