



In
Loving
Memory



Mr. Thomas Varghese

Mar 15, 1937 to Nov. 13, 2012

Obituary

Mr. Thomas Varghese of Kaipallimalil House was born on March 15, 1937 in Neerettupuram, Kerala. Before migrating to the United States in 1976, he began his career at Dunlop in Madras. He ran a small business for decades in Hyattsville, Maryland, supporting his family here and in India. He passed away after a brief struggle with Liver Cancer on November 13, 2012, at age 75.

Over 30 years ago, when the local Malayalee Christian community consisted of just a handful of families, Thomas Varghese was an integral force behind the creation of a now-vibrant St. Thomas Indian Orthodox Church of Greater Washington; from hosting Holy Liturgy in his living room to traveling across the country to raise funds to coordinating logistics like the use of a community hall for a decade, he was singularly tenacious in his pursuit of a unified, permanent, local church. He was devoted to his faith, his parish, and a community he loved to nurture.

Thomas Varghese leaves behind a long legacy of personal sacrifice, selfless service, and unconditional love, as well as a large family. He is survived by his wife of 45 years, Saramma; his three children, Mary Chacko (Veena), Vinu, and Vinoy; his son-in-law John Chacko and his daughter-in-law Kim Thomas; his grandchildren Anna, Alex, Cody, Justin, Jordan, and Jasmine; and his sisters, Annamma Job, Sosamma Varghese, Aleyamma Thomas, and Mariamma Koshy.

Romans 14:7-9

For none of us lives for ourselves alone, and none of us dies for ourselves alone. If we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord. So, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord. For this very reason, Christ died and returned to life so that he might be the Lord of both the dead and the living.

Schedule of Events

Viewing:

Thursday, November 15, 2012, 5pm - 8pm

Hines-Rinaldi Funeral Home

11800 New Hampshire Ave
Silver Spring, MD 20904
Ph: 301 622 2290

Funeral Service:

Friday, November 16, 2012, 9:00am - 12:00 noon

St. Thomas Indian Orthodox Church

13505 New Hampshire Ave
Silver Spring, MD 20904

Interment:

Friday, November 16, 2012, 12:15pm

Gate of Heaven Cemetery

13801 Georgia Ave
Silver Spring, MD 20906
Ph: 301 871 6500

Lunch:

Friday, November 16, 2012, 1pm

St. Thomas Indian Orthodox Church

Officiating Clergies

Rev. Fr. Andrew Daniel
Rev. Fr. K. P. Varghese
Rev. Fr. George Mathew

Pallbearers

Vinu Thomas
Vinoy Thomas
Aji Eapen
Saji Eapen
John Chacko
Mathew Chacko