

Feelings of a Compassionate Service Society (CSS) Member at the Funeral of Dharma Sister Nhi Duong's Mother (Nhi is the one who updates all Dharma talks on *Tubiphungsuapp.com* and on iB Viber for CSS)

We understand that this world is transient, characterized by coming and going, meeting and parting, and that impermanence will inevitably touch us all one day.

We received the sorrowful news that Nhi Duong's mother, Mrs. Tu My, passed away on July 21, 2024. The funeral was held on July 29 at Cypress View Mausoleum, Mortuary, and Crematory in San Diego, California. Under the guidance of Master Hang Truong, 35 CSS members attended the funeral, including 20 members from Orange County, Southern California, and 15 members from San Diego.

My Tu

DECEMBER 25, 1939 - JULY 21, 2024



IN THE CARE OF

[Cypress View Mausoleum, Mortuary and Crematory](#)

Mrs. My Tu, age 84 passed away on Sunday, July 21, 2024.

The journey from Orange County to the funeral home was approximately 97 miles and took nearly 2 hours by car. Our group arrived and continued the ceremony at 11 am, following the Buddhist funeral rites conducted by Venerable Minh Hoi.

The chanting of the monks, accompanied by the sound of bells and wooden fish, deeply moved those attending the funeral. Silent tears fell on the cheeks of Mrs. Tu My's descendants and likely in the hearts of those who knew her.



Spiritually contributing to the funeral, our beloved Venerable Hang Truong (our Thay) delivered a brief Dharma talk to the family. He then guided the CSS members in solemnly performing the ceremony in the Hua Yen style. The group chanted the Great Compassion Mantra and the Rebirth Mantra before being led to walk around the coffin three times.

Thay explained the profound meaning of this act, with the coffin as the focal point and everyone circumambulating around it. As they walked, Thay guided everyone to chant the name of Amitabha Buddha and to ask the spirit to “return and rely on the guidance of the innate light.” This symbolizes the connection of consciousness and love between the departed and those present. The inner

light, love, tolerance, forgiveness, and letting go are embodied in the present moment. This special ceremony by CSS deeply moved those in attendance, and many joined us in walking around the coffin.



Dear Master, it was incredibly touching and profound. We sincerely bow our heads in gratitude to you. We also appreciate the care and compassion of the brothers and sisters who represented CSS at the funeral for Nhi Duong and her bereaved family.

Finally, the funeral concluded with respect and sorrow, but also with hope that Mrs. Tu My's soul will follow the innate light and soon be reborn in the Western Paradise under the guidance of Amitabha Buddha and Kwan Yin Bodhisattva.

Once again, members of Compassionate Service Society extend heartfelt condolences to Sister Nhi Duong, Brother Khoa Cao, and their entire family. I would like to share a poem in memory of Mrs. Tu My:

*A tear of sadness, a farewell,
Joy will come to reunite in the Western Paradise.*