



Soudone Dongsavanh

September 25, 1925 - March 20, 2010

Mr. Soudone Dongsavanh, age 84, of Utica, passed away unexpectedly on Saturday, March 20, 2010 at the Faxton-St. Luke's Healthcare Center. He was of the Buddhist faith.

Soudone is survived by his wife, Pieme; 5 daughters; 7 sons; and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by two children. The family expresses sincere thanks to the nurses and staff of the Faxton-St. Luke's Healthcare Center and the St. Luke's Home for the empathetic and excellent care they offered to Soudone.

Visitation will be held Friday from 4:00-7:00 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. Soudone's funeral service will commence on Saturday morning from 7:00-10:00 at the funeral home, with a cremation ceremony to follow at the Chenango Valley Crematorium in Earlville.

Tribute Wall



“ Eannace Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Soudone Dongsavanh



Eannace Funeral Home, Inc. - March 20, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ To my angel in heaven; Grandpa (Pa Ohh):
It's been a little over a month since you were taken from us and already I miss you so much. I know you are in a better place and not suffering anymore. I know that you are looking over each and everyone one of us to make sure we are ok. I will cherish all the memories of you and remember all the words of wisdom you shared with me. As Loghan grows, I will tell him everything about his great grandpa teach him to be a great man like you. You were always there when I needed you the most. I am what I am today because of you. I don't remember a day when you yelled at any of your grandchildren when we did wrong. That was the type of person you were and always be remembered as. Your love, kindness, and teachings will help us as we live on. Every time one of us had a problem, you were the man to run to. I remember the time when we all use to go out to Herkimer to go fishing. Bounleua must have had a bad day fishing one day, and she hooked you in the eyebrow with her hook and had to take you to the emergency room. Boy that was a big catch! You came home and acted like nothing happened. I think all the Dongsavanh grandchildren have had the opportunity to “pluck” grandpa's facial hairs. We plucked it so good that you couldn't see any more hairs, but grandpa being the “GQ” man that he was insisted we missed a bunch so he would take our fingers and guide it to the little hair that you could barely see. I miss the days when I use to do your laundry and every time I loss one of your socks, my Mom had to buy you a brand new pack. I miss the days when you would call us to take you somewhere, pick you up, then have to wait for you to get dressed because you had to dress all “GQ” to go everywhere, whether it be to the doctors, grocery store, fishing, or simply to the mail box. The memories I have for you will forever live in my heart. I still feel as though you are only a phone call away. I love you so much. I thank you for giving the opportunity to be your granddaughter. You will be missed. Until we meet again, REST IN PEACE MY GUARDIAN ANGEL. Love,
Tib.##imported-begin##Tib Dongsavanh##imported-end##

April 27, 2010 at 04:30 AM



“ Dearest Grandpa,
I find comfort in knowing that you are no longer suffering and are with the angels you truly belong with. You have left behind so many that love and respect you. I hope that you look down on your family and are proud of all that we do. You have guided every single one of us and left memories that not only last forever but leave imprints, changing us to be better than we ever could be on our own. I ,along with all of your other grandchildren, am thankful for all the time I have had to spend with you though it could never be long enough. I will always carry you in my heart.
Love,
Francine##imported-begin##Francine White##imported-end##

March 26, 2010 at 07:26 AM



“ Soudone was a great grandfather. He is the kind of grandfather that anyone would ask for. He was patient and kind. He will always be remembered as a great man by all his children and grandchildren. I always spent my summer at his house. Every morning, he would make hot coco and warm bread for us and he would cook eggs. We always thought he will be with us longer because even though his health was getting bad he would always walk a lot. he seemed and looked healthy. I am very proud to be his granddaughter. I wish i could have spent more time with him and come to visit him more. He is now in peace. He has lived a long and accomplished life.

Love,
Panoy xoxoxo##imported-begin##Niranhrack (Panoy)
Thongchareun##imported-end##

March 25, 2010 at 11:09 PM



“ Grandpa, thank you for the strength you gave me, the breath I take, and the life I live. You've always cared about each one of us in your unique different ways. Nicknames, to breakfast, to hot chocolate in the morning. Who could ever forget?! Thank you for coming to Florida and remembering that I was there when times were hard for me. The last long talk we had really meant a lot to me and it was so relaxing to hear that someone thought of me when I thought the world walked out on me. I'm not exactly sure how i feel at the moment, whether to be happy that you're not suffering and in a better place, or to be sad to know that I will never have a chance to see or speak to you again. You've made history, impacted many of our lives, and did your job as a husband, father, grandfather, and great grandfather, and for that, I am blessed to say you are my grandfather. Thank you for all you've done for me, and the importance of love you've taught me. The first one of us to go was the man that made us all. My prayers are with you, my guardian angel. I will always love and miss you dearly. Your grandbaby, -
Tau###imported-begin##Michelle (Tau) Dongsavanh###imported-end##

