



## Ormeela D. Lapp

March 22, 1947 - September 18, 2020

Ormeela Devi Singh Lapp, an immigrant from Guyana (former British Guiana), came to Yankton, South Dakota in 1969. Orma passed away peacefully at her home in Ann Arbor, Michigan on Friday evening, September 18, 2020 at the age of 73. Orma's career spans over 40 years in financial and business. An MBA graduate from the University of South Dakota (USD) Vermillion, Orma worked as a financial manager in several capacities, to include, the Center for Disabilities at USD, South Dakota Public Broadcasting and as Deputy Superintendent of Finance at the Aberdeen School District. Her last job was at Ann Arbor School as Deputy Superintendent of Finance. She leaves behind, her husband, David Lapp, her niece Mandy Knight whom they adopted from England, Mandy's husband Chad Knight, seven sisters and one brother, numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and their beautiful Bichon dog, Tex. Orma enjoyed cooking international and exotic foods and traveling to see family all over the world. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, there will be no funeral service at this time. A memorial service for Orma is being planned for next summer in South Dakota. The family requests no flowers, but instead support the needy families through respective charities. Goodbye dearest Orma; you are on a beautiful journey under the Wings of Angels. To leave a memory you have of Orma, to sign her guestbook, or for more information please visit [www.rbfhsaline.com](http://www.rbfhsaline.com).

# Tribute Wall



“ Ormeela D. Lapp

October 23, 2023 at 01:07 PM



“ ORMA was my sister in law. I helped sew her wedding dress. Mom always said David would be well taken care of with her and her family. I am so glad I was able to help out as you all kept her at home. I am relieved that she went on. She was a prisoner in her own body at the end. She is up above looking down on us all. I am sorry we were not able to spend more time together. Life so gets in the way. Mandy, we lost so much last year, Orma and Don. But I have this great picture of you holding Ben at Dad's house. Ben became a daddy this year. He has a little bouncing boy!!!! A great job and a great wife. Please stay in touch. I will send my current contact info to David.

Donna

To everything there is a season, to everything their is a reason.  
Ecclesiastes 3



Donna Lapp - October 18, 2021 at 08:16 AM

VS

“ A tribute to our noble Queen

*Her entry into the world was uneventful  
But her life was anything but ordinary  
For this meek and gentle mortal was destined for a life of  
Challenges  
Far greater than she could have ever imagined  
So, with dogged determination and a clear sense of purpose  
She began her life's journey  
Conquering Challenges and overcoming great obstacles  
Often against incredible odds  
Always emerging victorious!  
And the rewards of her success she shared far and wide  
For her generosity knew no bounds  
Then, when she least expected, Fate Challenged her once again  
It was a challenge unlike any she had experienced before  
But she never asked Why me?  
Perhaps she knew that some questions are better not asked  
And so, with all the strength she could muster  
This brave and noble warrior fought a long and courageous battle  
But to no avail!  
And from her ashes she shall rise  
Transformed!  
A new beginning awaits her!*

*Vidya Singh-Gupta September 18, 2020*

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**Vidya Singh-Gupta** - September 25, 2020 at 08:39 PM

DR

“ God gave us sunshine, birds and trees,  
The beautiful skies above.  
But most of all - a special gift,  
He gave us sisters to love.

*Orma is my special sister, because we came together fifty one years ago as immigrants to America. We shared many happy times. I have fond memories going around many places in South Dakota, singing at churches for weddings, at picnics and many special events. I played the guitar and yes, Orma harmonized with her quiet and beautiful voice. She's singing with the Heavenly Choir and having a wonderful time. I am missing her but smiling each time I remember our wonderful memories.*

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**Diane Rentfrow** - September 24, 2020 at 03:08 PM

MS

Wonderful memories 😊

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**Mohanie seebran** - September 29, 2020 at 10:24 AM

CS

“ May God give your Beautiful soul eternal rest  
in peace Aunty. Rabin and family



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**Christine Singh** - September 23, 2020 at 02:37 PM

VS

“ *Vidya Singh-Gupta lit a candle in memory of Ormeela D. Lapp*



**Vidya Singh-Gupta** - September 23, 2020 at 10:55 AM

SL

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**Shak lambertz** - September 22, 2020 at 05:01 PM

