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Mr. Nghia C. Pham, known affectionately as “Mr. Kim,” a husband, soldier, father, loving grandfather, pillar of his community, and monk passed away on July 17, 2018. Nghia was born on August 22, 1943 in Cai Be, Vietnam in the Mekong River Delta. After working as a Vietnamese-English interpreter with the U.S. military from ages 16 to 25, he became a 1st Lieutenant in the South Vietnamese Army. Following the fall of the Republic of Vietnam, Nghia fled with his family to a refugee camp in Malaysia before making his way to Memphis under sponsorship of the United States Catholic Charities in 1978. Once in Memphis, “Mr. Kim” and his wife, Kim Be Chung, dedicated their lives to helping other immigrants make Memphis their home. The loving couple established the first Vietnamese foods grocery, built the first Buddhist temple, and made themselves a pillar of their community. In 2000, he renounced his worldly possessions to don the saffron robes of a Buddhist monk. Nghia was preceded in death by his wife Kim, his parents Pham Chon Nhon and Bui Thi Muon, his two sons, Tam and Thanh, his granddaughter, Elizabeth, and his grandson, Jonathon. He leaves behind his children, Pham Ngoc An, Pham Thi Kim Anh, Pham Thi Kim Ngan, Kristina Pham, Karina Tong, Monica Pham, 25 grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren. His visitation will be at Memorial Park Funeral Home on Saturday, July 21 from 4 p.m.-8 p.m., and the service will be on Sunday, July 22 from 8 a.m.-12 p.m. The family requests that no flowers be sent and to consider making a donation to the charity of your choice. Arrangements have been entrusted to Memorial Park Funeral Home and Cemetery, 5668 Poplar Ave., Memphis, TN 38119 (901) 767-8930. “Celebrating Life... Behind the Stone Wall”.



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Donald Dupuy posted:

Revelations 21:3-7 With that, I heard a loud voice from the throne say: "Look! The tent of God is with mankind, and he will reside with them, and they will be his people. And God himself will be with them. 4 And he will wipe out every tear from their eyes, and death will be no more, neither will mourning nor outcry nor pain be anymore. The former things have passed away." 5 And the One seated on the throne said: "Look! I am making all things new." Also, he says: "Write, for these words are faithful and true." 6 And he said to me: "They have come to pass! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To anyone thirsting, I will give from the spring of the water of life free

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Laverne D Jones posted:

Look to God for comfort in your time of sorrow. 2 Corinthians 1:3,4 He will hear your prayers because he cares about you. Psalm 65:2; 1 Peter 5:7

July 19 at 3:56 AM



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