



## Sivaramalingam Manickavasagar

February 22, 1932 - June 29, 2023

My Dad, Dr. Sivaramalingam Manickavasagar, M.D. F.R.C.S.(age 91, D.O.B. 02/22/1932) was a Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons in England and Edinburgh and Board-Certified in Emergency Medicine. Dad served over 60 years in the medical profession and over 20 years in the military as a physician. Dad was licensed in Virginia and North Carolina as a physician and worked throughout the United States including the state of Texas and many military facilities. Dad had successful careers in cardiothoracic, orthopedic surgery in three different countries : Sri Lanka, England, and the United States. Dad's bold move to immigrate to the United States, begin medical work in Providence, Rhode Island, raise a family, live in 2 homes in Chesapeake, Virginia and Gainesville, Virginia, and selflessly provide a better life for his only son to achieve the American Dream was inspiring to his family. Dad was a very compassionate, sensitive, humble person who helped his family members without expecting help in return. Since August 2019, when Dad was very ill and entered the Sentara Woodbridge Hospital, I helped to take care of Dad as his Caregiver and always gave more than 100% effort. Despite many health setbacks and illnesses, Dad persevered with tenacity until his last breaths and I always supported Dad as his guardian angel and was relentlessly by his side during his darkest moments. Although Dad and I shared many memories playing tennis together, sight-seeing Washington, D.C. and Disneyworld, our greatest memory will be our last four years where I helped to save his life on many occasions and hoped that Dad would live at

least another 10 years. Dad helped our family by working as a physician, as well as other responsibilities such as driving, cooking, cleaning. In the last 4 years, Dad was independent at home until the last 4 months when he became bed-bound. Dad guided me toward a successful graduate career at Georgetown University, a respected institution, in 2 different programs(Biotechnology, Pharmacology). My final dream for Dad was not realized to take him in Unique Hands Medical Transport in a wheelchair to the Reagan Airport, fly first-class to Stanford, buy a Rolex watch for Dad, and take Dad for a ride in a Rolls Royce, live in a mansion in California with Dad. I was nevertheless able to provide Dad with a high quality of life in the past 4 years and accomplished many milestones. As I pursue my goals of a Ph.D. Georgetown University and M.D. at Stanford University, the memory of Dad was always glow brightly in my heart, his kindness and empathy will be in my heart. His teachings and guidance left such an indelible legacy and lasting influence on my life. Dad was a loving father, husband, mentor, role model, best friend for me, deeply devoted to his family, courageous, inspiring, caring human being.

-Ravi Manickavasagar

Family and friends will gather for a Visitation on Thursday, July 6, 2023, from 9:30-11:30 AM at Pierce Funeral Home, 9609 Center St., Manassas, VA 20110, where an opportunity to share memories along with a prayer service will take place. A graveside service will follow at 12:00 PM at Stonewall Memory Gardens, 12004 Lee Hwy., Manassas, VA 20109.

# Cemetery Details

## Stonewall Memory Gardens

12004 Lee Highway  
Manassas, VA 20109  
<http://www.stonewallmemorygardens.com>

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 6. 9:33 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

Pierce Funeral Home  
9609 Center St.  
Manassas, VA 20110  
(703) 257-6028  
[pfh@piercefh.com](mailto:pfh@piercefh.com)  
<https://www.piercefh.com>

## Graveside Service

JUL 6. 12:00 PM (ET)

Stonewall Memory Gardens  
12004 Lee Highway  
Manassas, VA 20109  
<http://www.stonewallmemorygardens.com>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Pierce Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Sivaramalingam Manickavasagar*



Pierce Funeral Home - July 03, 2023 at 01:34 PM

RM

“ *Ravi M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sivaramalingam Manickavasagar.*

Ravi M. - September 10, 2023 at 03:46 PM

RM

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Ravi Manickavasagar - August 24, 2023 at 08:11 AM

BR

“ I am deeply saddened by the passing of my dear Mutha Mama. Although we lived continents apart, your presence within our family remained strong and everlasting. I will miss your gentle demeanour, your compassionate and caring nature, your inner strength and wisdom, and your genuine delight in celebrating the accomplishments of your loved ones.

One memory that will forever remain etched in my heart is the phone call I received from you on the night my daughter was born. As cries of my newborn filled the background, you exclaimed, "Ah, that's all I wanted to hear!" I could hear the sheer joy and contentment in your voice, and it deepened my love and admiration for you even more.

Mutha Mama, your loving and nurturing presence will forever be remembered.