DL

“ *David Lapp lit a candle in memory of Ormeela D. Lapp*



**David Lapp** - September 22, 2020 at 08:57 AM

DL

*Ormeela is a modified spelling of a traditional name both prettier and more interesting than the original. Just as her name is special and unique, Orma was one-of-a-kind. There will never be another Ormeela Devi Singh-Lapp. It is so special Orma took my name, was my partner, my friend, my everlasting love. ❤️*

**David Lapp** - September 22, 2020 at 08:59 AM

MP

“ *Our loving and Kind-Hearted Aunty Orma and Great Aunty. May you Rest in Peace. You will be missed. Your Memories will lived on. Great Soul and God's Child . Love Forever Seewa Devi Suneil Ash*



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**Maashnie Panday** - September 21, 2020 at 10:43 PM

SL

“ *SL  
Shak*

*Our Dearest Orme, thank you our beautiful sister for being you in the most incredible and special way. You have worked tirelessly to help and guide so many without hesitation. You were always unselfishly the giver not the taker in endless causes. Orme sis, rest in eternal peace, missing you so much but you will forever be in our hearts. Gone too soon and love you to the moon..and back.  
Shak, Jeff and Britty ❤️ @❤️*

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**Shak lambertz** - September 21, 2020 at 09:33 PM

DL

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**David Lapp** - September 21, 2020 at 11:06 AM

MC

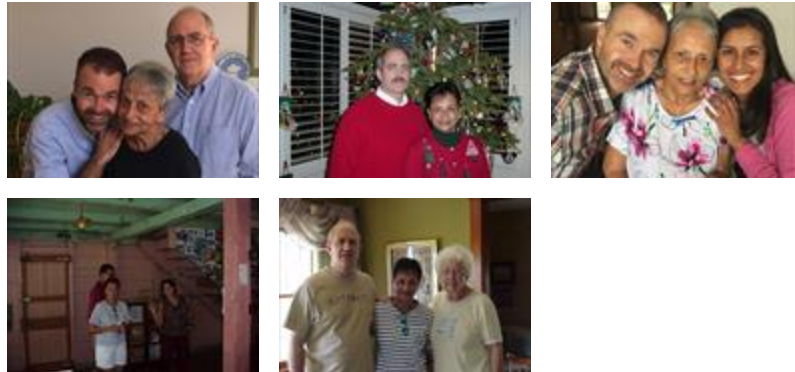
“ Our dearest and sweet mom-aunty is deeply missed. Although our hearts are broken, we know she is at peace. Mom-aunty and dad-uncle changed my life forever when they brought me into their lives. They shared and taught me so many things growing up in South Dakota. Mom-aunty was a hard worker and so very talented. She was a marvelous cook and meticulous in everything she did. Her influences helped make the person that I am today. I will forever be grateful to her. Chad and I were fortunate to spend quality time with mom-aunty and dad-uncle over the last few years. We created wonderful memories and had some good laughs along the way. We love you so very much mom-aunty. You will always hold a special place in our hearts. xo



Mandy and Chad - September 21, 2020 at 11:01 AM

DL

“ 18 files added to the album Orma Memories



David Lapp - September 21, 2020 at 10:39 AM

BS

*Sincere condolences from RNSinghs family to Jai Singhs family. RIP my cousin Orma*

**Betty Singh** - September 21, 2020 at 03:01 PM

SL

*Thank you cos Betty and the rest of RN Cha Cha family 🙏  
Shak and family ❤️🙏❤️*

**Shak lambertz** - September 21, 2020 at 09:26 PM

DL

*Ormeela came to this country as a landed immigrant back when that was even possible. US Senator Karl Mundt endorsed Orma and her sister, Diane. They came in with a big vote of confidence from the country; it was well-placed. Orma was a proud and devoted citizen. She loved the independence. She loved the opportunity. She worked hard to make a better future for herself, her friends and her family. She guided and encouraged many people, changing many lives.*

**David Lapp** - September 22, 2020 at 08:56 AM

VJ

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**Vj** - September 20, 2020 at 09:09 PM

