



## Fou Liam Saechao

January 17, 1949 - November 24, 2025

With heartfelt reverence, we remember the life of Fou Liam Saechao, who transitioned gracefully into his next journey on November 24, 2025. Born on January 17, 1949, in the mountains of Northern Laos, Fou Liam's life was a testament to courage, tenderness, and quiet, enduring strength.

Fou Liam was born to Chiem Seng Saechao and Koy Kouei Saephan, growing up as the second of three children. He grew up alongside his older sister, Ken Seng, and his younger brother, Lai Ching, forming bonds grounded in loyalty, protection, and deep familial love. In his early years, he deeply cherished the bond he built with his nephew, Kao Ian.

At only 13 years old, Fou Liam stepped into a path few would dare to walk. He joined the military during a turbulent era and rose to the rank of Sergeant in the Secret War, which spanned from 1964 to 1973. His service extended through both the Air Force and the United States Army, reflecting a life shaped by sacrifice and discipline. He carried these experiences with dignity, never seeking recognition, yet embodying the quiet heroism of a man who served with honor.

In 1978, Fou Liam and his children immigrated to the United States, beginning a hopeful new chapter. In Riverside, California, he built a home with his beloved wife, Naipoo Saechao. Together, they weathered life's trials and

celebrated its joys, their union a constant source of comfort and strength.

Fou Liam's greatest pride came in being a father. He is cherished by his five children-

Maung Liam (Soo Saeturn), Nai Liam (Jeremea Garcia), Lou Seng, Farm Liam (Natt Narkthong), and Joy Liam (Gil Gutierrez).

To them, he was a guiding light: wise, patient, and discerning. His counsel was sought by many, for he possessed a rare intelligence and a gift for offering calm, thoughtful direction.

In his later years, Fou Liam became a grandfather, blessed with 10 grandchildren whom he cherished deeply, Carolyn Cheng, Jeri Kao, Kelcey Farm, Ckalysta Jade, Jettah Claireese, Michael Ty, Liam Chris, Connor Preech, Kingston Jhude, and Britan Mey. And one great granddaughter, Hailey May. His teachings were often unspoken-revealed through example, through the steadiness of his presence, and through the values he embodied each day.

Beyond all titles, Fou Liam found happiness in life's simple, grounding pleasures. He loved fishing, where the stillness of the water mirrored his calm spirit. He loved singing, letting his voice carry emotion and memory. And he loved craftsmanship, creating with skillful hands and a detailed eye. Everything he built reflected the imprint of his patience, precision, and care.

Fou Liam Saechao leaves behind a legacy woven with courage, wisdom, and profound love. His life-rooted first in the mountains of Laos and later flourishing in American soil-stands as a testament to resilience, service, and the enduring strength of family.

May his memory be honored.

May his wisdom live on.

May his spirit continue to guide those who loved him.

Viewing will be held 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM Sunday, December 7th, 2025 at Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel, 127 E. Caldwell Ave., Visalia. Graveside services will be held 12:00 PM Saturday, December 13th, 2025 at Exeter District Cemetery, 719 E. Marinette Ave., Exeter.

Services have been entrusted to Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel. Memorial Tributes and condolences may be offered by logging onto [www.salseranddillard.com](http://www.salseranddillard.com).

# Previous Events

## Viewing

DEC 7. 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM (PT)

Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel  
127 E. Caldwell Ave.  
Visalia, CA 93277

## Graveside

DEC 13. 12:00 PM (PT)

Exeter District Cemetery  
719 E. Marinette Ave.  
Exeter, CA 93221