



VIETNAM AGENT ORANGE RELIEF & RESPONSIBILITY CAMPAIGN

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To the Family of Nguyen Thi Hong
To the Vietnam Association of Victims of Agent Orange/Dioxin
To the Vietnam Association of Victims of Agent Orange/Dioxin/Bien Hoa
To all Sister and Brother Victims of Agent Orange in Vietnam

On behalf of the Vietnam Agent Orange Relief & Responsibility Campaign I send sincere and heartfelt condolences on the death of our sister, Nguyen Thi Hong. We send our deepest sympathy especially to her husband, children and grandchildren whom she loved so much.

Nguyen Thi Hong came to the U.S. to fight for justice and compensation for Vietnam's Agent Orange victims. Her strong spirit and eloquent words deeply moved everyone who heard her speak. Despite suffering from Agent Orange caused illness, she never complained and she never gave up! In the crucial role she played in the delegation, Ms. Hong displayed the same militancy and heroism she had as a member of the *long haired army* in the struggle for the liberation of her country.

Nguyen Thi Hong dedicated the last weeks of her life to achieving justice for all Agent Orange victims. Despite knowing how serious her illnesses were, she had great optimism and hope. After a long day of activities, she told us, "See how invincible Vietnamese women are!"

Nguyen Thi Hong was a warm, kind and generous person. Because of her experiences fighting injustice, she had great empathy and solidarity with ordinary Americans suffering from poverty and other hardships.

Nguyen Thi Hong will dwell forever in our hearts! We love her and miss her. We will try to follow her example and live like her!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Merle Ratner".

Merle E. Ratner

Co-Coordinator

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