VJ

“ *Aunty Orma May you Rest In Peace in Paradise. I love you and will always and forever cherish all the wonderful and precious moments we had. I admire you for your brilliant and sharp mind. In my eyes you will always be my beautiful, graceful, classy and simple Aunty with a big and warm heart in a tiny strong body. I console myself that you are in Heaven with our love ones to take care of you now and we will all be reunited again someday. RIP Angel Aunty Orma. You will forever be missed.*



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**Vj** - September 20, 2020 at 09:08 PM

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**Peter Mohamed** - September 20, 2020 at 07:29 PM

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**Peter Mohamed** - September 20, 2020 at 07:28 PM



“ Aunt Orma gave me a place to live in time of need. Stepped up to help so I could go to college and sent me on the road to make a life here in South Dakota. I am eternally grateful to know her. An Angel in heaven

Go with Love your niece Gita

Gita Webb - September 20, 2020 at 03:57 PM

RG

“ Our thought and prayers for the entire family at this time 🙏. Rip grandma Orma



Romona Gonzalez - September 20, 2020 at 03:44 PM

RO

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Rohini - September 20, 2020 at 02:16 PM

TP

“ Tamara Persaud lit a candle in memory of Ormeela D. Lapp



Tamara Persaud - September 20, 2020 at 12:36 PM

TP

*Will miss you so much Orma, you were and always be my sweet sister-in law/cousin. Your cousin/brother Rudy and your nephew Anand will never forget you. For the family I write you this:*

*"Steps To The Garden Of Eternity"*

*There is a mantle of sorrow that you bear for now*

*'Cause your loved one has left your side.*

*You sorrow 'cause you can't see her smile, nor hear her voice.*

*You cannot feel her kisses or her touch-*

*And she no longer walks in your presence.*

*But if you'll hold on to the memories, for the by and by-*

*If you focus on really living for the day,*

*Knowing she loved you and was proud of you;*

*Then taking a step at a time, you'll soon find*

*That those steps have taken you to the "Garden of Eternity"*

*Where complete beauty, joy, peace and your loved one are waiting for you!*

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**Tamara Persaud** - September 20, 2020 at 01:25 PM

DB

“ *Deegambar Balgobin lit a candle in memory of Ormeela D. Lapp*



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**Deegambar Balgobin** - September 20, 2020 at 12:21 PM



“ *As the Eldest Nephew, I I have found memories of Aunt Orma, which I will hold dearly. Those memories were of a person who spread love in everything she did.*  
*Govn /Bibi and Family.*

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**Govinda Singh** - September 20, 2020 at 10:44 AM

LK

“ *Leila Knouse lit a candle in memory of Ormeela D. Lapp*



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**Leila Knouse** - September 20, 2020 at 10:24 AM

SL

“ *Shak Lambertz lit a candle in memory of Ormeela D. Lapp*



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**Shak lambertz** - September 19, 2020 at 10:39 PM

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**Mohanie Seebran** - September 19, 2020 at 10:07 PM

MS

*In memory of our Loving Aunt Orma .Mona and Family*

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**Mohanie Seebran** - September 19, 2020 at 10:09 PM



“ This day I would never forget. 😞 May God give us the strength to bear the loss of our wonderful Aunt. May your soul RIP. Sharmela, Kamal, Manj & Dil.



Kamaljit Singh - September 19, 2020 at 10:02 PM

AS

*I got the golden opportunity to FaceTime with Orma and family earlier in the week. She listened as I spoke and gently opened her right eye in acknowledgment . Our Gift. She did her stint and spread her love and goodness amongst all. She would have already connected with all the other sweet souls that look over all of us. Orma's immediate family gave her so much love and support. It was all a moving exercise of love .... her to them.... them to her. The universe opened its arms for a wonderful Being. Celebrate your ultimate freedom Orma. 💕🙏 Coz Anupe and all the Family.*

anupe Singh - September 20, 2020 at 09:34 AM

MS

“ Mohanie Seebran lit a candle in memory of Ormeela D. Lapp



Mohanie Seebran - September 19, 2020 at 09:23 PM

SP

“ Last kiss of my mom to her sister, was thankful I took my mom to see her sister for the last time and she could her spend some time kissing, hugging and rubbing her feet and head and face. Her sister who she always talk about, remember when aunty orma got sick mom said why it had to happen to her, I know my mom was grieving a lot about many things. Then one day everything just left her. Sometimes we think it's a burden to take care of our loved ones never realized how bless one is to spent time with them. My heart aches not spending the time with my dad, my mom hopefully I can do more for her. When they leave us we just have memories and never to see or kiss or hold or talk to them. RIP aunty orma. You'll be missed a lot. Always find time to call once a week to see how you're doing but never get to talk much to you because of constant pain. All over now no more to lie around crying out, break my heart but God knows best. 🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏



