

Joseph A. Lange, 51

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Joseph A. Lange, 51, Plano, Texas, formerly of Groton, died Saturday, Dec. 4, 1993 at Presbyterian Hospital, Plano, of complications from pneumonia.

His funeral was Wednesday, Dec. 8, 1993 at First Baptist Church, Plano, with Senior Corporal, Chaplain Stan Griffis officiating. Burial was in Restland Memorial Park, Plano, with Ted Dickey Funeral Home, Plano, in charge of arrangements.

Joseph A. Lange was born August 7, 1942 to Arthur and Dorothy Lange in Duluth, Minn. He graduated from Groton High School in 1960. He joined the U.S. Army and served two tours of duty in Vietnam.

He married Huyen Thi Din in Saigon, South Vietnam in 1967. He received a bachelor's degree in criminal justice in 1974 and a master's degree in criminal justice in 1979 from Abilene Christian University. He worked as a motorcycle officer with the Dallas Police Department for 23 years, attaining the rank of senior corporal.

Survivors include his wife, Plano; two sons, Ray Lange and William Lange, both of Plano; two daughters, Kim Lange and Suzy Lange, both of Plano; his father, Groton; his stepmother, Charlotte Lange, Groton; one brother, Dean Lange, Minneapolis; three sisters, Jill Cross, Monticello, Minn.; Kristi Hickman, Loveland, Colo., and Yvonne Lange, Groton; and six grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his mother and his grandparents.

Casketbearers were police officers, Richard Crosby, Tommy Akins, Joe Cheatham, Rusty Goin, Jesse Dawson, Mike Hoffman, Gary Jones, Dane Thornton, Ed Herbst and Gary Melancon.

The funeral procession was escorted by the 760's and 790's Traffic Division Motorcycle Units of the Dallas Police Department.