



Trung Van Tran

July 5, 1941 - September 11, 2025

When Trung Tran was born in Bac Lieu, Vietnam, in 1941, few could have imagined the remarkable journey his life would take — from humble beginnings in southern Vietnam, to a distinguished naval career, to the struggles and triumphs of starting over as a refugee in the United States.

Trung devoted much of his life to service. He entered the Republic of Vietnam Navy (Hải Quân VNCH) and rose through the ranks with courage and leadership. Over the years, he held many key positions, eventually rising to Commander. He was remembered by his shipmates as a steady leader who inspired loyalty, protected his men, and devoted his best years to the defense of his homeland.

In 1975, when South Vietnam fell, Trung fled as a refugee with his wife and three small children. Arriving in America with little but determination, he went back to school and earned a degree in Mechanical Engineering from Brooklyn Technical College, providing the foundation for his new life. Later, with his wife, he started a small business — a reflection of their resilience, courage, and unwavering partnership.

Though he built a life in America, Trung never stopped loving Vietnam. He often spoke of his dream to one day return to a free homeland. That day never came, but his devotion to his country remained steadfast until the end.

Beyond his military and professional accomplishments, Trung will be remembered for his great courage, kindness, and generosity. He lived with integrity and compassion, qualities that guided his service, his work, and his family life.

He is survived by his beloved wife, Jacqueline, six children, Katherine, Vincent, Frances, Martha, Mary and Carole in the United States, two children in Vietnam, and ten grandchildren. His legacy of service, love, and resilience lives on in them.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his name to Doctors Without Borders <https://www.doctorswithoutborders.org>

A celebration of his life will be held, with details to be announced.

Tribute Wall



“ *Katherine lit a candle in memory of Trung Van Tran* ”



Katherine - September 13, 2025 at 09:55 AM