Sattie panday - September 19, 2020 at 07:57 PM

BR

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Bill & Diane Rentfrow - September 19, 2020 at 07:29 PM

BR

*Orma and Diane at Laguna Beach, California. We had so many wonderful memories together. My dearest sister will always be by my side. Love you 😍 always. 🌹*

**Bill & Diane Rentfrow** - September 19, 2020 at 07:34 PM

SP

*“ You will forever be in our hearts,we love you, my dear sister,aunt and great aunt, you were a loving,kind and compassionate person, I am happy that I went and spend some time with you in November, you are in a better place now,may God keep your soul in His loving tender hands ,my heart bleed for my mom Ghano that she don't know what is going on but I know she loved all her siblings, you were special to her,rest in peace my loving aunt.*



**Sarah Panday** - September 19, 2020 at 07:19 PM

SS

*My deepest condolences to the family from Sharmila Sugrim. Also Dolly and my family. ( RN Singh) Family. 🙏*

**sharmila Sugrim** - September 19, 2020 at 09:27 PM

TP

*I light a candle for you dearest sister- in - law for you were a shining light. You were so good to me from the day we met and I was so blessed to help you out when you were first diagnosed with Parkinson's. Whenever I make Chicken or Shrimp Stir- Fry I will always have you in my thoughts for you taught me how to make it well. For the family I offer you This:*

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*'Cause your loved one has left your side.*

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*Where complete beauty, joy, peace and your loved one are waiting for you. -Tamara Persaud and family*

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**Tamara Persaud** - September 20, 2020 at 12:20 PM

RP

*“ May God give your beautiful soul eternal rest in peace. We all love you and you will be missed.*



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**Rita & Rama Panday** - September 19, 2020 at 06:37 PM

BE

“ Think of Aunt Orma as living,in the hearts of those she touched...For nothing loved is ever lost....And she was loved so much...❤️Betty and Fazil.



Betty - September 19, 2020 at 06:25 PM

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Peter Mohamed - September 19, 2020 at 05:10 PM

RG

“ My dear Auntie Orma, thank you for all the love and happiness you brought into our lives. I will never forget our Thanksgivings together. You have always encouraged and supported me in every aspect of my life, and for that, I am grateful. You are with our ancestors now. Peace be with you.  
Love, Resh



Resh Gupta - September 19, 2020 at 12:05 PM

BR

“ *Bill & Diane Rentfrow lit a candle in memory of Ormeela D. Lapp*



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**Bill & Diane Rentfrow** - September 19, 2020 at 11:36 AM

BR

*Dearest sister, you are in God's Hands; what a beautiful place to be. You are always in our thoughts. Enjoy your next journey as you join up with our loved ones who are there.*

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**Bill & Diane Rentfrow** - September 19, 2020 at 11:42 AM

RP

*We had a wonderful aunt , her smile was made of sunshine , and her heart was solid gold, her eyes were as bright as as shining stars and in her cheeks fair roses you see. We all love you Rest in peace aunty Orma. Rita , Rama and family.*

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**Rita & Rama Panday** - September 19, 2020 at 06:31 PM

SL

*Our Dearest Orme, thank you our sister for being you in the most incredible and special way. You have worked tirelessly to help and guide so many without hesitation. You were always unselfishly the giver not the taker in endless causes. Orme sis, rest in eternal peace, missing you so much but you will forever be in our hearts. Gone too soon and love you to the moon..and back.*

*Shak, Jeff and Britty 🙏❤️@❤️*

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**Shak lambertz** - September 19, 2020 at 07:50 PM