



Inh George Souriyavong

May 3, 1948 - January 28, 2022

Inh Souriyavong fought a courageous battle against gastric cancer with his bright positivity until his last day, departing this lifetime January 28th, 2022 at approximately 8:00 PM, surrounded by the love and gratitude of his family at home. Inh was born May 3, 1948 in Savannakhet, Laos. He was one of nine children brought up in a farming family. In 1964 he received a B.A. in Mechanics from College d'enseignement Technique Savannakhet. In addition to Lao, he spoke fluent French and Vietnamese, and conversational English. From 1965 to 1975 he was employed by USAID 7KM (U.S. Agency for International Development) in the capital city, Vientiane, where he was the kitchen manager, translator and "American Club" bartender/film projectionist. He may have perfected his sharp style and coolness during this time, but eventually went back home to Savannakhet where he met and married his wife, Sang, in 1976. They had a healthy daughter, Chanthavanh, in Nov. 1977. While living in refugee camps, Inh worked as a translator for UNICEF in Ubon, Thailand during 1980, when his wife gave birth to their second daughter, Chanthala. Their small extended family immigrated to Oakland, CA in January 1981. They settled in New Orleans, where Inh began his public service work with the Orleans Levee District. He enjoyed the sportsman's life in the Gulf South, fishing and small game hunting, especially squirrel. Gifted in the tune of nature, Inh built large edible gardens. He loved foraging for mushrooms, bamboo and palms. In 1995, Inh took on the middle name "George" after he passed the American history test portion becoming a naturalized American

citizen. He retired from public service as a supervisor after 36 years with the Orleans Levee District in 2017. Inh was proud everyday of his life to be able to provide for his family and make life-long friends along the way.

He is preceded in death by his mother, Cheng Souriyavong, his father, Kheuang Souriyavong, his father-in-law, Pong Doungsy of New Orleans, his sisters, Thongheuang & Nousin Souriyavong, his brother, Bounssouan Souriyavong. He is survived by his sisters, Phoukong Malaysavanh & Thao, brothers, Sithouan Souriyavong & Khamphao Souriyavong.

In the U.S. he is survived by his wife of 46 years, Sang Souriyavong of New Orleans, his daughters, Chanthavanh Souriyavong (husband, Albin Spangler) & Chanthala "Noy" Souriyavong (husband, Thomas Beeman), mother-in-law, Phieng Doungsy, niece, Marisa Xayaboupha (Nathan Xayaboupha, Aiden Clements, Abigail Clements), brother, Laokham Souriyavong (wife Khanty Borihane), brother and sister-in-law Calvin & Kim Xayaboupha, nephew, Doungpy Souriyavong, niece, Nancy Chanthanhothirat (husband Jefferey Chanthanhothirat, Ashton Chanthanhothirat, Sophia Chanthanhothirat).

The Souriyavong family extends their gratitude to Dr. Jonathan Mizrahi, his colleagues and staff at Ochsner Benson Cancer Center for prolonging Inh's time with effective yet gentle treatments ensuring the integrity and quality of his life. Their care and support was a blessing. We would also like to thank Guardian Angel Hospice for their compassionate assistance in making his last weeks at home comfortable.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 4. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

L.A. Muhleisen & Son Funeral Home
2607 Williams Blvd
Kenner, LA 70062
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Service

FEB 5. 1:30 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Inh George Souriyavong*

October 15, 2023 at 09:39 PM



“ *Thank you for the beautiful tribute. Dickie and I loved learning more about Ihn's special life, and what a brave man he was. We did not realize he spoke fluent French, changed his middle name to "George," and that he had such a large extended family in the US. And yes, he had a sharp style and coolness about him!*

May and Dick Spangler - February 03, 2022 at 03:38 PM



“ *RIP my friend may God give you family the comfort at this time of sorrow*



Alberto Diaz - February 02, 2022 at 06:41 PM



“ *Herman S Freeman lit a candle in memory of Inh George Souriyavong*



Herman S Freeman - February 02, 2022 at 04:58 PM

HF

*Souriyavong Family
Inh was a beautiful person inside and out, your family are in our minds and prayers. And you'll never be forgotten*

*FROM:
Your co-worker and Friend
Herman S Freeman*

Herman S Freeman - February 02, 2022 at 05:25 PM

LD

Inh was good man hard worker Rip my friend. God Bless your Family. You will be missed by all your family.

Louis Durr - February 04, 2022 at 08:22 AM

RD

Inh Rip my friend God bless your family 🙏 and friends 🙏 you will be missed but never be forgotten thank a lot 🙏❤️

Roy Davis - February 05, 2022 at 02:34 PM

SH

“ Inh you was a good friend you we work together at Orleans levee broad take your rest inh your good friend sherry

Sherry hines - February 02, 2022 at 04:33 PM