



Mr. Joseph Chomthakham

February 28, 1999 - September 5, 2021

Joseph “Joe” Chomthakham, 22, of Lowell, MA, passed away unexpectedly on Sunday, September 5, 2021 at his home. He was born on February 28, 1999 as the beloved son of Soumetta “Lah” Chomthakham.

Joe worked as an Environmental Health and Safety Management Coordinator at UMass Lowell and previously was an Event Manager for student activities. He was a Class of 2021 UMass Lowell graduate where he earned a B.S. in Environmental Science.

Joe grew up in Watertown, MA; he attended Watertown public schools and graduated with honors from Watertown High School in 2017. Throughout his teenage years, he was a camp counselor and tutor with the Watertown Boys and Girls Club where he thoroughly appreciated the opportunity to work with children.

More than anything, Joe treasured his time with family. He loved children and especially enjoyed spending time with all his cousins. He enjoyed gaming, socializing, and celebrating good times with his close college friends. He cherished his Mom’s cooking, especially her chicken wings & ribs with sticky rice.

In addition to his mother Lah, Joe leaves Lah’s fiancé, James V. Tessier of Lowell, MA.

He was the adored grandson of the late Kom and Chanthachone Chomthakham of Watertown, MA. He is survived by his uncles, Sompheng Maokhamphiou of Lowell, MA, Somboun Chomthakham of Lawrenceville, GA and Somchai Chomthakham of Holbrook, MA. He was predeceased by his uncle Somvang Maokhamphiou of Oklahoma City, OK. He also leaves behind his aunts, Sompathana Vannabouthong of Longwood, FL and Chitpanya Pham of Baton Rouge, LA. He enjoyed many trips and visits with each of their families and revered his many cousins.

In addition, he leaves behind Noel J. Tessier of Attleboro, MA and the Tessier, Curley, Lavery & Hartley families that loved him.

Family and close friends are cordially invited to his home at 16 Gibson Rd, Lowell, MA on Thursday, September 9 at 4pm for a traditional Buddhist ceremony.

All are welcome to honor and remember Joe at the Fay McCabe Funeral Home, 105 Moore Street, Lowell, MA on Friday, September 10 from 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Traditional Buddhist funeral services will take place Saturday at the Fay McCabe Funeral Home starting at 7:00am and will be followed by a funeral procession to Newton Cemetery Chapel & Crematory, 791 Walnut St., Newton Centre, MA for final prayers and blessings.

Cemetery Details

Newton Cemetery Chapel and Crematory

791 Walnut Street
Newton Center, MA 02459

Previous Events

Traditional Buddhist Services

SEP **9**. 4:00 PM (ET)

16 Gibson Road, Lowell, MA
16 Gibson Road
Lowell, MA 01851

Calling Hours

SEP **10**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Fay McCabe Funeral Home
105 Moore Street
Lowell, MA 01852
(978) 459-9222
sean@faymccabe.com
<https://www.faymccabe.com>

Traditional Buddhist Services

SEP 11. 7:00 AM (ET)

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A Funeral Procession to Newton Crematory

SEP 11. 8:00 AM (ET)

Newton Cemetery Chapel and Crematory
791 Walnut Street
Newton Center, MA 02459

Final Services and Blessings

SEP 11. 9:00 AM (ET)

Newton Cemetery Chapel and Crematory
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Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Joseph Chomthakham*

January 28, 2023 at 03:09 PM



“ *My deep condolences go out to Joseph's family. I was his fourth grade teacher and remember him as a caring, intelligent and thoughtful person. He was an integral part of our class. My thoughts are with his family and friends. Sincerely,
Ruth Bender*

Ruth Bender - September 12, 2021 at 06:31 AM

MI

“ First and foremost, my deepest condolences to all friends and family of Joseph.

I've been struggling to decide what to put on the wall. Words can't put it into perspective how awful we all felt when we found out. It's difficult to want to say the right words to people you've only heard about through stories. What I do know, is that Joe's qualities were so overwhelmingly positive that it was difficult to not like him. I've shared many great moments with someone across the globe and our friendship felt realer than most friendships I've ever had. He was always open to talk, willing to listen and ready to offer his advice. Joe's eagerness to make another happy was thrilling and exciting to see, and it seemed to never falter. Despite our differing timezones and maturing life situations putting a bit of a dent in our friendship, I still think of him every day.

I will be saying a prayer for Joe and his family tomorrow. I hope you'll all manage to get through this. From the bottom of my heart and his online friends, he will be missed by all of us. May he go forth from this world in peace.

Michael - September 11, 2021 at 08:36 PM

SS

“ Hi, i don't have many memories with him but i remember that when we had late night matches (and it was very late for me since i live in Turkey) it was fun to play and talk to him, I still remember his voice even tho it's been years, he was a cool guy. Rest in peace bro.. ~
Rayden

Semih Soylu - September 09, 2021 at 01:17 PM

TP

“ I wanted to add a few more messages to Joseph's page.

Similar to some others on here I can't say I knew SIGI too well personally outside of the time we played in matches together, but that doesn't take away from what I did know and see of him in those instances. He was a great compassionate and humorous guy in a community in which those types of individuals are seldom found. Every time I'd hear him regardless of what team I was on (with or against him), I'd know he was just trying to have fun and make others around him enjoy themselves too and for that he will forever have my respect and memory, I can't imagine the pain you're going through in losing such a wonderful friend and relative but I wish you my deepest condolences and I hope that you know others share them too. - Sauron

I wanted to write a proper one, and I am not really great at these.... Well, only a handful of guys really can refer to him as their captain and I am one of them. And, because I didn't know him outside the game, I want to write about who he was in this game. He was a winner, leader, and a warrior in the truest sense of the word as much as he was the great guy and one of the funniest guys we all know him as. When you talked to him, he always had a way of crossing the line with you but you didn't care because you always knew that he really did that to get through your wall and make you join his parade of fun and victory. You knew he didn't mean anything even when he was angry.

