

Duong Van Chu
(January 2, 1944- November 21, 2005)

Duong Van Chu passed away on Nov 21, 2005 in Springfield MA. A Vietnamese by birth, Duong was a resident of Springfield, Massachusetts where he served as a community outreach health educator for local Asian communities in the Pioneer Valley. He was affiliated with the Massachusetts Department of Public Health. He is survived by his wife Son Pham, his son Trong, and his two daughters Hong and My.



While at the CIE, Duong combined academic work with participation in the Center for Immigrant and Refugee Community Leadership and Empowerment (CIRCLE) program. In June 2004, he completed his doctoral dissertation on “Culture and health care toward Vietnam adults and elderly of the Greater Springfield, Massachusetts”. As a community leader, Duong demonstrated his belief that “we can learn from each other but we have to work hard together to build community.”

I was saddened by the loss of Dr. Duong Chu. Because I was away from Western Mass and I'm still in the wet season with American students to explore the ecological systems of Mekong Delta, my husband came to the services for Dr. Duong Chu. As a quite man in nature, Dr. Duong Chu was a good friend, a local activist for health care for Vietnamese Community in Springfield. And he was also a good father and husband. He will be dearly missed by his family, Vietnamese community and his friends.

May God bless him in the eternal world. **Duong Van Thanh**