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*My Life's  
Journey*



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*My Life Journey*



# Childhood

*An interesting story about my birth...*

I was born in BaoThi, Vietnam in April 4, 1980 into a family with many family members and relatives. My mom and dad brought me to the Catholic to baptism at a child in Christ. Majority of people in the village were Catholic led by priests and nuns. Originally, my grandparents and their generation migrate from the North of Vietnam to the South of Vietnam in 1954.

*As a baby I was told that...*

As a baby, my sister is the only friend I have as a child in the family. We always played together, we cried together, and we played childhood game together. My mom always told me that I liked to take the lead in every game that we played, and my sister was follower. But my sister always patience and finished the game instead of me just gave up on whatever I played easily.





*My earliest memory...*

My earliest memory was that I had my cousins to come to our house and we have a candle light that we gathered to play together. After that, my cousins gone since they made the moved to escape the Vietnam country by boat. They gone and I no longer get to play with them or see them after that.

*My childhood neighborhood...*

My village that I grew up have a church and people go to church everyday early in the morning. Many farmers in the village grew coffees and tropical fruits like mango, banana, etc. Every morning, I woke up and felt the sunshine of the village with birds chipping and breezy air flow over me.

*The house(s) I grew up in...*

The house made out of bricks. I always considered my parent's was a rich family in my own heart and mind. We had farm and the house made out of bricks.

*My bedroom as a child...*

My childhood bedroom made out of woods. To prevent mosquitoes bite us at night time, we had a mosquito nests to cover our bed.

*My main childhood memories of my parent(s)...*

My mom was a teacher and my dad was a farmer. Before they married, they had a wonderful life on their own. My mom was a nun at Trinh Vuong convent in Vietnam, she loved Virgin Mary and Child Christ and Saint Joseph the father of the house. My dad was a Vietnam-US soldier in Vietnam.

*One of my fondest childhood memories is...*

My childhood memories was that I played with animals like birds, cricket, etc. in the farm setting.

*Something that I always believed as a child and was surprised to learn was...*

I always believed that everyone are Catholic in Christ.

*When I was a child I was fascinated by...*

I love my childhood life, because I thought the world is peaceful and loving with only Catholic in Christ. I got to go to school at church and learn new things everyday. We prayed the rosary and receive communion in Christ and Our Mother Mary protects us with Saint Joseph. The world seem perfect.

*When I was young I would most look forward to...*

I always liked to be around with my sister and love and care for her. She is the only sister in the house that I know I get to run to her when I like to share my time with her.

*The thing that I was most afraid of as a child...*

I remembered once when I stayed home alone that I saw a black bird that just ate a chicken in his stomach that was heavier than his body can carry flew over the house.

*My best friend...*

I had many friends when I was in my childhood, and all of them were my classmates at school and at church like Linh, Huong, Kim Chi, Lan, etc.



*Friends I have kept in contact with from grade school...*

I remembered them, but I don't know if they still like to be friend with me. I like to continue to keep friendship with them. But I live far away, and we don't have opportunity to keep in touch.

*The most positive influence on me as a child...*

I think the most positive influence on me as a child was priests and nuns at Catholic school. I like to be around them. They always said something that cause my attention.

*If I could change one thing about my childhood, it would be...*

I probably wouldn't change my childhood of anything, because it is become life-skill for me as I grow older.

*The thing I miss most about being a child is...*

Being a free thinking as a child is something I most felt miss when I was a child.

*An accident I had as a child...*

When I was in third grade, I broke my arms. I still remembered that day, I got into a fight with my third grade classmate. After that my friends who were in 5th grade walked home with me on that day. Instead of went straight to home, we gathered together to play hide-and-seek game on the rambutan trees. At the moment I was so scare and I felt down from the trees and I broke my right arms. We walked home and I thought that nothing wrong with me. So I went to sleep on the hammock. I thought nothing major happened to me, my right arms just hurt a bit. Later that day, my mom found out that I broke my arms, she was so worry and she brought me to the hospital for treatment.

*A time I was upset as a child...*

As a child, I often didn't get to be with mom and dad all the time. I just felt that when I most needed my parents to be around with, and they always busy with something else.