I have so many memories with him cracking myself to laughter from this game, doing pickups, tournaments BUT having won something together with him is especially cool for me, because as much as it is a game, we put effort and time into it. When you want to win something, you work hard for it and that's exactly what he did. He took a team that he didn't create himself and turned into champions! - and he was the MVP of his own team in the finals! Because I am a huge believer that people's "game careers" are mostly a representation of their life. No doubt Sigi would probably have gone on to places with his mindset and would have realized

his dreams.

So, I will remember that one memory where I was an ass and you were the great one, and thank you for cracking us all the time and every time we met, picking me in pickups and bringing us a great victory. Skald! - Belendor

Sigi spread positive energy for many years throughout many different gaming communities and brought kindness to the lives of many people. He will be missed. - Fearspear

Hi everyone, it's sad to hear of Sigi's passing. Although I did not know him as well as many people here, I highly valued his presence in the community. - Rhine

We will miss you Sigi. - Landalore

May he rest in peace. - Crypex

Rest in Peace Sigi. - Matt the Lord

Prayers and condolences. - Vick

Rest in Peace. - Alim

Taylor Poloway - September 09, 2021 at 04:48 AM

TP

“ Hello, I wanted to share some of the messages that our community made for Joseph. To us, he was known as Sigi and I know firsthand from all of the messages I have received from countless people that his loss is going to be felt exceptionally hard amongst our group of friends. I will post more as I come across them. Sorry for your loss.

Sigi was fearless, he never had a problem leading charges and taking the reins of a team. He was funny and courageous and silly and just fun to be around. He was always striving to be a better person every day. I think he was a natural leader and one of his best qualities was that he would always have your back. No one could be Sigi and no one ever will be, he is irreplaceable. He was himself, he didn't put on a facade and if you knew him, you were in for a great time. His voice is what I will remember the most, his unique laugh or when he got frustrated, but kept on going and kept on pushing through it all. He always made me laugh, he was the life of the party when he showed up on discord and he will be sorely missed forever. Until we meet again Sigi and greet each other in the afterlife. And don't worry my friend, I'll have your axe drop for you when I arrive. - John

Sigi played a lot of Warband with me and in many tournaments on my team. He brought me into native and those were some good times. It's sad he just finished his last semester and he won't be able to enjoy the freedom after university. Rest in peace. - Choi

Absolutely loved played with Sigi, he was one of the kindest and funniest players I've ever played with. An amazing guy with so much potential and life still ahead of him. May he find forever peace. I'm gonna miss you bro, love. - Ciiges

I hadn't talked with Sigi in a while but he was always a pillar of the community in my mind and, above all, a great guy. When I was playing in NA more often, I really felt that the NA community had a vibe I hadn't experienced anywhere else. The community on a whole seemed to have a great sense of humor, were friendly and

welcoming. There was a long list of great characters that always made playing in NA extremely enjoyable and worth the time difference. Sigi was at the top of that list and I look back fondly on the times I got to play with him. Rest in Peace to a top guy. - Kiano

I called Sigi to play some games with my team in SA and he was always kind and friendly, we will remember him here in Brazil with great affection and what a great player he was. - Madara

I didn't know him super well but every time I played in NA tourneys and pickups I always thought he was a great, funny, and friendly guy to play with and against. So sad to think that he might've been hiding some great pain all along. He was a great guy and will not be forgotten. Rest in peace Big S. - Kane

Although I haven't spoken to him in quite a while, there was a time when I counted Sigi among my closest friends--someone I looked forward to seeing any time I came online. For as long as I knew him he was kind, funny, and passionate.

Sigi, I wish I got to play with you again, or at least hangout and chat one last time. I know we'll meet again. - Manry

Taylor Poloway - September 08, 2021 at 09:58 PM

NB

“ I didn't know Joseph too well but we were always on friendly terms, talking a bit here and there when I would see him in a game we both played. Very sad to see him pass away, and I only hope his family knows that his positive impact on the world stretches beyond what you know. God bless Joe and God bless the Chomthakham family in getting through this rough time.

Nathan Benedetti - September 08, 2021 at 02:52 PM

CP

“ My most heartfelt and deepest sympathies to Mr. Chomthakham's family.

I won't claim to be a close friend of Joe's, but I have known him for upwards of four to five years as a member of our online gaming community. Our community is small, and I know I speak for many others when I say that he will be sorely missed.

Joe was known to be exuberant, enthusiastic, and energetic- always willing to engage with others who were feeling down or encourage others to enjoy themselves. He would readily assume leadership roles, inviting additional responsibilities onto himself to facilitate an enjoyable gaming atmosphere for those around him. I am unsurprised to learn that his willingness to shoulder the burdens of leadership extended far beyond the bounds of online gaming. In the context of the game which we shared, Joe was well known for actively moving forward. "Always 'W' [the key used to move forward on the keyboard]" became synonymous with his presence. I am honored to have known Joe, and will strive to honor his memory by carrying his mentality forward.

My condolences once again, especially to his family and close friends. Great people leave behind great voids, and it is a testament to Joe's character and affability that he will be mourned by so many.

Courtland Pettigrew - September 07, 2021 at 10:04 PM

JT

“ 6 files added to the album Memories Album



James Tessier - September 07, 2021 at 04:13 PM