March 25, 2010 at 10:53 PM



“ Dad,
You know that I have always loved you with every molecule of my being, and always will. The moment you left us I was right there beside you. That's the way it will always be in my heart Dad, you and I together.
Your little daughter - Noy###imported-begin##Vongdeuane D. White###imported-end##

March 25, 2010 at 10:32 AM



“ *Phoey & Gonkey (nithsana)- your both in my thoughts and prayers. i know how much your grandfather meant to the both of you. keep your heads up. And my deepest condolences to the rest of the Dongsavanh family.##imported-begin##Cait##imported-end##*

March 24, 2010 at 02:39 PM



“ *Dear Grandpa, Everything just went by so fast. But you are in a better place watching over every single one of your grandchildren. i love and respect everything you did for me. You were always roll model. Through my 18 years of living i have respected you and loved everything you did for me. Those days when you would watch me and my sisters and how you would make us hot coco everyday! When i was about 8 i thought hot coco and hanging out with my grandpa life couldn't get any better! You were always there to help every single one of us. And i appreciate everything you have done. If it weren't for you i would not have learned that you have to appreciate everything that is handed your way. I love you grandpa and i will miss you. And miss bringing you BIG MACS! I love you so much and you will be remembered!##imported-begin##Monica khiamdavanh / Dongsavanh##imported-end##*

March 24, 2010 at 01:19 PM



“ *Lats, I'm very sad for your loss. Reading your message to him helped me understand what an important figure he was to you. I know that you will share all your memories of him with your daughter, and future children! What a good grand-daddy, to teach you so much, to show you so much, and to walk down the aisle with you. I know we can't replace him, but please know that we'll always be here to support and love you. Your Doual.##imported-begin##Doual##imported-end##*

March 24, 2010 at 01:59 AM



“ Latsamy,
My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this time. Just remember to celebrate his life and that time you were blessed to be in his presence. Please let me know if there is anything I can do for you during this difficult time. We love you much!!!

Angela

*(James and Jonathan)###imported-begin###Angela
Crutchfield###imported-end###*

March 23, 2010 at 11:28 PM



“ *My thoughts and prayers are with the entire Dongsavanh family during this difficult time of loss. You are all so blessed to have had such a wonderful father, grandfather, great grandfather, and role model in your lives. I will never forget the days I spent as a young child along side him as he watched his tennis! My heart goes out to you all.###imported-begin###Christina Hussein Torchia###imported-end###*

March 23, 2010 at 06:42 PM



“ Dear Grandaddy,

I am so sad that you are no longer with us yet I am content that you've lived a great 84 years. I will always have you in my heart. I'm so grateful for all that you've done for me and I don't think that I will be able to list them all. However, I would like to celebrate your life with a few memorable life events I've had the blessing to share with you.

First and foremost, thank you for housing me from age 5 to 14. The shelter and food you provided gave me the stability I needed as a young adult to be where I am today in life.

How can I forget the 5:30am Penny Saver deliveries that you helped me with as soon as I was of age to deliver the paper! I will never forget the day when I told you I made \$12 for one week's worth of delivery and you later said, "Oh Latsamy, we need to stop. This early morning trip isn't all that worth it!" And so we stopped our Penny Saver deliveries.

Those wonderful summer fishing trips was such a treat. I loved how you just took in nature and all that it offers. Thank you for teaching me how to fish. But as you know, I only caught one fish in my entire life so far!

I'll never forget the humor that you showered me with. Whether it was sarcastic in nature or just plain funny, they always made me laugh.

Thank you for introducing me to the Thai singer, Chintala. While I may not have met her in person, the music that you introduced me to has now been passed along to my daughter, your great granddaughter and she loves it! She dances to it atleast 3 times a week!!

You've also given me the greatest gift that I could've ever asked for

on September 1, 2007. Thank you so much for playing a special role as the important man in my life and walking me down the aisle.

And dear Granddaddy, thank you for instilling the Laotian native language in me. If it weren't for you, constantly speaking to me in Laotian, I would not be as fluent in it as I am today. And thank you for bringing back the Laos alphabet book from France for me. While my attempts to read and write Laotian never came true, I am forever grateful that you've given me time to practice speaking it fluently.

Granddaddy, I have always loved you and viewed you as my father figure (in the absence of my own father). I will always have you in my heart. Thank you for opening your house and heart to me as additional head count in your already big family.

I hope that I will have the privilege to be your granddaughter again in our next life.

I love you.

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