

 Sau Van Thong, age 82, of Storm Lake, Iowa, died Wednesday, April 16, 2008 at his home in Storm Lake.

Sau Van Thong was born April 8, 1926 in Bahnsang Meungmu, North Vietnam, the son of Hao Vanh and Ong Thi Thong. He was married to Lun in 1950 in North Vietnam. Together they raised 10 children. Sau served with the French Army during the Vietnam conflict. In October 1975, he moved his family to the United States of America.

Sau was a man who loved life. He enjoyed gardening and he was very good at fixing almost anything that needed it. He took pleasure in a good game of cards. His greatest love, however, was his family, and especially his grandchildren in his later years. His kind and caring ways will be dearly missed by all those who knew and loved him.

Left to cherish his memory are his wife, Lun Thong of Storm Lake; children: Vieng Thong of Spencer, Iowa; Dawn and husband Vic James of Storm Lake; Neuy and husband Chanh Manivong of Fresno, California; Suzzan and husband Mike Khounlo of Storm Lake; Xuyen and husband Dave Johnson of Aiea, Hawaii; Hup and wife Tran Thong of Jordan, Minnesota; Seng and wife Jody Thong of Clovis, New Mexico; Heui Thong of Hopkins, Minnesota; and John and wife Deb Thong of Omaha, Nebraska; grandchildren: Christina Thong, Brandon Thong, Nith and husband Steve Young, Nom Baccam, Nancy Baccam, Robert Baccam, Barbie and husband Keo Synarong, Minna and husband Nalinh Sithep, Toni and husband Kevin Minard, Skyler Khounlo, Steven Lovan, Shawn Lovan, Kyle Lovan, Bianca Thong, Trianna Thong, Sabrina Thong, Alan Thong, Bryan Thong, Arianna Thong, Ashtyn Thong, Rayden Broyld, Daniel Tilley, Jacob Weaver and Bayley Weaver; great-grandchildren: Leighton Young, Addie Young, Keegan Alexander, Kianna Alexander and Quinton Alexander; brothers: Sam Thong, Nam Thong and Po Thong; many nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

Sau was preceded in death by a son, Thou Thong; and brothers: Hom Thong, Noi Thong and See Thong.



In Loving Memory



Sau Van Thong

1926



2008

To Those I Love and Those Who Love Me

When I am gone, release me, let me go.
I have so many things to see and do.
You mustn't tie yourself to me with tears,
Be happy that we had so many years.

I gave you my love, you can only guess
How much you gave to me in happiness.
I thank you for the love
you each have shown,
But now it's time I
traveled on alone.

So grieve a while for me,
if grieve you must,
Then let your grief be
comforted by trust.
It's only for a little while
that we must part.
So bless the memories
within your heart.

I won't be far away,
for life goes on.
So, if you need me, call and I will come.
Though you can't see or touch me, I'll be near.
And if you listen with your heart, you'll hear
All of my love around you soft and clear.

And then, when you must come this way alone,
I'll greet you with a smile and "Welcome Home."

— author unknown



IN MEMORY OF

Sau Van Thong

April 8, 1926  April 16, 2008

FUNERAL SERVICE

Saturday, April 19, 2008 at 2:00 p.m.
Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home — Storm Lake, Iowa

CLERGY

Reverend Barry Thongvanh

SLIDESHOW TRIBUTE & MUSIC

By Sau's Family

EULOGY

By Sau's Grandchildren and Great-Grandchildren

CASKETBEARERS

Hup Thong, Seng Thong, John Thong
Brandon Thong, Robert Baccam, Steven Lovan

INURNMENT

Storm Lake Cemetery — Storm Lake, Iowa

Arrangements by

FRATZKE & JENSEN FUNERAL HOMES

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We wish to express our sincere gratitude for all the support and kindness evidenced in thought and deed, and for your attendance at this service.

 **Sau's Family**