



Jimmy Cường Đức Phạm - Graduation Day in June 1974



In Loving Memory

Jimmy Cường Đức Phạm

April 10, 1952 - November 4, 2023



VIRTUAL MEMORIAL GATHERINGS

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<https://virtualmemorialgatherings.com/memorial-services/jimmy-duc-pham/>

Jimmy Cuong Duc Pham was born on April 10, 1952 in Dalat, Vietnam.

Growing up in Vietnam, he attended French-Vietnamese schools, learning French, Vietnamese, and German along the way. He completed law school and was slated to begin his legal and political career until the fall of Saigon in April 1975 changed his plans. He escaped the end of the war as a 23-year-old passenger on a ship led by the USS Kirk headed toward the United States by May 1975.

As a refugee in the U.S., he lived with a German-speaking host family in Washington, D.C. Pulled by friends, good weather, and the beaches of Southern California, he eventually made his way to Huntington Beach and settled in this area for the larger part of the next ~50 years of his life.

Jimmy was a foreign policy wonk, entrepreneur, businessman, realtor, and artist, and he spread his knowledge to extended family and friends around the world. He was also a generous spirit who helped many Vietnamese refugees settle into their new home country, teaching many how to drive, find jobs, learn English, buy homes, manage finances, enroll in education, and navigate government bureaucracies. He regularly enjoyed quality time with friends and family, a good cup of Vietnamese coffee, great music, traveling, and chatting about current events.

Jimmy passed away on November 4, 2023 at 7:35 pm PST surrounded by family members and visits by friends in Irvine, Orange County, Southern California. He battled stage 4 large cell neuroendocrine carcinoma lung cancer, a rare and aggressive type, with courage, sound mind, positivity, wisdom, and humility throughout the ordeal and until the very last day. He is survived by his daughter Jessica and son-in-law Dennis; her brother Michael and his family Robert, Avery, Stuart, and Royce; nieces Anita, Lily, Elise, and Nancy; and extensive family in Vietnam throughout Ho Chi Minh City, Dalat, and Hanoi he worked hard to reunite.

*Note: American birthday: April 10, 1952; Vietnamese birthday: April 10, 1950.

In Loving Memory of
Jimmy Cuờng Đức Phạm

Memorial Service

November 15, 2023
Peek Funeral Home
7801 Bolsa Ave, Westminster, CA 92683, USA

Live Stream Available Starting at 10:30 AM PST

- A prayer service – lễ nhập quan phat tang va cau sieu for Jimmy will be held Wednesday, November 15, 2023 from 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM
- A visitation – tham vieng – chapel # 5 will occur Wednesday, November 15, 2023 from 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM
- A funeral service – lễ di quan will occur Wednesday, November 15, 2023 from 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM
- A graveside service – a tang will occur Wednesday, November 15, 2023 from 2:00 PM to 2:59 PM at Westminster Memorial Park, 14801 Beach Blvd, Westminster, CA 92683.
- A lowering of casket will occur Wednesday, November 15, 2023 from 3:00 PM to 3:30 PM

Ongoing Temple Prayers

13852 Newland St, Garden Grove, CA 92844

It is Buddhist tradition to pray for the deceased for 7 weeks on Sundays.

The 7 weeks of Sunday prayers begin on November 12.

Large group prayer led by monks begins at 9:30 am PST.

Small group prayer to honor the passed where family offers Jimmy sustenance is at 11:00 am PST.

Friends and family who wish to attend to offer prayers are welcome any/all of these weeks.