



Mrs. Mao V. Xiong

August 10, 1946 - September 17, 2024

Mao was born on August 10, 1946 in the village of Phajkhwv, province Xiengkhoung, Laos. Her father died when she was very young and her mother remarried. Mao had six siblings; two brothers and five sisters. She was married off to her husband Nou Xang Xiong. They had seven children; one deceased and six survived. During the Secret War in Laos (1964-1975), her husband worked for the CIA. In May 1975, when Laos fell to the communist Pathet Lao, Mao and her family were afraid of being prosecuted due to her husband's involvement in the military. Mao, her husband and children, along with many other Hmong and indigenous people of southeastern Asia, decided to flee to Thailand. They lived in the Ban Vinai refugee camp in Thailand for a year before being sponsored to Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin. At first as a first generation immigrant, the transition was difficult but thankfully, her sponsors taught her the basics of everyday life as an American. Mao worked all her life to support her husband and to raise and ensure that her children were well prepared for life. She was extremely happy to watch her children grow up to be the men and women they are today. In 2004, Mao and her husband moved to Plant City, Florida to enjoy the Sunshine State. She loved working on the farm, selling her crops at flea markets, visiting families and friends, and attending church on Sundays. She was active at Sunshine Hmong Alliance Church in Plant City for many years. Mao was diagnosed with cancer in early 2024 and went home to the Lord on September 17, 2024. At the age of seventy-eight, Mao lived a blessed life. From her surviving husband, a son,

and five daughters, she was blessed to see her 58 grandchildren with her many great-children on the way. She will be remembered and missed for her generous heart, hard work, sacrifices, and devotion to her husband and family. A funeral service will take place on Friday, September 27, at 7:00 P.M. at Lone Oak Baptist Church, 3505 Lone Oak Rd, Plant City, where the family will receive friends from 4-7:00 P.M., and 8-10:00 P.M. An additional funeral service will take place on Saturday, September 28 at 11:00 A.M. at Lone Oak Baptist Church, where the family will receive friends at 10:00 A.M. Committal to follow at Hopewell Memorial Gardens, Plant City. Expressions of condolences at www.HopewellFuneral.com.

Cemetery Details

Hopewell Memorial Gardens

6005 County Road 39 South
Plant City, FL 33567
(813) 737-3128
office@hopewellfuneral.com
<https://www.hopewellfuneral.com>

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 27. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Lone Oak Baptist Church
3505 Lone Oak Road
Plant City, FL

Funeral Service

SEP 27. 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Lone Oak Baptist Church
3505 Lone Oak Road
Plant City, FL

Visitation

SEP 27. 8:00 PM - 10:00 PM (ET)

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Plant City, FL

Visitation

SEP 28. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Lone Oak Baptist Church
3505 Lone Oak Road
Plant City, FL

Funeral Service

SEP 28. 11:00 AM (ET)

Lone Oak Baptist Church
3505 Lone Oak Road
Plant City, FL

Tribute Wall



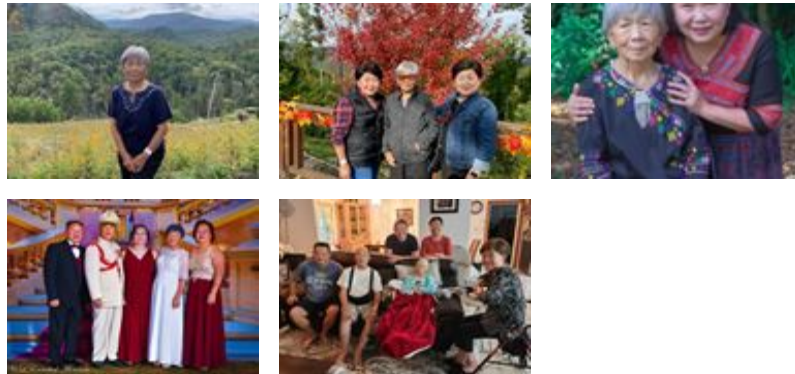
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The Texas part of the family. The Allens - September 20, 2024 at 10:08 PM