



Phayvanh Lovan

September 21, 1974 - April 27, 2019

Phayvanh Lovan, age 44, of San Jose, California formerly of Storm Lake died on Saturday, April 27, 2019 at the Good Samaritan Hospital in San Jose, California.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, May 4, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. at the Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in STORM LAKE. Burial will be in the Riverside Cemetery in Spencer. Visitation will take place prior to the service from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. at the funeral home in STORM LAKE. The Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake is in charge of the arrangements.

Phayvanh Lovan, the son of Cheua and Ouy (Baccam) Lovan, was born on September 21, 1974 in Vientiane, Laos.

Phayvanh graduated from Storm Lake High School.

On July 24, 1997, Phayvanh enlisted in the United States Army. He was honorably discharged on April 16, 2018. Phay Lovan loved serving his country – America. As a full-time Army Soldier, he earned the rank of Sergeant First Class (SFC). Throughout his career, he was assigned to 2nd Infantry Division in both South Korea and Fort Lewis, Washington; 1st Infantry Division at Fort Riley, Kansas; and 10th Mountain Division at Fort Drum, New York. He deployed to combat four different times, including twice to Afghanistan,

totaling 21 months and twice to Iraq, totaling 18 months; once to a peacekeeping mission in Kosovo for six months; and to Korea for seven months. SFC Lovan retired in 2018 after 23 years of military service. His military awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medals (3 awards), Army Commendation Medal (5 awards), Army Achievement Medal (5 awards), Army Good Conduct Medals (7 awards) and Combat Action Badge, among several others.

On June 11, 2012, Phayvanh was united in marriage to Dalila “Lizzy” Lovan. The couple was blessed with three children: Mia, Matthew, and Marianna.

In his freetime, he enjoyed cheering on the Vikings. He wore his Vikings jersey every night.

Those left to cherish his memory include: his father, Cheua Lovan; wife, Dalila “Lizzy” Lovan of San Jose, California; children: Mia, Matthew, and Marianna; brothers: Manh Lovan of Storm Lake, Iowa; Choung Lovan of Storm Lake, Iowa; and Khai Lovan of Minneapolis, Minnesota; sisters, La (Leroy) White of Charles City, Iowa and Chan (Scott) Miller of Clive, Iowa; nephews: Trevor White, Mason White, and Cody Gerber; nieces: McKenzie White, Sophie Miller, and Margaret Miller.

Phayvanh was preceded in death by his mother, Ouy Lovan; his brother, Dewey Lovan; and grandparents: Ngoum Lo Thi; Phuc and Vang Baccam.

Cemetery Details

Riverside Cemetery

Spencer, IA

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 4. 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - Storm Lake
1615 W Milwaukee Ave,
Storm Lake, IA 50588
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Service

MAY 4. 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

FG

“ Hey bud, it's Garcia.... i just found out.... I'll always remember you, remember Amsterdam? Hahaha! I'm sorry we lost touch, but nothing personal i lost touch with everyone.....you were, no...you ARE a good man, soldier, friend and i never knew you as a dad I'm positive you were the best dad ever.....see you on the other side brotha, I'll see you on the beach.

Frank Garcia - October 19, 2022 at 08:05 PM



“ Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers was purchased for the family of Phayvanh Lovan.



May 04, 2019 at 12:29 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Phayvanh Lovan.



May 03, 2019 at 05:06 PM

JA

“ *Janicemcguire lit a candle in memory of Phayvanh Lovan*



Janicemcguire - May 03, 2019 at 08:53 AM

NP

“ *Phay and I grew up together and I have a lot of fond memories of him but something that sticks out was he was always a loyal friend. And that obviously carried through life in his service to his country and his family. I feel fortunate to have known Phay and to call him a friend. My deepest sympathies to his entire family and praying for strength and peace during this difficult time.*

Nate Porter - May 03, 2019 at 12:44 AM



“ *Healing Tears - All White was purchased for the family of Phayvanh Lovan.*



May 02, 2019 at 12:31 PM

PC

“ *I didn't know him, personally.....but to read of his life.....he was a true-life hero. For him to have given of himself so many times for his country and fellow soldiers....THAT is a HERO. I am sorry your hearts are broken. God Bless Phayvanh.....and you, his family.*

Pegi Cavanaugh - May 02, 2019 at 11:47 AM



“ 2 files added to the album Memories Album



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - May 02, 2019 at 09:22 AM



“ So sorry for your loss of Phay. God bless all of the Lovan Family from the Slagle's on Elmwood Drive.



Charles, Mary, Peggy & Nick Slagle - May 01, 2019 at 09:15 PM



“ Red, White & Blue Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Phayvanh Lovan.



May 01, 2019 at 07:03 PM



“ The Siekas Family purchased the Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White for the family of Phayvanh Lovan.



The Siekas Family - May 01, 2019 at 06:39 PM



“ *Simply Lily was purchased for the family of Phayvanh Lovan.*



May 01, 2019 at 06:27 PM