Rest in peace, dear Mutha Mama, knowing that you will be deeply missed but never forgotten.

With heartfelt love and profound sadness,

Love

Bremini, Joseph, Priyanka and Khalin

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**Bremini** - July 20, 2023 at 04:17 AM

NL

“ *Dearest Marie and Ravi*

*I am sorry that I cannot be present physically at the funeral of Manicks your husband. and father of Ravi. I have not met Manicks for over 50 years. I can remember the time when Manicks and you were staying at 67 Park Street Colombo in the late 1960s. I think Manicks had just returned from the UK after obtaining the FRCS. I think that at the time Manicks was working in the Accident service at the Colombo General Hospital. I can remember how thrilled he was when I was successful at the MRCP UK Part 1 examination which was held for the first time in Ceylon, I can remember him as a jovial person who was ever ready to help anyone, May his soul rest in peace.*

*Nimal*

*Dr. G.N. Lucas <drgnlucas@gmail.com>*

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**Nimal Lucas** - July 09, 2023 at 01:17 AM

RL

“ *2 files added to the tribute wall*



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**Rohan Lucas** - July 08, 2023 at 08:53 PM

RL

“ Please accept our deepest condolences of Dr S Manickavasagar (Husband/Father). We are sorry that we are not in a position to fly from Sri Lanka for the funeral.

Although we knew Manicks from the time just before Marie Akka married Manicks soon after I had entered the University for my undergraduate studies, my wife Ramala, daughter Roshanthi and I got to know Manicks quite well during our two sabbatical visits to Canada when we transitted through Chesapeake, Virginia where Marie Akka, Manicks and Ravi were staying. We were fortunate to enjoy the hospitality of Manicks and family, especially as Manicks went out of his way to make our stay pleasant by taking us to many interesting places in each of our four visits. These included the historic Jamestown, Virginia Beach Resort, Chesapeake Bay Bridge under ocean Tunnel, Tiffany lamps at the Chrysler Museum, Scintillating displays of lighted nursery rhyme characters and illustrated twelve days of Christmas at the Norfolk Botanical Gardens and the Virginia Beach Boardwalk respectively, Washington D.C., Views of the White House, Lincolns Memorial, Jefferson Memorial, Washington Monument, National Aquarium, Smithsonian Aero Space Museum, wand Natural History museum with fossils of Dinosaurs.

Manicks was a good cook as well as a good surgeon. He made all the meals for us during our stay.

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Rohan Lucas - July 08, 2023 at 08:50 PM

RL

“ 3 files added to the album *Memories of Rohan, Ramala and Roshanthi Lucas*



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**Rohan Lucas** - July 08, 2023 at 08:48 PM

BR

“ 1 file added to the album *Memories of Annai from Thilagam*



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**Bremini** - July 07, 2023 at 10:39 AM

“ It is with a heavy heart I am writing this eulogy for my dearest brother Manicks, my older brother whom I fondly called Manicka Annai. He was the eldest of 6 children to my parents Sivaramalingam and Parpathy Ammal and older brother to Anandacoomarasamy, me (Thilagawathy,) Balakrishnan, Yogeswary and Sharatha.

*My brother was born in Anuradhapura, Sri Lanka in February 1932 and did his early education in Hartley College, Pt Pedro followed by St. Joseph's College Colombo. His ambition, hard work and sacrifice got him through medical school at the University of Colombo after which he went to the UK to complete his F.R.C.S.*

*Manicka Annai was a surgeon in Sri Lanka before moving to the US where he continued his medical career until his retirement. He met and fell in love with Marie, and they were married in 1967. Few years later they welcomed their beloved son Ravi. Annai loved Ravi with all his heart, and it was evident to everyone the close bond that existed between him and Ravi.*

*Being close in age to my brothers, I have many fond memories of our younger years living a fulfilled and what seemed like uncomplicated lives in Pt Pedro. Life those days wasn't always easy, but we delighted in the simple things in life. Even as a young boy Annai looked after his siblings and as an adult he continued to look after the interests of the Sivaramalingam family. Annai was a devoted son to his parents and a brother we all looked up to. He was a very private man, humble and fiercely loyal. He genuinely cared for the wellbeing of all of his family members and delighted in the success of each and everyone.*

*As adults, although we lived thousands of miles apart, our families were fortunate to have connected on several occasions; when we all visited Sri Lanka at the same time, or in Perth or the US. Annai delighted in spending time with my children and would make an effort to get to know them individually. My husband Ganeson and*

