



## Alice Nguyen-Van-Tra Leonard

September 22, 1931 - April 15, 2015

Alice Nguyen-Van-Tra Leonard died at age 83 in Chesapeake, Virginia, after forty years in Longwood. She died April 15, 2015, after a stroke. She was born in Vietnam in 1931 to Jean Toussaint Nguyen-Van-Tra and his wife, Anna Dang Thi Hue. She was a graduate of Lycee Marie Curie in Saigon and was a secretary for French government agencies: the Customs Office, Military Services, and the French Cultural Mission. She twice won the chamber of commerce typing contest in Saigon. She met her future husband in 1959 when he was the Dental Officer with the Military Assistance Advisory Group in Saigon. When he left Saigon, they never expected to meet again, but they corresponded and were married in December, 1961 in Seminole, Florida. She happily took on the role of a Navy wife and loving mother in Jacksonville, where her son David was born in 1962, in San Diego, where she taught Vietnamese language to naval personnel, in Bethesda, Maryland, where her son Jean-Paul was born in 1968, and in Puerto Rico and Orlando, where her husband retired from the Navy. She worked with him in his dental practice as office manager, assistant, and strong right hand until they retired in 2010. In 1969 she became a naturalized American citizen. She continually received compliments from friends and strangers for her style and fashionable appearance. She enjoyed trips to France to visit her family, creating wonderful memories. She is survived by her husband, Walter, son David, his wife Dawn and grandchildren Andrew, Brad, Dean, Noah, Nicholas, and Faith of Chesapeake, also son Jean-Paul Leonard, his wife Elana, and infant grandson Misha of Los Angeles, sister Laurence of Paris, brother Charles of Saigon, brother Henri of Honolulu, sister Therese Hickel of Paris, sister Leontine Schwitter of Germany, and many beloved nephews, nieces, and their children living in France and other countries. She was predeceased by her parents, her brother Maurice, and sisters Paulette, Agathe, and Catherine. The funeral mass will be at St. James Cathedral at 10 AM on Saturday, May 2 with Father John McCormick, rector, as celebrant. Reception will follow in the St. James Social Hall. Inurnment will be at a future date at the Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell. She was profoundly grateful to the doctors who attended her during the trying last four years of her life, especially Joseph Covelli, MD, Ira Shafran, MD, Donald Centner, MD, Brian Fuselier, DDS, Wilbur Davis, DDS, and Grace Lin, Acupuncturist and DOM, in Florida, and Keith Espiritu, MD and Alan Keyes, MD in

Virginia. Their compassionate care did all that could be done to alleviate her chronic pain. Arrangements are being handled by DeGusipe Funeral Home of Maitland, where visitation will be from 6 to 8 PM on Friday. Telephone 407-695-2273.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the Salvation Army (Orlando).

# Events

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**MAY**   **Visitation**   06:00PM - 08:00PM  
**1**  
DeGusipe Funeral Home & Crematory - Maitland Chapel  
9001 N. Orlando Avenue, Maitland, FL, US, 32751

**MAY**   **Funeral Mass**   10:00AM  
**2**  
St James Catholic Cathedral  
215 North Orange Avenue, Orlando, FL, US, 32801

# Comments

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“ Our prayers are with you, Walter, and with your family. May you receive God's peace and comfort now and forever. Sharon Trent, Zoie & Sydnie.



**SHARON TRENT** - May 01, 2015 at 05:10 PM

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“ Our prayers are with you, Walter, and your family. May God give you peace and comfort. Sharon Trent, Zoie & Sydnie<http://storage.lifetributes.com/Candles/new/candle-5.png>



**SHARON TRENT** - May 01, 2015 at 05:06 PM

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“ Dr. Leonard, My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family in your great loss. Alice was such a sweet, smart, thoughtful lady, I enjoyed my conversations with her through the years at your dental office. She will be missed. Sincerely, Carole Levesque

**Carole Levesque** - May 01, 2015 at 01:01 PM

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“ Multicolor Bright Sympathy Standing Basket was purchased for the family of Alice Nguyen-Van-Tra Leonard.



April 30, 2015 at 02:02 PM

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“ Dear mom, thank you for everything - your patience, love, care and laughter will always be remembered fondly. With love, forever.

- Jean-Paul & Elana (and Misha)



**Jean-Paul Leonard** - April 30, 2015 at 01:03 PM

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“ No word can really comfort you...

Dear Uncle Walter, David & Dawn, Jean-Paul & Elana,

All the family in France, UK, Germany, Vietnam, Australia, Hawaiï, are very sorry to hear “the final sad news”...

We wish we could gather the right words to make you painless and offer you comfort...

All of us are thinking of you and we want you to know that our thoughts are with you during this difficult time ...

Avec nos très affectueuses pensées, nous vous embrassons très fort et sommes de cœur & d'esprit avec vous dans cette douloureuse épreuve.

Let us pray and lit a candle for Our Beloved Alice.

Each life is a miracle  
That changes the world  
And leaves it a better place  
Than it was before

Honoring the life  
Of someone very special  
Who will always be  
Remembered with love

Love to all,

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All Family in FR, UK, US, AU, Vietnam - April 30, 2015 at 08:18 AM

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“ From: Jeannette & Henri purchased the Multicolor Bright Sympathy Standing Spray for the family of Alice Nguyen-Van-Tra Leonard.



From: Jeannette & Henri - April 29, 2015 at 05:54 PM

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“ Tran Gilbert lit a candle in memory of Alice Nguyen-Van-Tra Leonard



**Tran Gilbert** - April 29, 2015 at 01:20 AM

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“ Beatrice, Tam, Victoria And Leopold Tran lit a candle in memory of Alice Nguyen-Van-Tra Leonard



**Beatrice, Tam, Victoria and Leopold Tran** - April 28, 2015 at 03:47 PM

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“ Sympathy Arrangement In Basket (Large) - Multicolor Pastel Mixed Flowers was purchased for the family of Alice Nguyen-Van-Tra Leonard.



April 28, 2015 at 02:13 PM

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“ Anne-Marie TRAN-BICH-LAN lit a candle in memory of Alice Nguyen-Van-Tra Leonard



Anne-Marie TRAN-BICH-LAN - April 28, 2015 at 09:41 AM

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“ Bernard TRAN-HUU-DAU lit a candle in memory of Alice Nguyen-Van-Tra Leonard



Bernard TRAN-HUU-DAU - April 28, 2015 at 09:40 AM

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“ Yvonne TRANHUUDAU lit a candle in memory of Alice Nguyen-Van-Tra Leonard



Yvonne TRANHUUDAU - April 28, 2015 at 09:38 AM

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“ Famille TRANHUUDAU lit a candle in memory of Alice Nguyen-Van-Tra Leonard



Famille TRANHUUDAU - April 28, 2015 at 09:38 AM

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“ Gilbert Tr?n Huu Đ?u lit a candle in memory of Alice Nguyen-Van-Tra Leonard



Gilbert Tr?n Huu Đ?u - April 28, 2015 at 09:00 AM

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“ Didier Frere lit a candle in memory of Alice Nguyen-Van-Tra Leonard



didier frere - April 28, 2015 at 01:07 AM