*My siblings or parents would describe my behavior as a child as...*

I was impatience when I was a child. I never finished whatever I started to do. But I tried to do everything on my own.

*What I would hide from my parents...*

I hided what I did something that when mom and dad seem not aware of what I did.

*Moving as a child...*

I remembered when I was young, my mom brought me to her friend's house in Saigon, Vietnam to live there for the summer. Di Hao was my mom's friend, she also the one that name my name Nguyen Nu Dan Vi. Nguyen is the last name, Nu means girl, Dan means small like a wool that weave together, and Vi like small nano-tubes. I got to spend the summer with Di Hao and her family members in Saigon, Vietnam. I loved the doll and the bear that her friends sent from the United States of America to her. It was soft and cute.

*Did you ever get lost as a child...*

I got lost as a child once. I still remembered that day. I told my daddy that I walked home from the farm alone. My dad thought I just joked about walked home alone. Then in the afternoon, my mom found out that I wasn't home. They searched for me everywhere. Luckily, someone spotted me at their farm as a lost

child, so they brought me home for my parents. My mom told me that they were so scare that day because it was a rainy day and they freaked out if they ever found me.

*My childhood...*

I consider my childhood was a happy one. I love my childhood until these days. I still treasure my childhood and I felt so special about it. I want to write about it and reflect of my own childhood that bring me to become who I am today.

*Some accomplishments I had as a child...*

My childhood accomplishments as various like I won the game when I play with my sister and friends.

*To get to school when I was a child...*

I mostly walk to school as a child. When I got a bit older, I had a bike to ride to school.

*When I was young I enjoyed reading...*

I read Bible books and I studied Bibles from priests and nuns and others at church. At home, I studied on my own, and I seek help from my mom and sister.

*In school, I would sometimes get in trouble for...*

I did get in trouble at school as a child all the time. I liked school, but I also not the best students at school all the time. I was very easy to wander into something else other than what teachers and friends studied.

*Were you ever teased as a child?*

I got teased as a short and no hair as a child.

*When I was young, I wanted to be ...*

When I was young, I like to become a leader when I grew up. I remembered I always want to be a leader when I grew up, because I liked to gather people and led one another to accomplish certain tasks or mission or vision that we have together.

*Childhood allowance...*

The only allowance I had was that I had to earn it myself by my mom offered me to go to pick coffees in the farm and I earned about \$2.00 for my work. I kept it in my closet for months. I didn't buy anything, but I just kept the money in my closet. Then my sister and I gathered together and we shared our money. I like her to have the authority of my earned money and managed it for me.

*My first sleepover was...*

My friends came over to my house to play with me and my sister.

*Special hiding places...*

My sister and I always played hide-and-seek as a child around the house.

*Family vacations...*

We went to Vung Tau, Vietnam as a trip together with my childhood friends. I loved the ocean.

*My favorite time as a child was...*

My favorite time was to pray in Christ and Virgin Mary and

Saint Joseph at church, before bedtime, and before meals.

*In the summer, I would...*

For the summertime, I had to work in the farm with my daddy and mommy.

*On the weekends we would often...*

My weekend tradition when I was a kid was to go to attend mass at church.

*My childhood pets...*

My family has at least 5 dogs, many chickens, and other animals since we lived in the farm. I had to feed the chicken everyday in the morning and in the afternoon.

*We would often play games such as...*

When I was young, my parent's house has a ping pong table, so I got to play ping pong or table tennis with my sister and friends or with an adults.

*Growing up, I enjoyed watching...*

My favorite cartoons growing up was Cinderella, etc.

*My favorite store to go to was...*

When I was a child, my mom and dad always took me to the market when she/he went there early in the morning to watch the motorcycle for him/her.

*My favorite toy(s) as a child...*

My favorite toys as a child was my bike.

*When I was young on television, I would watch...*

The television programs was a young cartoon programs on TV for children that I watch.

