

Philipose Kizhakkumthala Varghese

May 8, 1956 - April 17, 2020

Written on 4/20/2020 following dad's passing:

My Dearest Dad,

I feel heartbroken that you're gone forever.

You embarked in your journey to America with high hopes for a better life - a life of growth, prosperity, family, community, abundance. Navigating the bustling New York streets, you worked hard to provide for us a life in which we wanted for nothing - nothing but to become who we wanted to be. I spent much of my childhood with you. I distinctly remember the warm waft of Horlicks that you conjured up before you walked me to school every morning. And the way you walked me back home on your strong shoulders, stopping on the way to get me the ice pops I liked so much. You climbed Malayattoor mountain with me on your back. You took me to see Mom while she was working at the hospital, where I was inspired to do what I do today. You played chess with me, taught me long division, and insisted I had fun learning and exercising my imagination. You helped me develop my curiosity and inquisitiveness that make me who I am today.

You introduced me to my best friend and little sister, Angely. We have the best memories running around and playing together at all hours of the day. You encouraged Angely to be independent, curious and creative from an early age.

You brought us the best addition to our family, Allwin. You carried Allwin everywhere with you on your strong shoulders. Because of you and Mom, Allwin was always smiling. Allwin looked up to you and the joy that Allwin brought to your life was clear. Allwin was so precious and you believed in Allwin. You couldn't stop talking about Allwin. You would be so proud to see him today. You thought you would one day re-unite.

You saw your mistakes will be remembered for your ability to make everyone in the room laugh.

You drove us down to Virginia, where you made an idyllic home for us. You liked gardening, growing beautiful roses, stone fruit trees, pavika and achinga. You enjoyed barbequing, building things, fishing, watching wildlife documentaries, working on your car. You made many friends. I remember how much you helped everyone around us. They think of you today as kind, friendly, and happy. People really respected you in our community. You had a commanding charisma that couldn't go unnoticed. You spent a summer looking after Appoopan in his final days. Everyone I've spoken to has great memories of you.

You took us on vacation, you took us around town, and you made sure we had a variety of experiences. You drove us to school, and to soccer practice, and piano lessons everyday. You were the smartest person we've ever known, inspiring us to think analytically and creatively, and instilling in us a lust for adventure. You and Mom made our birthdays worth remembering - we feel honored to be your children. You gave us everything we could ask for. These times were amazing. And you were an amazing dad.

With you around, Mom felt taken care of. Her life was easy with you. You brought her a cup of chai early morning every day she woke up. A good meal was ready when she came back from a long day of work. You adored Mom. You wanted Mom to live a good life.

In the years to follow, troubles unraveled and ravished all it found in its path. You soon found yourself reveling in a foreboding that features the unnatural trappings of a vacant and uncertain future. The dream that brought you here betrayed you.

My heart sinks to think about the struggles that you lived through in these times. You deserved all the happiness you brought into our lives when we were younger. It was with everyone's grace and generosity during our time of need that me, Angely, Allwin, and Mom got back on our feet. You were not granted the same grace or extended much generosity. You weren't given a fair chance at redemption. To imagine the emptiness, longing, trauma, and troubles that you lived through, piecing together the fragments of a shattered life, brings me profound sadness.

However, this does not define who you were and it is not our lasting memory of you. In the last 14 years of your life, you've overcome so much adversity and we're proud of you for that. You made the most of a humble life and persisted on with optimism and found bliss. You visited your family frequently and cared for Ammooma in the month before her passing. You volunteered regularly at the mental health center, helping the less fortunate. You triumphed against all that you fought through and, like a phoenix, rose from the ashes

with high honor. The most respectable man we will ever know. Someone who we believe in. Our dad.

We celebrate your life story. You taught us that the world may be a capricious place where disparity beats us down, but in face of it, there can be valiant, even victorious recovery.

Thank you for bringing us into this world. I don't know what I would do without Allwin and Angely. Thank you for holding our hands and walking us through life in our earliest years. Thank you for giving us a carefree upbringing filled with play and laughter. Thank you for valuing authenticity and for accepting us as we are. Even with the distance between us, we have felt your presence watching over us. Thank you for caring about us in the purest way and being there for us in your best capacity.

I want you to know that you have, and always will have, a family who feels for you and who will be there in spirit with you for as long as we walk this Earth. You mean a lot to us and we have never forgotten about you. We never thought this time would come so soon. We imagined you to be part of our lives. We know that you are a gentle soul with a soft heart who wanted the best for his family.

Your physical experience has come to an end but your eternal self continues on. We will feel safe with you watching over us. You will continue to be in our deepest thoughts and prayers. We honor you, Dad. We will continue to lead a life that you're proud of.

You can finally rest now. Please rest in peace knowing that we will always love you.

Today, we are happy and we are free. We will carry your legacy with us for the rest of our lives. You will forever live on in us, Dad.

Events

APR **funeral** 01:00PM - 02:00PM

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Pierce Funeral Home

9609 Center St., Manassas, VA, US, 20110

Comments



“ Benny Mathew lit a candle in memory of Philipose Kizhakkumthala Varghese



Benny Mathew - April 23 at 11:08 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Philipose Kizhakkumthala Varghese.



April 23 at 08:30 AM



“ Biju Varghese lit a candle in memory of Philipose Kizhakkumthala Varghese



Biju varghese - April 23 at 02:11 AM



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Biju - April 23 at 02:04 AM



“ Dear Lovely Chechi,Ann,Anjali,Allwin,
We are very sorry for your loss.May God give you strength to handle this difficult situation.We are praying for your family. Philippettan was so loving and kind to everybody. He had a good smile always whenever we met him. He was always happy and friendly. He was so generous and helpful to all of his friends and families. We have lot of nice memories about him. We will remember him forever. We will pray for your family in this difficult time. God Bless,
with lot of prayers and love,
Biju,Ginu, Jerry and Christa
Charlottesville, Virginia.

Biju varghese - April 23 at 01:58 AM



“ 1 file added to the album memories



Biju varghese - April 23 at 01:49 AM



“ charlottesville memories

Biju varghese - April 23 at 01:50 AM



“ From, Biju Varghese, Ginu, Jerry and Christa. purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Philipose Kizhakkumthala Varghese.



From, Biju Varghese, Ginu, Jerry and Christa. - April 23 at 01:36 AM



“ Biju Varghese sent a virtual gift in memory of Philipose Kizhakkumthala Varghese



Biju varghese - April 23 at 01:19 AM



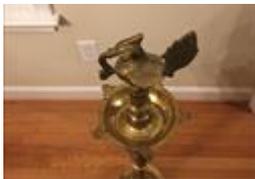
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Biju varghese - April 23 at 01:18 AM



“ Dear Philippattan family (Lovely, Ann, Angali, and Alvin),
Sorry for your loss our condolences, when you were living in our neighborhood we were so happy we liked spending time with your family. Philippattan would tell us a lot of funny stories and he was very knowledgeable and he was very helpful, when we bought this house he gave us a lot of ideas and he brought us heavy Villaku from India. You are all in our prayers. May God be with you !!!
From Sam, Jessy, Tom, and Jonah



Sam and Jessy - April 22 at 09:53 PM



“ Our prayers!!! Sruthi, Jothi, Beena& Job. Rest In Peace.

Beena & Job - April 22 at 11:50 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Philipose Kizhakkumthala Varghese.



April 22 at 09:45 PM



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April 22 at 09:01 AM