*Annai also shared a close friendship which has endured until now. Annai and his family visited us in Australia to spend time with us and our mother (Amma) when she was living with us in Australia. Annai and Marie celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary in Perth in 1992 with Amma and our family. We also had the pleasure of visiting them in US on several occasions with the latest being 2016. These memories hold a special place in our hearts.*

*Annai delighted in entertaining us and we have some wonderful memories of Christmas spent with him and his family and my other siblings in December 2000. Nothing was too much for Annai and he always ensured that our trips to the US were memorable. He welcomed us with a warm smile and open arms and made sure that we were comfortable and looked after. He would tirelessly drive us to see all the tourist attractions and carefully research the best restaurants for us to eat out.*

*Although we are grieving the passing of my brother, I am finding solace in knowing that he lived a full and successful life, having made an indelible impact on many who were fortunate to have known him.*

*Annai was a loving husband to Marie and a loving and proud father to Ravi.*

*It was difficult to witness the slow decline of Annai's health since 2019. Yet he was blessed to have had Marie and Ravi by his side attending to his every need until his final moment. For this, we will be forever grateful.*

*Rest in peace Annai. Memories of you will be with us always and you will continue to live in our hearts*

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*Your loving sister Thilagam, Ganeson and family*

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**Thilagam & Ganeson** - July 07, 2023 at 10:18 AM

AD

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



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**Ananda Dharshan** - July 06, 2023 at 08:25 PM

AD

“*Uncle Manicks was not only the eldest child of the Sivaramalingam family, but also the hero of this family. He has helped, guided, and inspired all the family members to succeed in life and flourish around the world.*

*He was a person who wanted everyone to do well in life, not just his immediate family. He was a compassionate, fearless, and practical man who never hesitated to explain reality to his loved ones, even when it is not popular or pleasant.*

*Uncle Manicks graduated from the Colombo Medical School and received training as a surgeon. Then he went on to receive training in the United Kingdom, where he became a fellow of the prestigious Royal College of Surgeons. I am sure he has successfully operated on every part of the human body except the brain. I witnessed his surgery firsthand as a child when he cut open my grandmother's foot in our living room in Point Pedro to remove a foreign body.*

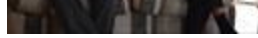
*In the United States, Uncle Manicks worked as an emergency room physician in some of the most challenging emergency rooms in the country. He loved his profession so much that he did not want to retire even when he was in his eighties, which again is an inspiration for many of us. He also dedicated his services to the United States Army by working in many high-profile military hospitals in the country. After all, what is more fulfilling to him than to serve those who served to protect this great nation?*

*Please accept my deepest sympathies and may his soul rest in peace.*

*Love,*

*Dharshan*





Ananda Dharshan - July 06, 2023 at 08:13 PM

DA

“ I would like to honour the life and legacy of Mutha Mama - a remarkable man, a loving uncle, and the cherished patriarch of the Sivaramalingam family. Although distance may separate us physically, our hearts are united in love and remembrance.

*I always looked up to Mutha Mama as a beacon of strength and wisdom and thought he carried himself with grace and unwavering commitment to those he loved. It struck me on our earlier holidays in Sri Lanka when he was also visiting that he was nurturing and fostered a sense of family unity. From his visits to Australia and ours to the US I will always remember his gentle demeanour and warm smile making everyone (including David who was new to the family) feel welcomed and cherished.*

*Mutha Mama's presence in my life serves as a reminder of the strength and resilience that lies within each of us. My sincere condolences to Auntie Marie and Ravi. May you find solace in knowing that Mutha Mama's legacy lives on in the memories we shared, the lessons we learned, and the value of unity he embodied. He will be forever missed and forever loved.*

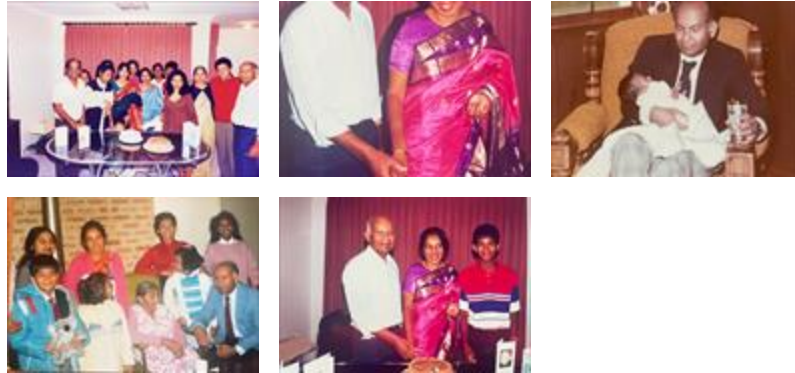
*Love*

*Darshi, David, Premila and Jamie*

Darshi - July 06, 2023 at 06:16 AM

TG

“ 18 files added to the album *Memories of Annai* from *Thilagam*



**Thilagam and Ganeson** - July 06, 2023 at 05:46 AM

TG

*I will miss Annai. His memory will forever reside in our hearts. Our deepest sympathies to Marie and Ravi.*

