

BIOGRAPHY OF DECEASED VICE HEALTH MINISTER

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[Biography of Dr Ho Van Hue, PRGRSV vice minister of health, social action and disabled soldiers, a senior colonel, vice chairman of the Eastern Nam Bo Military Region's rear service department, concurrently chief of the military medical service of the same department]

[Text] Comrade Ho Van Hue was born on 8 September 1917 in Phoc Tuy village, Can Duoc district, Cho Lon (Long An Province).

Prior to the August revolution, when he was a student of the Hanoi medical and pharmacy college, he took part in the patriotic student movement. After graduation from the medical college, he went to work at the hospital of the Quan Loi rubber plantation and participated in the vanguard youth movement of this plantation.

After the August revolution, when the French again invaded our country, he volunteered to enlist in the militia ranks to fight the enemy for national salvation and since then has continuously served in the army.

Educated and trained by the party, Comrade Ho Van Hue matured and successively assumed the following positions:

- November 1945: Chief medical office at Thuan Loi war zone in Lac An, Bien Hoa.
- September 1946: Chief of military medical service in military zone 7.
- March 1950: Admitted to the Indochinese Communist Party.
- March 1951: Chief of Nam Bo military medical service.
- September 1952: Chief of military medical service in the Eastern Nam Bo subregion.
- September 1955: Deputy chief of training service of the military medical department.
- February 1957: Deputy chief of military medical department.
- 1964: Returned to the south to conduct fighting.
- July 1964: Chief of southern military medical service.
- June 1969: Deputy chief of the liberation troops' rear service department and chief of the South Vietnamese military medical service. Appointed PRGRSV vice minister of health, social action and disabled soldiers at the national congress of South Vietnamese people's representatives.

Being a leading cadre of the medical branch in general and the military medical branch in particular, highly imbued with the party's medical viewpoint, Comrade Ho Van Hue knew how to rely on and motivate the masses and endeavored to overcome difficulties, hardships and shortcomings under wartime conditions and at a time when our country is still poor. Upholding the spirit of self-reliance and displaying creativity in the performance of his tasks, he cared for the health of our people and troops, provided medical treatment to wounded soldiers and made positive contributions to developing revolutionary medicine in our country in general and the military medical branch in particular, particularly the Nam Bo military medical branch during the two resistance wars against the French and the Americans.

Comrade Ho Van Hue was awarded the following medals: One 2d class combatant medal, one 1st class military exploit medal, one order of glory, one 1st class liberation combatant medal, one 2d class liberation combatant medal, and one 3d class liberation combatant medal.

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PRG VICE HEALTH MINISTER **HO VAN HUE DIES**

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[Text] The Council of Ministers, the National Defense Ministry, the Ministry of Health, Social Action and Disabled Soldiers and the family of Dr Ho Van Hue are deeply grieved to announce that Dr Ho Van Hue, vice minister of health, social action and disabled soldiers, a military senior colonel-doctor of the VPA, deputy chief of the South Vietnamese Rear Service Department, and member of the VWP, holder of two first class armed exploit medals and many other medals, died at 1740 [1040 GMT] on 7 April 1976 at Thong Nhut Hospital in Ho Chi Minh City at the age of 59. He died after a period of serious illness and after having been given intensive medical treatment by the party, government, Ministry of Health, Social Action and Disabled Soldiers, and the army.

His coffin is lying in state at No 2, 30 April (Thong Nhut) Street. The ceremony to pay him final tribute will be from 1300 to 2100 on 8 April 1976. His funeral will take place at 0730 on 9 April 1976.

Further Details

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[Text] Ho Chi Minh City (LPA 8 April 1976)--On 8 April the PRGRSV Council of Ministers decided to set up a committee to organize the funeral of Dr Ho Van Hue, vice minister of health, social action and disabled soldiers, consisting of the following:

1. Dr Phung Van Cung, vice chairman of the PRGRSV, chief of the committee;
2. Mr Tran Bub Kiem, PRGRSV minister of the president's office;
3. Dr Duong Quynh Hoa, minister of health, social action and disabled soldiers;
4. Maj Gen Dong Van Cong, vice national defense minister;
5. Mrs Bui Thi Me, vice minister of health, social action and disabled soldiers;
6. Engineer Le Van Tha, vice minister of justice.

FUNERAL SERVICES HELD FOR VICE HEALTH MINISTER

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[Text] The funeral for Dr Ho Van Hue, PRGRSV vice minister of health, social action and disabled soldiers and a military senior colonel-doctor, was organized on the morning of 9 April 1976 at the Military Club in Ho Chi Minh City. Dr Phung Van Cung, PRGRSV vice president and organizer of the funeral, read the oration.

After recalling Dr Ho Can Hue's biography, Vice President Phung Van Cung said: "Being a leading cadre of the medical branch in general and the military medical branch in particular, highly imbued with the party's medical viewpoint, you knew how to rely on and motivate the masses to endeavor to overcome difficulties, hardships and shortcomings under our country's conditions of poverty and war. You upheld the spirit of self-reliance displayed creativity in the performance of your tasks in support of the people and combatants, devoted yourselves to the treatment of wounded combatants, and made positive contributions to developing a revolutionary national medicine and, particularly, the Nam Bo military medical branch during the two resistance wars against the French and the Americans. Displaying a high sense of responsibility, you worked until your last breath on your sickbed.

Bidding farewell to you, we will always remember your optimistic revolutionary spirit and learn from your simplicity, modesty, studiousness and honesty and are determined to outstandingly fulfill the tasks that our party, government, army and people entrust to us, and to advance the building of socialism throughout our country toward success as you wished.

Many leaders of the party, the government and the front and many representatives of agencies, mass organizations, and the army in the south and Ho Chi Minh City accompanied Dr Ho Van Hue's casket to its resting place.

Hồ Văn Huê Doctor Deceased

Vice Minister of Public Health, Social Services and Veterans Affairs of the PRGRSV; Senior Colonel in the Medical Corps, VPA; Deputy Chief, Rear Services Department for South Vietnam; Member of the Vietnam Lao Dong Party; he died on 7 April 1976 at age 59 following a period of serious illness. (Saigon SAIGON GIAI PHONG 9 Apr 76 p 4)

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Vice Minister of Public Health, Social Affairs and Wounded Veterans [PRGRSV]; Senior Colonel, VPA; Deputy Chief of the Rear Service Staff Department for South Vietnam; Vietnam Lao Dong Party Member; he died on 7 April 1976 at the Thong Nhat Hospital, Ho Chi Minh City at age 59. (NHAN DAN 10 Apr 76 p 4)