

Ven. Dhammaviriya

She was born Wan Bhagsuk into a Buddhist family, in the year 1955 in Kampaengpet province, Thailand. She was married with three children.

She did not have proper formal education, but was trained in sewing and was a good seamstress. She completed high school level in a non-formal education only after her ordination.

Around 1967, when she was in her early teens, she stayed at Songdhammakalyani temple for a short period during Ven. Voramai Kabilsingh's time. Only later, having experienced married life she realised that life was indeed full of suffering.

She returned to the temple and joined Buddhist training course with Ven. Dhammananda in 2008 and eventually received samaneri ordination in the same year. She was fully ordained as bhikkhuni in 2011 from bhikkhu and bhikkhuni sanghas in Sri Lanka. Her preceptor was Ven. Dhammametta, and her Pavattini was Ven. Sumitra Theri.

In the temple, she is responsible for preparing robes and bowls for the temporary samaneri ordination twice a year in April and December. She has taken care of almost 1000 candidates.

In her meditation training she follows Luang Po Sod's style which is samatha, focusing her mind on a Buddha image.