



Kshama Nagaraj

January 23, 1936 - August 11, 2021

Kshama Nagaraj, aged 85 years, of Pune, India and Ann Arbor, Michigan passed away on Wednesday August 11, 2021, with her family by her side. Kshama was born in Rayadurg, Karnataka in India on 23 January 1936 to B. K. Amruthamma and B. N. Keshava Iyengar.

She graduated with a bachelor's degree in economics and was pursuing a law degree until she met and married her lifelong partner, Nagaraj Ramanuja Ayyangar in 1960. They made their home in Pune, India, where Nagaraj was a prominent organic chemist at the National Chemical Laboratory. Kshama was particularly close to her friends in Pune's Buena Monte neighborhood, some of whom she had known for over 60 years.

Kshama is survived by her daughter Rita, son-in-law Rick, and grandchildren Maya and Marcus. Kshama survived her only sibling, Jayaram, and her husband Nagaraj by 15 years.

Kshama was a gentle, unassuming soul who enjoyed home and family, especially watching her grandkids grow. She had a simple elegance about her, and a keen eye for design. Her hobbies included embroidery, cooking Indian food, reading, word puzzles, Carnatic music, growing succulents, walking, and a few favorite television shows. She especially enjoyed the extended family gatherings, spending time and sharing memories together.

Her 13th day Attainment of Moksha ceremony will be held on 23 August, 2021 at the home she shared with her daughter and family in Ann Arbor.

To share memories of Kshama, please load photos, videos and sign the

guestbook at www.rbfhsaline.com

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to Educate Girls (www.educategirls.org) or Partners in Health (www.pih.org).

Tribute Wall



“ *Kshama Nagaraj*

October 23, 2023 at 01:07 PM



“ *Dear Rita, I am so sorry about the loss of your mother. My thoughts are based on the short number of years that I knew Kshama. Even though your mother’s physical condition has deteriorated over recent years her mental health was extraordinary. I was often amazed by her ability to recall the exact dates of events of the past. And among other things we can’t overlook her ability to solve Jumble puzzles with ease, which she loved to do. I will always remember her as a very precise and disciplined individual. With her daily routines everything had its time, not to be confused or mixed up by something else. Without a doubt she was a very strong willed person. Just as all of the family will miss her, I also will miss her but retain fond memories. I am happy I knew her.*

Jim Depue

Jim Depue - August 22, 2021 at 04:09 PM

SH

“ Our families were neighbors when I was growing up in Pune and I was also a classmate of Rita’s. I remember the delicious snacks and rice dishes that Kshama aunty sent with Rita to share with everyone on our class trips.
In addition to her cooking, Kshama aunty was also well known for her sewing. She stitched cute dresses for Rita and, true to her name, I remember Kshama aunty patiently embroidering hundreds of tiny roses all over an entire sari.
Our family’s condolences for your family’s loss.
Shobha

shobha - August 21, 2021 at 08:12 AM

RA

“ In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to Educate Girls (www.educategirls.ngo) or Partners in Health (www.pih.org). The first organization was selected because education, particularly education of girls, was very important to Mom. The second organization is responding to the recent Haiti earthquake, which occurred on the day of Mom’s cremation. News of Haiti earthquake triggered memories of the significant Koyna Earthquake of 1967. I remember being comforted in the loving arms of Mom and Grandma. This was my first lesson in charitable giving as Mom and Dad donated to earthquake relief efforts.

Rita

Rita Ayyangar - August 20, 2021 at 10:27 PM

AB

“ Rita, I can't believe that Aunty is no more. so sorry to hear this sad news. Aunty was really Royal lady. I remember her sitting in her front door reading the paper. I will never forget her for letting me have her whole house when I really needed. She was very warm hearted and generous person. May her soul Rest In Peace.

Aruna

Aruna Budruk - August 20, 2021 at 09:56 PM

ME

“ Aunty was the epitome of grace and elegance both in thought and life. I will always remember her in her crisp and beautiful sarees, sitting at her front door in Pune, reading the newspaper and drinking her coffee. I have had many conversations with her at your gate about cacti, the grandkids, her and uncle's visit to my place and life in general. She was a warm hearted and generous person and we will never forget her kindness in opening up her home to mummy and me in our time of need. May her soul Rest In Peace. Hugs to you.

Megha Budruk.

Megha - August 20, 2021 at 09:51 PM

UM

“ I loved listening to the stories my mom used to tell me about Kshama Aunty and their childhood. They grew up together and had a very close bond.

Also, recollecting the fond memories I have of Kshama Aunty, when she visited us in Bangalore. She was a great cook. She had a special way of chopping cucumbers and her signature cucumber salad was a hit in our household!

Very grateful to have had her presence at our daughter's dance performance.

Aunty was a lovely lady, with a bright smile and a big heart. She lived a long and fulfilling life. She has a very special place in my heart. She will be dearly missed. May her soul rest in peace. Our condolences to the Powells

Uma Murthy - August 13, 2021 at 10:20 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Kshama Nagaraj.



August 13, 2021 at 10:17 PM



“ Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of Kshama Nagaraj.



August 13, 2021 at 01:49 PM