



Edward S. Chay

September 30, 1942 - November 28, 2025

Edward S. Chay, born a Laotian country boy with a deep love for his homeland, lived a life marked by courage, humility, and unwavering devotion. During his service to Laos, he met the love of his life, Vanh—a spirited city girl whose partnership became the foundation of a beautiful family. Together, they raised six cherished children.

In the mid-1970s, Edward and Vanh made the courageous decision to escape Laos, risking everything to give their children the promise of a better life. They survived the hardships of a Thai refugee camp and, in the early 1980s, arrived in Wabash, Indiana with little more than determination and hope. With no English and no familiarity with American culture, they rebuilt their lives from the ground up.

Edward embodied loyalty, hard work, and quiet strength. He worked for the same company throughout his entire career in the United States, leading by example and never shying away from sacrifice. Nothing was beneath him if it meant supporting his family. In those early years in America, he taught his children how to live off the land—fishing, gardening, and making the most of what they had—ensuring his growing family was cared for despite limited resources.

He was a fighter, a survivor, and the unshakable pillar of his family. Edward

stayed true to himself no matter the odds, circumstances, or challenges he faced. He remained steady and unfazed throughout life, offering strength, guidance, and love until his final breath. He was deeply respected and beloved by his family, friends, and community.

Edward is survived by his devoted wife, Vanh; his six children—Pali (Jeff), Bey (Pete), Pick (Zoey), Peck, Noi (Amanda), and Palida (Pete); and fourteen grandchildren—Christian, Ahnna, Kenzie, Will, Kaden, Ella, Kaia, Kota, Braxton, Anderson, Audriana, Lexa, Mariah, and Noah.

His legacy of courage, resilience, and love lives on in all who had the honor of knowing him.

Please send flowers to 1609 Montvale Grant Way, Cary NC 27519.

Previous Events

Family Visitation

DEC 8. 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Wake Memorial Park Mausoleum
7002 Green Hope School Road
Cary, NC 27519

Tribute Wall



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Edward S. Chay.*



December 07, 2025 at 06:14 PM



“ *Aubrey McDermott purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Edward S. Chay.*



Aubrey McDermott - December 05, 2025 at 09:56 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Edward S. Chay.*



December 05, 2025 at 09:55 PM



“ *Eli and Suzie planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Edward S. Chay.*

Eli and Suzie - December 04, 2025 at 09:32 PM

ES

“ *Eli and Suzie purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Edward S. Chay.*



Eli and Suzie - December 04, 2025 at 09:32 PM

SG

“ *Sushma G. planted a grove of 5 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Edward S. Chay.*

Sushma G. - December 04, 2025 at 03:25 PM



“ *Forever Our Angel Bouquet was purchased for the family of Edward S. Chay.*



December 04, 2025 at 02:41 PM

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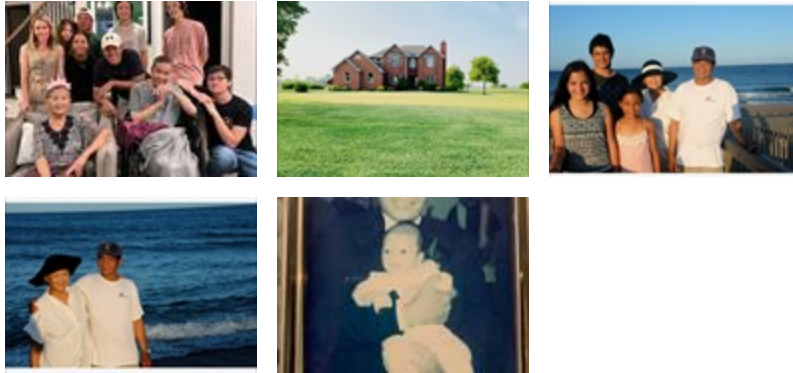
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pick - December 04, 2025 at 12:49 PM

PC

“ 60 files added to the album Edward Chay



Pick Chay - December 04, 2025 at 12:39 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Edward S. Chay.



December 03, 2025 at 06:03 PM

TT

“ The 1A NITTL Tennis Team planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Edward S. Chay.

The 1A NITTL Tennis Team - December 03, 2025 at 10:13 AM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Edward S. Chay.



December 03, 2025 at 10:13 AM