



Dung Brown

August 18, 1935 - May 3, 2020

Mrs. Dung Thi Brown, 84, the brightest little light of love, passed away in comfort on Sunday, May 3, 2020.

Dung was born in Mỹ Tho, Vietnam on August 18, 1935. After finishing her high school education in Saigon, she worked for the Tân Sơn Nhất International Airport before leaving for America in 1967. Arriving in California, she worked for the Department of Defense teaching Vietnamese to American Soldiers at the Vietnamese Language School. Known as a very caring individual, she volunteered and supported the Wounded Warriors during her time in California.

In 1979 she became a naturalized citizen of the United States and lived in Oregon, where she would lovingly call home for many years. She was married to Jerry K. Brown in 1972 and they parted ways in 1994. She was a hardworking woman who was a dedicated employee at Hewlett-Packard/Agilent Technologies for nearly 20 years. She was a talented seamstress and crocheter, and loved to cook wonderful food more than anything. Food was her love language and cooking for others was her gift. Anyone that sat at her table knew they were getting a piece of her heart. She moved to North Carolina in 2018 to be near her only child's family. She was very social and happiest when she played Bingo, and when she spent time with her grandchildren. Dung was a daughter, a sister, a devoted mother and grandmother, and a very special friend. She was a strong, spirited woman in a tiny, little package who loved to be surrounded by family and friends. "You-Me" as she was called, would bring a smile to anybody who was near.

Dung is survived by her only child and loving daughter Angela Thi Lavespere, her son-in-law Greg Lavespere, and her three adoring grandchildren; Aidan, Cole and Lily Lavespere of Concord, North Carolina. Survivors, in addition to her daughter are her brothers Nguyễn Văn Quang, Nguyễn Văn Nhơn, Nguyễn Gia Bửu, Nguyễn Khải Hoàng, Nguyễn Phú Hải, Nguyễn Phú Toàn, Nguyễn Phú Vĩnh, and her sisters Nguyễn Thị Tuyết Hồng, and Nguyễn Thị Mỹ Phượng. She was the oldest of 11 children.

Dung is pre-deceased by her father Nguyễn Văn Ba, and her mother Nguyễn Thị Vàng, and a brother Nguyễn Phú Hữu.

At the family's request, services will be private and at the convenience of her family. A celebration of Dung's life will be held at a later date when friends and family can gather safely and remember this sweet, special lady that was full of life.

In lieu of gifts, please consider a donation in Dung's memory to either the Dementia Society of America or the American Parkinson Disease of America, two organizations that Dung was directly impacted by.

Donate online:

Dementia Society of America

<https://www.dementiasociety.org/donate>

American Parkinson Disease of America <https://www.apdaparkinson.org>

Online condolences at www.jamesfuneralhome1kn.com.

Comments



“ Yume was one of the first people I met after moving to Keizer, OR, in 2008. She welcomed me and husband Sam warmly, invited us to her home for meals and joined us for our Christmas and July 4th parties. We spent much time together, working out at the gym, shopping, having lunch (which she always insisted on buying because I drove), and mostly walking our dogs through the neighborhood. She was one of the most generous people I've ever known, with gifts and intangibles that added comfort and companionship to "the new kids in town." I miss her so much. Thank you, Yume, for so many pleasant memories that I will always cherish! From Mary Sasaki

Mary Sasaki - August 01 at 08:23 PM



“ I was Yumi's dance instructor at the Courthouse Athletic club in Keizer, Oregon for many years. She always had the brightest smile and loved to grove to the music - even hip hop! She always wanted to treat me to lunch and we had several lovely afternoons with limitless pizza. I was so sorry to hear of her passing. My deepest condolences to her family and loved ones. What a sweet lady she was.

sara - June 08 at 02:10 AM



“ I met Dung many years ago through the Credit Union that I work for and what started out as a professional relationship quickly became a friendship. She had the biggest heart and infectious attitude. Every time I would go visit her at her home, she would always cook for me...even when I told her it wasn't necessary. She was a fantastic cook! She loved to share a meal and talk about family. Angela, Aidan, Cole & Lili were the light of her life and she would always show me new pictures. My heart goes out to them now, as well as her other family & friends. I know that she will be sorely missed as she will be by me.

Shannon Graham
Addison Avenue Investment Services/First Tech Credit Union
Oregon

Shannon Graham - May 15 at 02:41 PM



“ Grandma Dung is a long time friend of my grandparents, Grandpa Quang and Grandma Lan. They met in Vietnam, reconnected in California and kept in touch when Grandma Dung moved to Oregon.

Their friendship was truly one of a kind. I can imagine them enjoying each other's company now in heaven with Grandpa Quang driving Grandma Lan and Grandma Dung to all the places their heart's desire just like one of their many adventures in San Francisco years ago.

Angela, you and your family are always in our thoughts and prayers.

Love,
Linh, Tiffany and Stephanie

Linh Du - May 07 at 05:53 PM



“ You-me !!! Such a beautiful woman with a smile that will brighten anyone's mood. It was such great pleasure to have met and spent time with her, She was my little Ray of Sunshine. She will be so deeply missed but will never be forgotten. Sleep in Heavenly Peace. XOXO

Shantel Davis - May 07 at 11:29 AM



“ Yume was our neighbor when we lived in Oregon. She was a ray of sunshine. She was the first person to welcome us to the neighborhood when we moved in. She would invite us over for her wonderful Vietnamese meals. She loved her sweet doggies. She was indeed a ray of sunshine. Our hearts go out to the family. She was a very dear soul.

Lynne Griffith - May 06 at 07:35 PM



“ Such a beautiful little light and love indeed. I will miss your beautiful smile.

Rachel O'Brien - May 06 at 07:30 PM



“ Ume! I miss all the fun times that we had together. I always came to play Bingo with you, brought you gifts. I love ya ume!

Holli Boeckman - May 06 at 12:31 PM



“ I'm going to miss You-Me. It was a pleasure to be her activity director for almost two years. She was always full of joy.

Brittany Westmoreland - May 06 at 11:15 AM



“ 9 files added to the tribute wall



Angela Brown Lavespere - May 06 at 10:43 AM



“ Oh, Angela, what BEAUTIFUL pictures! There is so much love shown through them. I am praying for you and your family.

Mary McGinnis - May 06 at 11:51 AM



“ Will not be the same here without your Mom, she will be greatly missed! She was one special lady with so much love to share. I am truly blessed to have known her. Thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this difficult time.

Linda Collins - May 06 at 02:13 PM



“ Angela, I cannot express how grateful I am to have know your mom! She brought so much joy to all!! She will be greatly missed! I am praying for you and your family!!

Jessica Harris - May 06 at 03:10 PM