*Trip to Washington DC, USA in 1998*

My family and I settled in Portland, OR, USA in 1993 and I got to attend middle school and high school in the United States of America. During my senior in high school at James Madison High School, I got to go to Washington DC, USA on the trip along with classmates with the program called "Close-up program." In Washington DC, USA, I got to meet with Senator of Oregon at his office along with classmates of high school around the nation. His famous words for me and others, "Go and serve the community." We also visited Smithsonian Museum while we were in Washington DC, USA in 1998. I remembered I saw the biggest diamond at the Smithsonian Museum, Washington DC, USA and other jewelry of famous people of United States of America. So beautiful and powerful. I loved most was the tour to visit NASA space center, the spacecraft that brought the first man landed on the moon. During my high school year, I got the calendar with statement "One idea can change the world" high school motto.







High School Graduation





High School Awards

# College

*I attended college at...*

I attended Portland State University, Portland, OR, USA.

*Why I decided to go to college there...*

My best friend in high school, Thuy Tran, introduced me to fill out application to apply into Portland State University.

*Why I decided to attend...*

My parent's vision for me and my siblings was to pursue higher education.





I major in science, physics, mathematics, and technology, etc. So I graduated in Bachelor Degree in Physics.

*If I could do it again...*

If I could do it again, I would not went a different path.

*Most memorable college moments...*

My most memorable college moments was the time I led the Portland State University Table Tennis Club. I remembered that I decided to leave something special on campus before I left the place. I liked leadership path. Fortunately, I had a chance to take a leadership class with a wonderful instructor who taught leadership class that inspired me to take on the role of leadership in the community. So I decided to gather my friends, classmates, and people whom I know to take the leadership role that I interested in leading. It turned out wonderful experienced of leadership.



### *Portland State University Table Tennis Club in 2001*

I keep thinking about the Portland State University Table Tennis Club that I established on campus ground at Portland States University for students and everyone else. Now I still feel good because it is a campus ground that is for education purpose, and nobody know the way to enter at the time, but I see the opportunity to get in with Alex Accetta, PSU instructor. The vision is to be educated as well as serving other purpose too. At the time in 2001 after I became US Citizenship of America, I realized my dream of contribute to greater society of America in education path. While I was at Portland State ground campus, I thought of contribute my legacy for the education path. Then opportunity happened when I took the leadership class with Alex Accetta, PSU instructor, at the time that he also had a proposal plan for build a new PSU rec center for the campus. On my side, I thought about Table Tennis sports that I knew people like Jim Scott, Portland Table Tennis Club president, at the time. So it is a joint effort to bring about the vision of education purpose along with others to contribute to greater society. I was so proud of the PSU table tennis team that we have our own T-shirts design. Our T-Shirt design for the first year was the green color of the school that students came up with the logo for the club. Follow the next year, Hong Vi and the team design the T-Shirt logo for the Pacific Rim Open event with the vision of Portland city in dark blue color. That was so wonderful. Our students body for the club was a success. The uniqueness that students body got to design our own creative T-Shirt for the team is our identity. The school took noticed of our PSU Table Tennis club and Vanguard Newsletter wrote about us on the newspaper for years to come of the vision and mission that students come up with that cultivate the team and our identity and uniqueness for the club. But the main ideas was for student leadership with education

purpose. Every year is difference and unique, when I was there from 2001-2004, the club just started as a new student club funded by Student Fees Committees of Portland State University. So we had fund from school to initiate the club as a new club for student leadership. We hosted famous people like Scott Preiss, USA Table Tennis exhibition. I still remembered that day I came to Alex Accetta with a scratch paper of my plan for the vision of the club. First of all, the vision was for student leadership in education setting which is a perfect setting for student at campus ground to test drive their leadership path. I drew on the paper my vision of what we will do such as involvement of student body on campus to organize the PSU Table Tennis team moving outward to support the local community like Portland Table Tennis Club and others, as well as invitation of national famous figures of Table Tennis coaches to bring the team to national level. The Portland States University is a perfect setting for international students to get involvement, and also table tennis is the #2 sport in the world that has people like to play.



*Did you have a roommate?*

I lived with my parents while I went to college/university, so I didn't live on campus with roommates.

*In college I participated in...*

I participated in leadership, science, physics, mathematics, technology, etc.

