



## Dr. Vandi Vongsaken

April 19, 1933 - January 21, 2015

Dr. Vandi Vongsaken, the Venerable Abbott of the Wat Brahmacariyikaram Temple and leader of the Central Valley's largest buddhist community passed away on January 21, 2015 in Fresno, California after a lengthy illness.

Dr. Vandi was born on April 19, 1933 in Thailand to Lin and Keo Vongsaken. He dedicated his entire life to serving the people of his community. He studied in a buddhist monastery in Thailand where he followed his calling to become a Buddhist Monk. In 1958, Dr. Vandi immigrated to the United States. He worked in many temples, but found home and was appointed as Abbott of the Wat Brahmacarikaram Temple several years ago. His mission was to complete an elaborate temple so that Buddhists of all practices can come to meditate and feel welcome.

Dr. Vandi will be missed by many people throughout the state of California. He was a true example of a man of service to the younger novice monks. His temple congregation, along with many monks throughout California and back home in Thailand and Laos will miss his dedication and humility.

Viewing times will be announced by Chapel of the Light Funeral Home within their 100 days of mourning.

Final Funeral Services are scheduled on May 3, 2015 starting at 8:00 a.m. at

the Wat Brahmachariyaram Temple on Orange Avenue. A Ceremonial cremation service will follow at Chapel of the Light. Inurnment will take place in the Garden of Meditation at Chapel of the Light Cemetery.

# Previous Events

## **Traditional Laotian Buddhist Service**

MAY 3. 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM (PT)

Wat Brahmachariyaram Temple  
4485 S. Orange  
Fresno, CA 93725

# Tribute Wall



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