

Loving Memory of



KUNJAMMA JACOB

Born: May 18, 1942

Called Home: Oct 04, 2019

The Lord is my light and my salvation
whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life
of whom shall I be afraid?

~ Psalms 27:1



Kunjamma Jacob (American name Mary) was born in Kuttoor, Thiruvella, Kerala, India to the Pandicherril family to P.A. Abraham and Annamma Abraham. She was the second of five children. She has three younger sisters (Chinnamma, Thankamma, and Shanthamma) an older brother P.A. Issac and younger brother late Mr. Raju Abraham. Kunjamma pursued a career as a teacher and taught Hindi at St. Francis Girls high school in Aluva. She was an amazing teacher who taught so many students and her passion for teaching never left her life. She continued to teach people around her with her wisdom and witty sense of humor.

On May 19, 1968 she married the love of her life Jacob Varkey and had an exemplary beautiful marriage for 51 years. She was the true definition of a loving, committed wife always making sure her Achachen was taken care of. Kunjamma had three daughters Elizabeth, Ancy and Susan. In 1989, Kunjamma came to New Jersey with her three girls to join Jacob after he arrived in New Jersey one year prior and worked hard in various jobs. She worked as a dietary aide in the Allendale Nursing Home for most of her remaining working years. She was always admired for her warm friendly demeanor and smiles, hard work ethic, dedication, and willingness to do any work given to her.

Despite her long hours and physical labor at work, her two passions that she always made time for was cooking and gardening. These two passions combined were seen in the abundance and overflow of her vegetable garden and her meals. Kunjamma would always come home and prepare the most delicious meals for her family and friends every day with love. Over the years she was not only an amazing wife but a mother, grandmother, friend, sister, aunt etc. She was loved by many and will always be remembered for her story telling and positive attitude towards life.

In her mid 70's Kunjamma battled Alzheimer's disease, a degenerative brain disease that affects progressive memory loss, impaired thinking, and changes in personality and mood. However, despite the progression of this disease on her what shined the most was the love that she always had for her loved ones and God. Throughout her entire life, it was also important for her that everyone around her experienced God's love and pure joy. One of the bible verses that she would continuously recite was Psalms 27:1 "The lord is my light and salvation, whom shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life of whom shall I be afraid?" She continuously fought until the very end and was eventually taken into God's hands peacefully on October 4, 2019 surrounded by her loving husband, children, grandchildren, son in laws, family and friends. God was the light that led her life. Let's choose to remember Kunjamma (Mary) in her light. The amazing light of love that she gave so many and will always be.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks for donations to be made In Memory of Kunjamma Jacob to the following organizations:

Alzheimer's Association- act.alz.org

Valley Hospital Hospice Foundation - valleyhospitalfoundation.org

Love and Prayers, Jacob Varkey, Jeemon and Elizabeth Varghese, Saju and Ancy George, Mattson and Susan Kokura, Christa, Emil, Sneha, Mekha, Mason and Owen.

Viewing and Services

Viewing:

St. Mary's Orthodox Church

66 E. Maple Ave., Suffern, NY 10901

Sunday, October 6, 2019

4:00PM - 8:00PM



Funeral Services:

St. Mary's Orthodox Church

66 E. Maple Ave., Suffern, NY 10901

Monday, October 7, 2019

8:30AM



Interment:

Ascension Cemetery

650 Saddle River Rd, Monsey, NY 10952

(845) 352-7220

Monday, October 7, 2019

10:30AM

Please join us for lunch after the services at

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