*My favorite professors...*

Jay Peterson was an academic advisory. Dr. Jun Jiao was a physics professor who led me to major in physics. Dr. Howard who taught me physics to better understand quantum physics and fundamental of physics. Dr. LaRosa also taught me physics. Dr. Bodegome who taught physics. Alex Accetta who was instructor of leadership class.

*Working while in college...*

I worked in work study when I was in college.

*One thing I wished I had known prior to college...*

One thing I wish I knew before going to college was that the world is fill with option and opinion other than Christ.

*My friends from college...*

Once in awhile I saw my friends profile online like facebook or social media. But I didn't meet them in person yet.

*My college friends...*

My friends all major in different fields of study.



*My favorite college courses...*

My favorite courses in college were leadership, mathematics, science, technology.

*Did you consider any other majors in college?*

Yes, I made up my mind from time to time for the majors that I later graduated with physics degree.

*Moment of Realization in physics*

In the direction of my education path in physics, mathematics, technology, etc. in college life, it was a moment of realization in study. I still remembered once my college classmate gave me a ticket to go to see the show, The Elegant Universe. At the moment, I realized the big pictures of my curiosity of physics, quantum mechanic. The topic of quantum mechanic or quantum physics do not understand by many people, but rather only a small number of people who willing to take the path into the world of curiosity. After the show on that day, I determined to questions and asked my professors to explain to me what is it about quantum physics and how it is. The next year, the whole year I focused on study about it, and I got it. The brilliant mind that I experienced with others to better understand the beauty of an elegant universe in the eyes context of physicists/scientists.

*College activities...*

I spent most of my day in school. So I didn't have much time to get involve in outside of class activities.







Vi Nguyen with PSU President 2004



### *Beyond school and Liberty University*

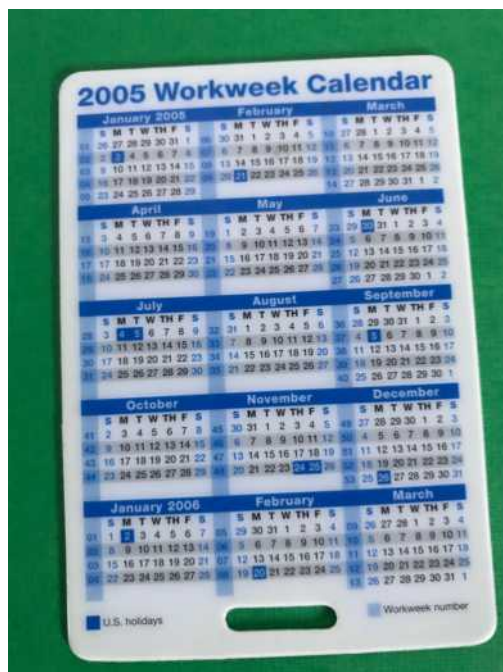
After graduated from Portland State University in 2004, and for few years of worked in the high tech fields of high tech. I was struggle in my own wondering of what is it that we are facing in the society. Something that I struggled to connect between my own faith and scientists/physicists, and that is faith. I always wondering of the universal must connect between wonderful mindset of scientists/physicists and faith in Christ for mankind salvation. So what is the disconnection that I trouble myself viewing the world with so many difference religions, scientists, etc. I guess it is questions for the next generations to find answers in Christ and for the love of humanity.

# Career

My last year at Portland State University, 2004, was the busy year for me. Fortunate enough, I got an offered from Kelly Services to work at Intel Corporation as a technician. It was an open minded for me that I got to work in the semiconductor industry whereas my major in physics was a perfect fit. It was the first time ever in my life that I realized there were so many people who had a Bachelors, Master or PhD in physics and other fields that they worked in the high tech companies. I was so excited that I found my common ground of my curiosity of the world beyond me.

After graduated with Bachelor in Physics at Portland State University in June 2004, I also got an offered to work as an engineer at Intel Corporation for the next 2 years. I brought all the skills and talents that I gained from school in science, physics, and technology to help develop the technology for the lab at Intel Corporation. Now my world made sense a bit of what I learned in school and what people are doing with their study about science, physics, and technology.





# Family

*Our family name...*

Nguyen is my family last name, it is a popular Vietnamese last name.

