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Today he lives in the Washington DC area with his family. Top Le Van Ba
1975-2002 , Le Van Ba, 81 years old, has been a resident of Gaithersburg, MD for more than 27 year resident. From 1946-1975 he worked in Vietnam as an Airline employee. Resettling in the United States, he worked from 1978-1986 at the Montgomery County, Human Resources on Federally funded project. He retired in June 1986. Since 1982, Le Van Ba has been a Board Member of the Vietnamese Senior Citizen Association in the Washington Metropolitan Area. Since 1986, he has been a member of the National Congress of Vietnamese in America (NCVA). He has also served as a Board Member at various times. From 1988-1998, he served as Chairman of the Washington Area League of Vietnamese Associations. He has served as the Honorary President since 1998. His associations have also included the Families of Vietnamese Political Prisoners Association, with Mrs. Khuc Minh Tho serving as the President. Since 1994, The Washington Area League of Vietnamese Associations became an affiliate of FVPRA. As Chairman of the League, Mr. Le participated in all the lobbying effort of FVPRA in Congress in favor of the resettlement of former Vietnamese political prisoners (a.ka. the H.O. program), the over 21 single children of former political prisoners, the McCain children, etc. Top Nguyen Manh Hung
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