



# Vandie Dok

January 1, 1960 - May 21, 2023

Vandie Kim Dok

1960-May 21,2023

Vandie Dok, 63, passed away peacefully in her Long Beach, CA home, on May 21, 2023. She was born in Western Cambodia during the year of 1960, while the Vietnam War was being fought. Due to the war she was separated from her family and relocated to Phoum Chantrea in Eastern Cambodia in 1975 where she stayed for two years before fleeing to Tay Nihn in Vietnam. She joined the Vietnamese Special Force and there she met her husband, James Chanla Dok. Together they were sent back to Cambodia, to help secure freedom from the Khmer Rouge, in 1979.

They arrived in Phnom Penh and it was during this time that the couple welcomed their first child, Bunnarith. Vandie and Chanla were separated shortly after leaving Vandie to bravely escape to the border of Thailand with a small baby. She believed that God worked miracles during their escape because Rith never made a sound while she was navigating the jungles carefully to freedom. She always believed in the presence of God in her life.

After two years living in a refugee camp, the family was able to secure passage to the United States. This move was a huge adjustment for the family and for Vandie but she found ways to care and provide for her family. She started to adjust to the culture, language, and way of life. All the while, she continued to believe that God was in control of her life. It was during this time that James and Vandie welcomed Smith Daniel (1982), Jonah Chandy (1986) and Jeanette Jill (1994). Making sure that her children had every need met was one of her great focuses in life.

She could always be found creating incredible meals to show her love for the people around her. Even when her children were grown, they would receive care packages full of their favorite food and fruit to show her love. She cared for so many people in her community and this was apparent in the last days of her life, she was surrounded by

visitors that came to sing hymns, pray and say goodbye. Her impact on the people around her was immense and reflected how much love she showed to everyone she met. She was a wonderful wife, mother, sister, Lokjay, and Om to her family. Vandie passed away on May 21 at 8:51 pm at home. Vandie was at peace and she had said that she was ready to be with her Lord.

She is survived by her husband James, her son Rith Dok (Nichola), son Smith Daniel Dok (Ambre Klaus), son Jonah Dok, and daughter Jeanette Dok, and grandchild Atticus Dok and Vandie's sister Vanna Kim, mother-in-law Saphath Doung, sister-in-laws; Tara Dok, Amanda Williams (Ron), Chanda Ballant (Matthew), Sony Pream, Sayheang Garcia (Allen), brother-laws; Panno Dok (Tess), Pete Dok (Sadany K. Men), Jonathan Dok, Sokha Dok (Sothira Chhith) and many beloved nephews and nieces.

Services for Vandie Kim Dok will be held, Saturday, July 15th 3:00 pm, at the Long Beach Seventh-Day Adventist Church located at 1001 E. 3rd Street, Long Beach, CA.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life Services

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Reflecting on Memories created a Tribute Video in memory of Vandie Dok*



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**Reflecting on Memories** - July 04, 2023 at 03:20 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Vandie Dok.*



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July 13, 2023 at 07:28 PM



“ *I remember her as a wonderful servant of Jesus. Her dedication to the Lord's work was exceptional as well as her kind heart and great food. She will be greatly missed by all!*

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**gerard kiemeney** - July 11, 2023 at 07:23 AM

“ To James and the entire Dok Family,

*I know that this is a very difficult time for each of you, but you have to remember that there are just as many days as there are nights. I know that you both have a lot of good memories and I hope that your lifetime of loving memories will fill your days and nights with solace and comfort.*

*Death may end a life, but NOT a relationship. I know that Vandie had a deep love for each of you, and please know that the entire Infinite Care Hospice team is saddened by the loss of Vandie, but we considered it our privilege to have been able to be there to care for her in her last days, to ease her pain and make her final days the best that they could be.*

*Our Infinite Care Hospice Bereavement Team is there for you to help you on your Grief Journey and we have many resources that we can share.*

*I put together this web page and will be making a special tribute DVD to start each of you on your way to healing so you can recall those special memories that you shared together.*

*Know that our Bereavement staff is ready with resources and we are willing to listen when you need a caring voice to talk to.*

*Time heals....Love restores,*

*Chaplain Roger Rustad*

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**Roger Rustad** - May 22, 2023 at 12:08 PM