*My parents influenced me most by..*

My parents influenced me in faith and education.

*My mother...*

My mother was a teacher when she was young in Vietnam.

*My father...*

My father was a Vietnam US soldier and he was a farmer.

*Do you wish you had been raised differently?*

I don't wish to be raised differently anymore, because I believe mom and dad offer me the best of life that they can base on their ability to take care of me.

*The more strict parent was...*

My mom is more strict than my dad. I consider my parents are strict at some time in my life, but they are relax at other time in my life.

*Some of the best advice my parents ever gave me was...*

The best advice my parents offers me is to be faithful in Christ and graces of Sorrowful Mother Mary and saints will be upon me and others. My parents are faithful in Christ, and that really help me in my direction in life.















I grow up with both mother and father in my household.

*My parent's relationship was...*

My parents' relationship is that they are not a harmony couple, but they don't give up in their marriage and they stay together in good time and bad time.

*I am more like my...*

I am more like my father in direction of life regard to the way I think and reason like in politics. I am more like my mother in education path and faith base.

*My parents would argue about...*

Growing up in the house, I always hear daddy talks about family members and relatives of my mom side of the family.

*Disagreements with my parents...*

I don't have major disagreements with my parents.

*Advice from my parents...*

Advice that I wish to take from my parents is faith in Christ and Sorrowful Mother Mary and Saint Joseph and saints. They are always faithful with God only.

*Siblings...*

I have one older sister, Maria Nguyen Thi Thien Huong or Tami Nguyen, and one younger brother, John Bosco Nguyen Ai Minh Vuong.

*The thing I like most about my siblings was...*

I like most about my siblings is that they are beautiful and handsome every time I get to see them. They always have something surprise me. They are very unique in his/her own life that I am curious about getting to know them a bit more.

*My grandparents were...*

The only memory about my grandparents was that they were old and sick when I was young.

*Memories of my grandparents...*

The only memory I had of my grandparents was on that day my grandmother passed away. That was an early morning after I went to mass at BaoThi church in Vietnam, and I came to visit my grandmother the last time.

*What I most admire about my ...*

I didn't know much about my grandparents. What I admire most about my mom is that she always more energetic than I am in her work and life. What I admire most about my dad is the path he takes care of me and my family members.

*The member of my family I'm closest to is...*

I am closest to my mom and dad.

*What I most admire about my family is...*

I admire my daddy in my family. Daddy is the one that stand strong for the family in good and bad situations in life. I have vision, but daddy's vision is beyond my scope. Think about his path in life, he wanted his family members brothers and sisters to have education so that they hold important position in the society. After he went to Vietnam American soldier, he dreamed for his brothers and sisters to take education path in their lifetime. He was a bit disappointed that his brothers and sisters didn't make it. That doesn't give up his dream. In turn, he got marry with educated woman, mom, and he led his children on the path of education, and at last, his children pursued higher education on the land of the free, United States of America, we held Bachelor Degree at Portland State University. Daddy became US Citizenship of America. His dream is to lead his younger children in the family like nephews and nieces to become president of some organization in the United States of America or some high position in the society.

*A family member I've lost that has really impacted me is...*

Bac Nang was a family member that impacted me the most because he was the one that helped our family and encouraged us while we were young to pursue education.

# Life Thoughts

*The main lessons I have learned in life...*

My life story and the direction of my life. 1. Daddy told me about the story on the news when I was young in Vietnam of First Man Landed on the Moon by United States of America. 2. My family and I moved to the United States of America in 1993. I had a chance to visit Washington DC, USA and that I went on tour to Smithsonian Museum to see the spacecraft of the First Man Landed on the Moon by American astronauts in 1998. 3. My inspiration to study science, physics, mathematics, and technology in college/university. I graduated with Bachelor degree in Physics in 2004 at Portland State University. 4. I worked at Intel Corporation as an engineer from 2004 - 2007, and I worked at various high tech company after that.

