



Michael Sinclair Thom

March 16, 1940 - March 8, 2024

Michael Sinclair Thom, age 83, of Fremont, Iowa, passed away on Friday, March 8, 2024, at his home in Fremont under hospice care. He was born on March 16, 1940, in Burma, Asia, the son of William and Daw-Ohn-Tin Thom. He attended Catholic High School in Burma. On 5/16/1963 he was united in marriage to Mahlayee Thom. To this union a son was born, Rocky.

Michael worked at John Deere as a welder and retired after 30 years. He was a member of the NRA and enjoyed hunting, fishing and woodworking. He also enjoyed tinkering with anything mechanical and could work on and fix almost anything.

He is survived by his wife, Mahlayee "Mala" Thom of Fremont; a son, Rocky (Kayla) Thom; his grandchildren, Ashlyn Thom, Bailey (Seth) Anderson and Conner (Kenzie) Thom, sister Sheila and brother, Patrick.

Michael was preceded in death by his parents, his sister Dawn and his brother, David.

A simple graveside service will be held on March 23, 2024 at 1:00 p.m. at the Brooks Cemetery near Hedrick. The Fremont Funeral Chapel is in charge of arrangements. Memorials may be made to the family.

Previous Events

Graveside Service

MAR 23. 1:00 PM (CT)

Brooks Cemetery

Tribute Wall

SL

“ Michael married my younger sister in Taunggyi, Shan State, Burma, 1963 where we grew up. Since he left for US in 1971 together with his wife and son Rocky, I was not able to see him since then. Over the years, we come to understand that he is more than a good husband and loving father. He is a good man, simple, honest and helpful. Last chat I had with him was during last Christmas. He was still in good spirit and I didn't expect for him to leave so soon. Now, I pray he is at peace under the care of our good Lord.
Dr. Sai Leng

Sai Leng - March 23, 2024 at 08:44 AM

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“ Don, Kayla, Cody, Aaron, Kylie & Layne planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michael Sinclair Thom.

Don, Kayla, Cody, Aaron, Kylie & Layne - March 23, 2024 at 12:47 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Michael Sinclair Thom.



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JL

“ I am sad to learn of Michael's passing. I wish we could have visited longer when I last saw you. Please know that we care. Joyce Lunsford

joyce lunsford - March 18, 2024 at 11:14 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Michael Sinclair Thom.



March 16, 2024 at 01:43 AM

IW

“ My first encounter with Michael was in the summer of 1975 when my family had recently immigrated to Iowa after fleeing Vietnam. During one of the summer weekends when I was playing with my brothers and sisters in the field, Michael and his family saw us and asked if we were Asian. This led to many more conversations and sparked a friendship between our families, leading to countless weekends spent in each other’s company. During the wintertime, he would teach us how to hunt rabbits and the dinners that followed were so much fun. His presence helped us adapt and become more comfortable with American culture while also providing a semblance of the warmth and community we had in Vietnam.

Over the past few decades, despite moving my family to California, the bond we formed with Michael remained unbroken. These experiences, rich in camaraderie and cultural exchange, have become integral to my experience. They encapsulate lessons of resilience, friendship, and the beauty of cultural integration, making them invaluable.

Michael’s passing leaves sadness in our lives, but the memories we created together live on through the stories I have shared with my son. It is with a heavy heart that I extend my deepest condolences to his family, cherishing the legacy of a friendship that transcended time and distance. He will be profoundly missed.

Isabelle Wu - March 16, 2024 at 01:38 AM

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“ I am so glad you were part of our family all of these years. I could not have wished for a better father-in-law for my daughter. I have always admired the strength and courage it took to leave your homeland and bring your family to a new life. You will be missed by your loving family who supports each other through your loss.

Sandi Huston - March 15, 2024 at 02:49 PM