

## **Eulogy by Dr. Kevin Kieu, brother of Kieu Thi Tu Trang**

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Chi Trang,

If adversity makes people more resilient and determined, then you are the embodiment of that saying. You were born in 1954, when the country was divided. After your birth, our mother suffered from postpartum hemorrhage, and our family had to hurry south. You did not receive the same level of care as other newborns. I believe it was this harsh circumstance that shaped your nature of striving, perseverance, and resilience.

With a three-year age difference between us, we had a close bond as we grew up. You always took care of and supported me during difficult times. I was always your “little one” until I got married. I remember coming home late from outings, our mother would always urge you to prepare dinner for the youngest sibling, but you never complained or blamed anyone.

When you reached the age of marriage, you never troubled our parents with your romantic interests, despite having many suitors. You married Anh Khanh, just as our family wished. Anh Khanh was indeed a model man—gentle, learned, and well-mannered. You truly embodied the saying, “children accept where their parents place them.”

Twelve years ago (2010), Anh Khanh passed away, leaving you with the burden of two young children and a relatively busy medical practice. You single-handedly took care of Dorothy and Bryan while continuing to manage the clinic, despite Anh Khanh’s absence. You were truly a woman of great strength and capability!

After retirement, our family saw your abundant happiness. You decided to move closer to the ocean and enjoy a more comfortable life. You cheerfully attended family reunions. During our gatherings, while others played card games, you would sit to the side, expertly shuffling the cards and chatting with everyone.

Recently, your greatest joy has been the birth of Beatrice and Daniel. Although they are not nearby, you have made opportunities to care for and be close to them. You were always passionate and proud when talking about Beatrice and Daniel.

On July 14, our whole family was shocked by your sudden passing. You left us without a word of farewell. Perhaps that was your wish: not to cause trouble or sorrow for those left behind. You left this world peacefully and with little earthly attachment. Peacefully, because you have been freed from the suffering of old age and sickness in this mundane life of birth, old age, sickness, and death. You have been reunited with Anh Khanh, Anh Cao and Anh Phuc in the other world. May your soul find peace in the afterlife and continue to be as happy as in the final days of your life.

On behalf of the extended family, we all bid you farewell.

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