



## Nit Bunleut

April 10, 1942 - February 27, 2021

Nit Bunleut, 78, passed away peacefully in his home in Inman, South Carolina, on Saturday, February 27, 2021.

Nit was born in Prey Kapouh, Cambodia, on April 10, 1942. He worked as a farmer from an early age and grew up with 4 brothers and 4 sisters. He married his wife, Phu Chann, and they started a family. Then came the rise of the communist party, Khmer Rouge. Nit made sacrifices to survive and did what he sought as necessary to make it out alive, as many men his age were murdered during that time. In 1975, he escaped with his family to seek asylum at a refugee camp in Aranyaprathet, Thailand. He decided to move his family to the United States of America in 1981 in search of a better life and new opportunities. He learned English and worked as a machine operator to continue to provide for his wife and 7 children until he retired in 2003.

Nit was a man of honor. His physical presence always commanded respect. He was very religious and followed the ways of Buddhism, often going to the temple and making donations. He was always present at ceremonies for other families in the communities he lived in. Nit made an impact on anyone who encountered him.

He will be remembered for his love of WWE, Dasani water, Taco Bell, and playing jokes on his family members. He enjoyed tending to his garden and

greenhouse, his favorite hobby after retirement. Citizens of Inman may have spotted him chugging along the Asheville Highway in his Toyota Land Cruiser wearing his fedora, frequenting the Dollar General or Family Dollar, or dropping in at his children's houses. He had a very distinct laugh and a crooked smile that brought joy to all who knew him. He loved making his wife, Phu, laugh with all of his dance moves to Khmer songs.

Nit is survived by his sister, Pew Bunleut, in Thailand, his beloved wife, Phu Chann, and children, Tev & Houn Phim, Teav Bunlort & Rathana Pahl, Danny Bunleut & Ry Ven, Teo Bunleut & Kounmy Philavong, Sheena & Roun Sai, Teng Bun & Vith Praseutsy, all of Inman, South Carolina, and Thany Bunleut & Chanty Khuth of Buford, Georgia.

He is also survived by his grandchildren, who love their "Tao boy," very, very much; Sokphen & Stephanie, Chanthy, Sokveacza, David, Sokmarcara, Eric, Geoffrey, Richie, Justin, Vanessa, Liana, Kayla, Jordan, Daryn, Ryan, Dillon, Jayvon, Chanelle, and Elaina. His last grandchild, a boy, is expected to join his legacy this May of 2021. His grand-dogs, Milo and Astro, will miss him feeding them rotisserie chicken.

He also leaves behind his great-grandchildren; Jennifer, Dante, Harmony, Tate, Armani, Hannah, Travis, Bentley, Madeleine, Norah, Dallas, Gianna, and Ace, and one great-great-grandson; Jacob. They loved going to "Tao's house" so they could see him and he would buy them McDonald's.

He is predeceased by his father, mother, 4 brothers, 3 sisters, and two great-grandchildren, Cebastian and Heaven.

His family is very grateful for all of the kind contributions and messages they have received. He will be missed deeply.

Services will be held on Saturday, March 6, 2021, at 1:00 P.M., at Living Waters Funeral Home, located at 529 Spartanburg Hwy S, Lyman, South Carolina.

# Previous Events

## Service

MAR 6. 1:00 PM (ET)

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