*I was once beautiful*

The society feel good, just that I am in the moment feeling lost in the world that is minority of thinking of homeless and all the troubles of the world. But look in the bright side of life. Look up to Chi Huong & Vuong & Ethan, they are the shining stars for the house. They are well educated in the family, and they know where to go and what to do in the normal society. So learn from each other, and be good people. See the world in the bright side of life. When the majority approval and the society acceptance of whatever it is, then it is the righteous and it alright. Just when I see the people play table tennis, but I am thinking of once the academic and education setting approval for the path of people play table tennis as a well known and acceptance in the society, then it is alright path to follow. Nothing wrong with it. People follow after that is consider to be living in the normal society, and it is

acceptance by the majority. Now the professors/instructors and expert are teaching the young of the right techniques in the sports they love. I always love the academic and education path, and I am very new to the society. In fact, in my family, we are the first generation to go to college in the United States of America. Very new! Even the direction that I go in physics path of Bachelor in Physics at Portland State University and I graduated in 2004. I still doubtful of the physics direction that I enter into. That is why I pray upon Christ, and seek for forgiveness upon confession of Catholic Church of Christ. First, at least I make my way through with confession at the Mother Church level upon Christ. The oldest and trust worthy of the direction for me as well as Holy Souls that still not purify in purgatory due to their sin while living on earthly life. I see the direction of physics, and all I can think of is that it is a direction that so many people follow without realizing the Christ direction in their path. It is in a way for me and my thinking is that it is resources. I love to think that way, it is a resources for many people to discover. Even the sport or recreation of table tennis isn't well known and well acceptance and understand in America as in the university/college setting yet. As we discover and learn about it, it is becomes our resources. Even for my own fatness and fat in my body within the family members and relatives of my own life. We don't understand the path of why we are fat, and what make me fat, what is it that I am eating in everyday life that make me fat and unhealthy. I personally experiencing it myself and look at the society in my own relativism perspective. I am too new. We are not fully understand it yet. Even the direction of International Fellowship of Christians and Jews (IFCJ), I am very new the the path. Even the president of IFCJ was very new to the path, now he passed away on the land of Israel, his people Jewish as well as the chosen people still very new to the path of Moses. I am following

through with Christ and Sorrowful Mother Mary and sainthood direction. Very new direction! I always prayer for daddy and daddy's generation to go to heaven upon Christ and Sorrowful Mother Mary and saints. But listen to his sinful voices of a man, he is weak and vulnerable on his own as well as people spirit flowing around the world. That is why I pray and intercede with Sorrowful Mother Mary and for daddy and daddy's generation to go to heaven upon Christ and seek for forgiveness upon Christ for mankind salvation. I ask no more than that.







# Spirituality & Faith

*My denomination...*

Catholic

*Religion in my life...*

Religion is very important for me, Catholic faith in Christ and Sorrowful Mother Mary and Saints are the spiritual role model for me to follow. Priests and nuns, brothers and sisters are very important relationship in God for me.

*What happens after death...*

I will go to heaven in Christ.

*Have your beliefs changed over the course of your life?*

My belief is shaking over the course of my life. But I still faithful as journey of life take me to different stage in life.

*The thing that strengthens my faith...*

Attend mass at church to receive communion and listen to priests preach about Christ and his direction lead my faith to be stronger. Recite the rosary helps me to be happy as I meditate my life with hope and desire in graces of Sorrowful Mother Mary for me and others upon Christ.

*Have you ever given up anything for your religious beliefs...*

Yes, sometime I do give up my own interest to fulfill my duty and responsibility in religious beliefs.

*Have you ever had a supernatural experience, or an experience you couldn't explain...*

Yes, I always feel like there is God presents in my life.

*My parents and my faith...*

My faith is similar with my parent's faith in Christ. But the direction of how to get there is different from my parent's faith.





