



Mr. So Sourakakone

December 16, 1928 - January 28, 2018

UTICA - Mr. So Sourakakone, age 89, passed away as his soul descended from his body on Sunday, January 28, 2018. His passing occurred at the Faxton-St. Luke's Healthcare Center with his loving family by his side.

Born in Champasak, Laos on December 16, 1928, So was the son of the late Pim and Gong (Phalaphanh) Sourakakone. He graduated from high school and continued his education in college majoring in Business Administration. So fell in love with and married the former Thou Keodundy. She gave birth to five children but tragically passed away when they were still very young. The babies were blessed to be taken in and raised by their grandma, aunts, and uncles.

So worked as a border policeman in his homeland and immigrated to the United States in the 1980's settling in Binghamton where he accepted a job with a cable company. So was a selfless, humble man, and although his affection was not demonstrable, he gave his love in so many other ways. He was a family man, a good provider, and always saw to his family's needs. His persona was that of a happy man, and many emotions were expressed through his eyes. He was entertaining, and he had a heart of gold. He enjoyed Monday night SmackDown Wrestling, Lakers Basketball, and boxing. He loved working the soil and planting a vegetable garden. Peppers were his passion, especially fiercely hot small chili peppers! He harvested the seeds from the mature plants and cultivated them from season to season. He embraced the traditions and beliefs of Buddhism, and the positive qualities of

joy and compassion. He attended Temple functions and prayed to Buddha for blessings. So honored his Asian heritage, adhered to his ancestral traditions, ... and lived each day as if it were his last.

So is survived by his children, Dr. Vieng Sourakakone, Somsack Sourakakone who preceded him in 1989, Somphong Kaychitch, Chanpheng "Kak" Sourakakone and her husband Suutran, Meng Sourakakone, and Khamseng Sourakakone; and his 10 grandchildren including those who live locally, Alex, Noah, and twins Amaya and Nadiya, as well as additional grandchildren who live in Laos. He also leaves his siblings, Kanya Sourakakone, Buathong Sourakakone, Thong Khiamdavanah, Bua Phalaphanh, Outhai Phalaphanh, and Vilay Phalaphanh; and his nieces, nephews, great-nieces, and great-nephews. The family was blessed with the love and guidance of Marie Lee who was also a remarkable caregiver to So and a motherly and grandmotherly figure to the family.

The family is grateful to Dr. Gordon Fung, Dr. Sultana Razia and her staff, the personnel of the Faxton-St. Luke's Healthcare Center, and the staff of the Senior Health Care Network; all were kind and understanding throughout a difficult time. Gratitude is also extended to his son-in-law, Suu Tran who respected So as his own father and cared for him with compassion; as well as Suu's family, Nouy and Monica Souriyavongsa for their concern. Through the network of family and good friends, So was well cared for and truly blessed. They never left his side.

Visitation will be held Friday from 5:00-7:00 at the Eannace Funeral Home, inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. A Buddhist Farewell Ceremony will commence on Saturday morning at 8:30 at the funeral home and will conclude at the Chenango Valley Crematorium.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 2. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Eannace Funeral Home, Inc.
932 South Street
corner of Hammond Ave.
Utica, NY 13501
(315) 724-6714
eannacefh@roadrunner.com

Service

FEB 3. 8:30 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

CJ

“ *Our condolences to the entire family. Chris and Kim Johnson*

Christopher Johnson - February 02, 2018 at 04:00 PM



“ *Eternal Paradise was purchased for the family of Mr. So Sourakakone.*



January 30, 2018 at 10:45 PM

TF

“ *Kham our deepest condolences go out to you and your family at this time for the loss of your father. We keep you in our prayers at this sad and tragic time.
The Torres family*



torres family - January 30, 2018 at 04:12 PM

SS

Dear Kham. Was sorry to learn of your fathers passing. You shared many and interesting stories of him with me while at the Abraham House. May the treasured memories be with you always and warm your heart when you think of him. You have a wonderful family and a great support relationship with all. Take care and my prayers and sympathy go out to you and the family. Sharon Smith

Sharon Smith - February 01, 2018 at 07:31 PM

JA

“ *Jim, Sandy, Addison & Andrew Andolsek purchased the Simply Lily for the family of Mr. So Sourakakone.*



Jim, Sandy, Addison & Andrew Andolsek - January 30, 2018
at 09:47 AM



“ *Healing Tears - All White was purchased for the family of Mr. So Sourakakone.*



January 30, 2018 at 05:36 AM



“ *My heartfelt condolences to your whole family, he will be truly missed. May he Rest in Peace* 💙

(Phimasone Family)



Elaine Phimasone - January 29, 2018 at 12:48 PM

LM

My blessings my brother to you and your family... Your father live a long and beautiful life. My prayers will be with you and your family.

LLOYD MIZELL - January 29, 2018 at 09:18 PM