



## Anan Klailee

July 12, 2013

Anan Klailee/อานัน – Passed away in Columbus, Ohio- July 12, 2013 at age 68. Born in Ban Pong, Ratchaburi, Thailand. Beloved and devoted husband of Maria and father of Molly, Jovanna, and Ruth. He came to College in Portsmouth, Ohio in 1969 where he met his beloved wife Maria. They got married in Nicaragua in 1972, moved back to Columbus Ohio in 1979. Anan opened the first Thai Orchid Restaurant in Dublin in 1986, and followed with the second Thai Orchid Restaurant in 2009 in Powell. The Asian Festival of Columbus 2012 cited Anan as one of the unsung Thai heroes in Columbus as follow. “ Mr. Anan Klailee, the owner of Thai Orchid is standing out. He has been in Columbus in the mid 1970. He has provided place for Thai students in Columbus and vicinity to work, place for Thais in need to stay. At present, his house is a center of gathering for celebration and ceremony for Thais in Columbus and nearby”. Anan is preceded in death by: his parents Sanga and Khuen, brother Kimhong, and brothers-in-law Huanhuat, Anuwat , and Surachai. Anan is survived by: Beloved wife Maria, Daughters- Molly Klailee, Jovanna and her husband Daniel Matheny, Ruth Klailee, and four grandchildren Austin, Devens, Lila, and Frankie; sisters Kimhean Saelim, Pranee Treeaneckpinit, Sa-Ing Uhmert, Supatah Seechailat, and Wongdean Klailee; nieces Nathaya and husband Virat, Sangchan and husband Pijit, Kigna and husband Patapol; nephews Preeda and wife Kanika, Pongsak and wife Sareenra, and nine great-grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, contribution may be made to the Buddhist Meditation Center of Chicago, 6224 Gunnison

St, Chicago, IL 60630. Family will receive friends from 4:00-6:00pm. on SUNDAY, JULY 14, 2013 at the RUTHERFORD FUNERAL HOME AT POWELL, 450 West Olentangy Street, Powell, Ohio 43065 (614)-792-1471. (The funeral home is located on W. Olentangy St./Powell Rd./SR 750 1/4 mile east of Sawmill Parkway.) A Buddhist Funeral Service will be held on MONDAY, JULY 15, 2013 from 4:00-6:00pm. at the funeral home. A Buddhist Cremation Ceremony will follow on TUESDAY, JULY 16, 2013 from 12:00-2:00pm. A Memorial Reception in honor of Anan will be held on TUESDAY, JULY 16th from 2:30-4:30 PM at THAI ORCHID RESTAURANT, 8736 Moreland Street, Powell, OH 43065.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Anan Klailee*

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January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ *We were so very surprised to just recently learn of Anan's passing. We always marveled at how slim and trim he was - especially after he told us he enjoyed ice cream every night. He was such a kind and gentle man and always remembered us no matter how long it had been since we visited him at the restaurant. I am sure he is truly missed by many*

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**Lou and Gary Cattell** - September 26, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *We have just heard of Anan's passing and we send our thoughts and sympathy. Anan always remembered us when we came to the restaurant. Through the years, we have come to consider Thai Orchid, Anan and you family part of our family. My husband never listened to the direction to pick up our dinner from the carryout window, choosing to instead go in to the restaurant just to see Anan. He will be missed.*

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**Vicki and Eri Miller** - August 11, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *Maria and family, Dave, myself and the girls offer our deepest condolences to you. We are very saddened to hear of Anan's passing. We have been regular customers of your restaurants for over 21 yrs. and will miss him. Anan always had a smile and kind words.*

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**Mimi Borsari** - August 08, 2013 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ We just heard. We want to offer our most sincere condolences on the loss of Mr. Klailee. He always had a broad smile when he spoke to us at Siam or Thai Orchid and made us feel welcome and at home. He will be missed. I am so sorry for your loss.

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**Tom and Becky Samson** - July 17, 2013 at 12:00 AM

KF

“ Dear Maria and Family,

Our deepest sympathies to you and your family. Anan clearly made this world a better place for many people including the Smith family. We will always treasure our many conversations with Anan, especially those about his personal life and family. He was a very special person to us all. We share in your loss and please know you are in our thoughts and prayers. Ken and Mary Smith.

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**Ken and Mary Smith and Family** - July 16, 2013 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ We are so sad to learn of Mr. Klailee's death and send our sincere condolences to the family. We have been regular customers of Thai Orchid for years. A favorite memory is a time we visited the older Thai Orchid and Bob ordered a non-alcoholic beer. Without a word to us Mr Klailee sent one of the waiters to a nearby Kroger store where they purchased the beer and served it to Bob. They were never out of it after that visit.

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**Robert and Kathleen Flanagan** - July 16, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CK

“ Dear Maria and family,  
We've been coming to your restaurants since it was Schuawan Wok and over the years I've had a chance to met all the family members. Anan always recognized my voice on the phone and made up a nickname for me. He was always so welcoming and interested in what our family was doing and saw our kids grow up. We will miss him so much. Condolences to your family. Chuck and Irene Klein

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**Chuck and Irene Klein** - July 15, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ My family and I were so sorry to hear of Anan's passing. We have been visiting the Thai Orchid since I was a child and will miss his friendly voice and kind nature. We adored his amazing sense of humor and the deep love and pride he had for his family. Our hearts and prayers go out to your family during this very difficult time. We love you all and you will be in our thoughts.

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**Stephanie (Root) Mathews** - July 15, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ Dear Maria and family, I was saddened to hear of the passing of your husband. My husband and I first started coming to Thai Orchid when it was a small carry out on Sawmill Road. As your restaurant expanded and prospered, we enjoyed seeing the girls grow up. You and Mr. Klailee were friendly and welcoming each time we came in, seeming to recognize us.

It has been several years since we were at the restaurant as we have moved to Florida. However, we remember it fondly as well as you and your family. Our daughter still makes it a destination when she is in Columbus. Deepest sympathy to you and your family for the loss of your beloved husband. He was a fine man.

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**Sara Ogg** - July 13, 2013 at 12:00 AM

AW

“ Dear Maria and family, we were shocked and saddened to read of Anan's death. Although we only knew him for the last 17 years, we considered him our friend. He was a warm and caring man and we are better from having known him and lesser by his passing. Please accept our prayers for you and your family.

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**Alan and Linda Whittle** - July 13, 2013 at 12:00 AM

RG

“ I became a regular customer of Mr. Klailee's Thai Orchid on Sawmill Road the year he opened. Several people told me how wonderful the restaurant was and he makes everyone feel welcome. I always looked forward to chatting with him as I would wait for my order, and when he opened the Powell location, I often saw him there. His warmth, kindness and his relationships with his customers are what I will always remember. My sincere condolences to the family.

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**Rhonda Gaines** - July 13, 2013 at 12:00 AM