## *Faith*

I like to follow the path of sainthood. In Catholic, we strike for holiness. I want to live my life holiness and I want to be sainthood in my life. I want to become saint in my life. I believe I can and that is what Catholic teaches us that we can become sainthood in holiness. The ideas seem unrealistic to people. But something I look up to if I ever live my life that way. If I ever have to achieve my dream in my life, I rather take the path to become sainthood in Christ. How the path that I want to become sainthood? At some moment in my life experience with the direction of colleges life in pursue education in physics, science, technology, etc. I clearly see the path of so many scientists/physicists who are wonderful mind thinking of the world, however, people aren't baptism yet, and the Bible verse that pounding in my heart and mind that only those who baptism in water and spirit that will enter the kingdom of God. I can't help keep thinking about it. More specifically, "Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit. John 3:5." In a glimpse of hope, I realize the light shed upon my life. Faith, I always pray for Holy Souls by recite the rosary for Sorrowful Mother Mary to help Holy Souls to go to heaven upon Christ. While I still alive, I like to pray for Holy Souls to be in my body mind spirit and we together can take whatever I feel on earthly life that is worthy for Holy Souls to go to heaven like water, natures flowers and plants, etc. upon Christ. I especially dedicate Sunday mass for Holy Souls upon Christ and Sorrowful Mother Mary and saints. My favorite prayer "Jesus Mary Joseph I love you save souls." I like to put words together, my word is "LOVE - Live On Vulnerable Earth."





I supported the International Fellowship of Christians and Jews (IFCJ) organization since 2004 until present. My prayer is to "Pray for the peace of Jerusalem, Psalm 122:6."



I always want to plant an olive trees on the land of Israel, and that I did it. This is a mark for myself to remember the land of Israel where Jesus Christ lived his life with his family.





# Politics & History

*What's the first major news story you can remember living through as a child?*

The first major news story I remembered living through as a child was that daddy told me about the first man landed on the moon.

*What national events or tragedies impacted you most?*

The national events impacted me most was the Fall of Saigon, Vietnam followed by the wave of people escaped to the freedom countries around the world.

*If I could travel back in time...*

If I can travel back in time to any country and any era, I would go to Jerusalem, Israel and follow the path of Jesus Christ.

*How has the country changed during your lifetime?*

The country has changed from Vietnam war time to communist regime country. Lucky for me that I no longer live in Vietnam and that I am on the land of the free, United States of America, and to view the world in difference perspective in life.

*What would you like to see change in the current political/social atmosphere?*

I support human rights, and what I want to see change in the current political/social atmosphere that there no more oppression over the voices of minority and immigration/refugees worldwide. Also, the values of human dignity needs to be respect and nurture that we are men women and children in God's image.

*How do you get your news, what news interests you, and how has that changed over time?*

I get the news from daddy, he talks all the time as he watches TV in everyday life. I like to observe his walk and his perspective about political path as well as he is faithful man in Christ and he recites the rosary asking Mother Mary and Saint Joseph to help him in life. I also watch the news to follow up in life too. News that interest me is about engineer of NASA and technology.

*Other than the present which historical era would you like to have lived in?*

It is very hard to choose which historical era that I like to live in because for me I enjoy the path God will for me. When I was in my childhood years, my daddy taught me about the Vietnam war and the cruel the people being treated in prisons after being captured by the communist. So I don't think that was a historical era that I want to relive my life. Then I went to America with my family members and that I focus on the goal of pursue education on the land of the free. Well, probably this is a better historical era that I lived through in my life time. Not the best, but better than in the war zone era.

*What do you consider to be the most important war fought during your lifetime?*

I consider the most important war fought during my lifetime was the war to fight for freedom on the land of United States of America. At last, we still see the light of hope that the nation defend for freedom in God.



*What would you like to see change in the current political/social atmosphere?*

I support human rights, and what I want to see change in the current political/social atmosphere that there no more oppression over the voices of minority and immigration/refugees worldwide. Also, the values of human dignity needs to be respect and nurture that we are men women and children in God's image.

*Have you ever fought for a political cause?*

I guess I still strongly support human rights and the quality of human dignity. I probably say that I trouble my heart and mind in thinking about human dignity and human rights issues when come to how people being treated under oppression and cruel once being capture by other party.





*What do you consider to be the most important war fought in history?*

The most important war fought in history was the Vietnam war, because we fought against all odd to stood for define the war between communist worldwide and other parties.

*If you could meet any historical figure who would it be and why?*

In my life, I had a chance to meet wonderful historical political figure like Senator of Oregon whom gave us an advice as we visited his office in Washington DC, USA "Go and serve the community." I also met with Newt Gingrich in Washington DC, USA in 1998 when I went there for a high school field trip with teachers and classmates. There were also campaign at the capital by many politicians while I was there.

