



Pham Thi Hoa, who had just moved to Shakopee a few weeks before.

It worked well to have people who had recently arrived there to help the family as they all could speak Vietnamese. It also was helpful because Jack and his family knew more English.

Eventually, Jacob Jack Le Van Sach and Diep Phan Ngoc Sach ended up in Hennepin County, Minnesota. Jack received a Doctorate degree, and worked as a Refugee Relocation Specialist.



Dr. Jacob Jack Le Van Sach died on October 29, 2013 in Blaine, Minnesota.

He was 78 years old, and a widow who never married after the death of his wife a few years earlier. He was cremated, and buried in Brooklyn Park.



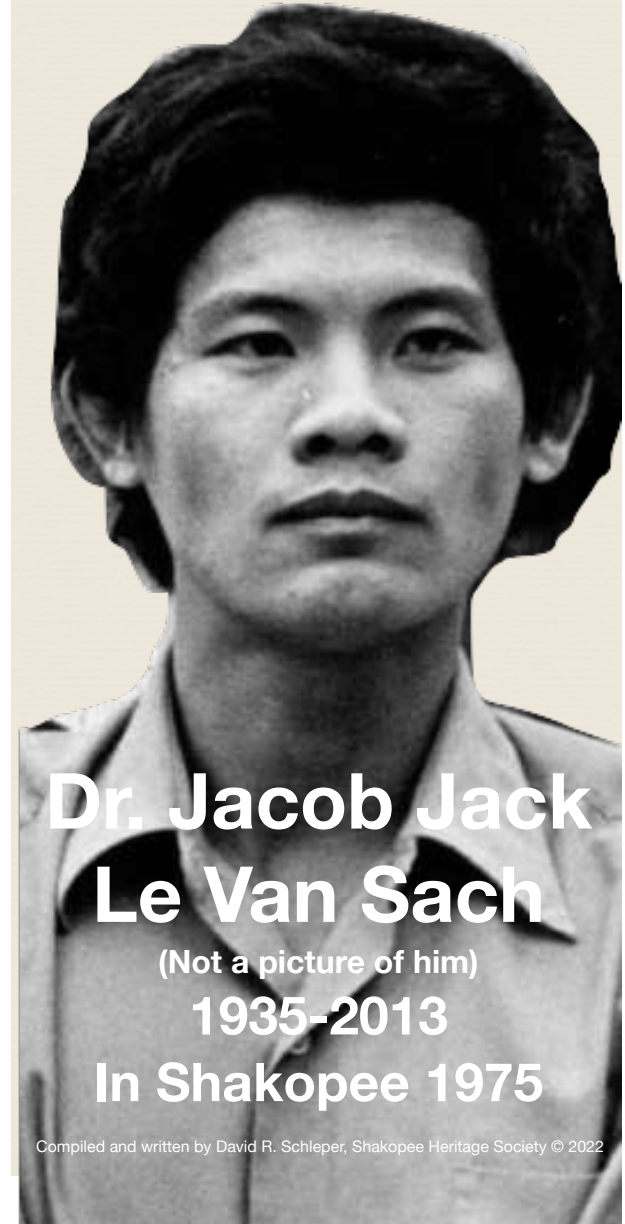
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**Dr. Jacob Jack
Le Van Sach**

(Not a picture of him)

1935-2013

In Shakopee 1975



Jacob Jack Le Van Sach and his wife, Pham Ngoc Diep were born in Vietnam. Jack was born in Saigon, which became Ho Chi Minh City when the communist took over in 1975. Ho Chi Minh City is the largest city in Vietnam, situated in the south. In the southeastern region, the city surrounds the Saigon River. Pham Ngoc Diep was born in Mỹ Tho. It is a city in the Tiền Giang province in the Mekong Delta region of South Vietnam. It is the regional center of economics, education and technology.

Jacob was 40 years old, and his wife, Pham Ngoc Diep was 43 years old in 1975. They had three children, according to an article in the **Shakopee Valley News** on September 3, 1975. Their oldest child was Le Nghi Nguyen, who was a 12 year old son. Their only daughter was Le Thuy Kieu, who was born in 1965. And their youngest, another son, Le Nguyen Nghi, was born in 1970.



On left is a picture of Jacob Le Van Each and family as they arrived in Minnesota. Picture is from the Shakopee Valley News, September 3, 1975. Below is St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church of Shakopee 119 West Eighth Avenue in Shakopee,



Jacob Jack Le Van Sach received a baccalaureate degree from the University of Saigon in 1953. In Vietnam, he was a secondary school teacher, according to the article Parishioners welcome Jacob Le Van Sach family. He authored several books as an area developmental specialist. And in Vietnam, he was a U.S. Embassy liaison translator. In fact, during his liaison with the Vietnamese government since 1968, Jack authored several text books for the teaching of languages.

Large-scale immigration from Vietnam to the United States began at the end of the Vietnam War, when the fall of Saigon in 1975 led to the U.S.-sponsored evacuation of Vietnamese refugees. As the humanitarian crisis and displacement of people in the Indochina region (Vietnam, Cambodia, and Laos) intensified, more refugees and their families were admitted to the United States.

Like government and military officials, urban professionals, and well-educated

South Vietnamese people who could speak English and were familiar with American culture were the first immigrants to arrive in America in 1975. South Vietnamese left because they feared that their way of life would not be the same with North Vietnamese in power.

Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota was significantly involved in the resettlement of Vietnamese refugees in Minnesota after the Fall of Saigon in 1975.

Jacob Jack Le Van Sach and Diep Phan Ngoc Sach, along with their three children arrived in Minnesota, parishioners from St. John's Lutheran Church in Shakopee, including Pastor Walter Johnson greeted the new immigrants at the Amtrak station. According to the **Shakopee Valley News**, the family met the people from St. John's Lutheran Church as well as parishioners from St. Mark's Catholic Church including Duong Manh Hung and