*Love Thilagam and Ganeson*

**Thilagam and Ganeson** - July 06, 2023 at 06:04 AM

GA

*Ever since I married Thilagam, your sister, you have been a great source of support and company. I have always admired your sterling qualities. I will miss our FaceTime conversations. Rest in peace Manicks. Ganeson*

**Ganeson** - July 06, 2023 at 06:35 AM

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*With heartfelt love and profound sadness,  
Love*

*Bremini, Joseph, Priyanka and Khalin*

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**Bremini** - July 06, 2023 at 06:37 AM



“*Uncle Manicks, first time I met him in person was in 1996. He was a person who wanted everyone around him to do well and accomplish their highest goals. I remember him explaining that sky is the limit in this country and encouraged to do our best. I thank him for that. I am sure we all listened to him and made his dream come true. He will rest in peace knowing that his efforts never a waste. His brother, my father was very close to him. They shared beautiful memories and now I am sure both will be happy to meet each other in heaven. Uncle Manicks was generous, talented and was a beautiful soul. He was great son, husband, father, doctor and an amazing human being. He will be dearly missed and will not be forgotten. Our deepest sympathies to Aunty Marie and Ravi. Love, Dharscika and family.*

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**Dharscika Anandacoomaraswamy** - July 06, 2023 at 03:12 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Sivaramalingam Manickavasagar.*



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July 05, 2023 at 10:12 PM



“ *Norfolk Dept of Public Health Retirees purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Sivaramalingam Manickavasagar.*



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**Norfolk Dept of Public Health Retirees** - July 05, 2023 at 10:44 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Sivaramalingam Manickavasagar.*



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July 05, 2023 at 10:20 AM

AB

“ We are deeply saddened to hear of Uncle Manicks' passing. Uncle was a prominent figure in our life in Virginia as we spent many summers, holidays, and special occasions together. As a committed husband, father, brother, and uncle, Uncle Manicks embodied strength, duty, wisdom, and leadership in the way he lived his life. His loss is certainly felt throughout our extended family, but his memory will be carried forward. My mother and I send our sincere condolences and prayers to Aunty Marie and Ravi during this most difficult time. May Uncle's soul rest in peace.

*With Love,*

*Asha & Mangala Balakrishnan*

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**Asha Balakrishnan** - July 04, 2023 at 10:06 PM

SS

“ *Youngest Sister Shaaratha (Australia)*

*My brother is the oldest in the family of six. I am the youngest.*

*I always remember him as very caring, strictly principled, loving and protective person.*

*Because of our age difference, he was not only my brother, he was also like a father to me. He always gives me lots of advice when I was young.*

*As a man who was very proud of the Sivaramalingam's family, he was always concerned about all of us, including his own family Ravi and Marie.*

*Few years back myself and Sooriyakumar visited him in Washington. We really had a great time with him enjoying the meals he lovingly prepared for us. I will always cherish those fond memories.*

*I will always miss you Annai. May his soul rest in peace !.*

*Our thoughts and prayers are with my sister in law Marie and nephew Ravi during this difficult time.*

*Shaaratha, Sooriyakumar and family.*



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**Shaaratha Sooriyakumar** - July 04, 2023 at 07:28 AM

MA

“ Mangala and Asha purchased the Enduring Grace for the family of Sivaramalingam Manickavasagar.



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**Mangala and Asha** - July 02, 2023 at 09:38 PM



“ Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Sivaramalingam Manickavasagar.



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July 02, 2023 at 08:13 PM

PR

“ We are very sad to learn of Manicks uncle's passing. Our heartfelt condolences to Marie Aunty and Ravi. Our prayers and thoughts remain with them during this difficult time. We still remember when we first came to the US, and Manicks Uncle introduced us to the traditions of Thanksgiving and Christmas. He hosted annual parties, serving his signature chicken curry. We miss him dearly. May his soul rest in peace. ~ Raman, Raji, and Brammy

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**Ponnampalam Rajakumar** - July 02, 2023 at 06:51 PM