*Are you registred to a political party?*

Republican Party



Newt Gingrich 1998

*How have your political opinions changed over time?*

I remain as a republican party ever since I became US Citizenship of America. No political opinions changed over time.

*What do you consider to be the most significant political event during your lifetime?*

The most significant political event during my lifetime was the time I visited Washington DC, USA in 1998 whereas I had a chance to meet with politicians of United States of America and I learned about the US government.

*Which political figure do you admire the most?*

A political figure that I admire the most is President Donald Trump because I support Jerusalem, Israel to become a capital of Israel. It is also a Star of David that I believe it is the right path in his leadership for people.



## *Human Rights*

My desire and hope is that there will be a human rights representative from every nation or country around the world to come to present his/her own human rights situation with the committee in America. Human Rights representatives are people who first come to America, they are new comer to America, and they are the one that know the circumstances of where they come from to present themselves of who they are, who they represent, and what their perspective of human rights to the American committee. As a human rights advisory committee, Beaverton, Oregon, USA. I organized human rights representatives with intention to lead new comers, and others who are new to the land of United States of America to become human rights representatives to present about human rights issues that they are experiencing from their places and their land of where they come from. Imagine human rights representatives from all nations around the world comes to present to the United States of America.





# Travel

## *My favorite trip...*

Traveled to China, Thailand, and Vietnam, and the view from multi-cultures, languages, and society. For a week stayed in China in 2007 as a tourism that I went to visit the Temple of Heaven, the Wall of China, Summer Palace of China, etc. As a Vietnamese tourism group stood at the Temple of Heaven where the soldiers march at the places. A Vietnamese man spoke up, "This place do not have freedom." At the moment, I was thinking, well, he was a Vietnam US soldier fought the Vietnam War before the Fall of Saigon in 1975. Who was the fuel for the war of Vietnam at the time that lead the Vietnam country to these days. The cultures and the close society of China behind the close door. Well, none of my business basically, I was not motivated in the subject anyway since I lacked knowledge of the China society. As we continued to walk at the Temple of Heaven and we led by the tour guide people. The tour guide spoke up with a proud statement, "China will rule the world with artifact military strategy that control the atmosphere." I questioned myself of how can the society of communist wants to control the world whereas they wasn't a clear country and the country being criticism by other country of wrong doing all the time. Well, it didn't sound like a fairy tale story of princess and prince that love the people, but rather a cruel Queen of China that ruled the country of oppression and dictatorship of the society. Am I too young to really want to get involvement in the situation? But I can't help not to speak my voices at heart about the oppression of China rules that spread all over the world, especially in my country, Vietnam. I guessed I was among a few Vietnamese young lady who heard the story of China pride at the heart of China country, Temple of

Heaven. Well, that was interesting enough, as we continued to walk at the Temple of Heaven. Another story told by the tour guide of the education of China. That is, the government of China assigned child at young age to go with the intensive training according to the government rules and authority without parents involvement of the child life. Isn't this something I should questions myself. Well, of course, since I being raised in the family with both mom and dad loving and passionate about helping the children to grow up and follow the curiosity of pursue education of his/her own skills, talents, and gifts accordingly to God will. Should I questions the education of China authority and dictatorship that lead to destruction of people growing up without love of own family members and the society. I also heard some random people say "Let a kid be a kid at young."





# US Citizenship

## *Daddy US Citizenship*

Thanks my daddy for being a role model in my life, and the greatest strength and courage in my life as I walk my journey of faith with the cross for me and others. I pray for daddy and his generation to go to heaven upon Christ and Sorrowful Mother Mary and Saint Joseph and saints. Daddy was a Vietnam-US soldier when I was young age in Vietnam. Daddy's vision for his family members and brothers and sisters was to help them to go to school and be educated to help the family less burden and hardship of working in the fields. Daddy led his own children on the path of education throughout his life with mom since his children were young age. His mission and vision drives the wave for us to pursue higher education on the land of United States of America. His vision fulfill for his children. That is hardship. Daddy's mission and vision is carrying on with his children and beyond.





