



## Indira David

September 15, 1944 - April 19, 2022

### Indira James David

Indira Vimila James was born on September 15, 1944, in Hyderabad, Andhra Pradesh, (Telangana) India as the fourth of five children. Her father, Ballikourava Akbar James worked for the government and her mother, Soubhagyam James, was a teacher. Indira had a close connection to her parents and siblings and encouraged this in her family. Growing up she loved decorating and was a social butterfly; funny and popular to both her friends and family and loved by all. Indira became a Seventh-day Adventist in her early twenties after being invited to a revival meeting in her hometown.

After earning a Bachelor of Science in Biology at Nizam College Indira began her Master of Science studies in Osmania University, where she secured First Class. She completed her master's degree at the age of 21. While pursuing her Ph.D. in 1968, she met Joshua David who she married on January 9, 1969. Later that year, now Mrs. David paused her studies and left India for Dallas, TX in support of the blossoming research career of her husband. Now, Dr. and Mrs. David, they moved to Houston in 1972, and finally, in 1974, settled in Philadelphia where Dr. David continued his career, and Mrs. David raised their growing family.

In 1971, Dr. and Mrs. David welcomed their first daughter, Ellen Suhasini and in 1975, were blessed with their second daughter, Elizabeth Vilasini. Their son, Zakkam Samuel, completed the family 15 months later in 1976.

With her husband, Mrs. David was very active in the Adventist church and raised their children in the faith, as well. After her children left home, Mrs. David remained active in the church as a Deaconess, Sabbath School Superintendent, and both Sabbath School and Vacation Bible School teacher. Indira was a spiritual woman of prayer who began and ended each day in commune with God.

Mrs. David believed strongly in being home while her children and home schooled them

until each was eight years old. Believing that 8 was the appropriate age for classroom schooling, the children were enrolled in grade school where they excelled in testing after her tutelage. Once her children were attending school, Mrs. David recommenced her career at the Scheie Eye Institute as a scientist. After experiencing the pleasure and success of educating her children, Mrs. David decided she did not want to return to the research arena, and decided to focus on her true passion, teaching. She became actively engaged in the church as a Sabbath School teacher and obtained her credentials to work as a substitute teacher. After teaching in the Philadelphia school system, she retired from teaching in 2015.

Mrs. David enjoyed cooking, her church family, and lively debate but mostly enjoyed time with her family, especially with her grandchildren, Lucas and Bella, and dogs Coconut and Cashewnut. Although she now waits with her husband, she is survived by her children, Ellen Leider (Paul), Elizabeth David and Samuel David, and sister Urmila Franklin (Benjamin) and brother Prahlad James (Naty).

Relatives and friends are invited to her Visitation and Service on Friday, April 22nd, from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at The Boulevard Seventh Day Adventist Church. Interment will follow at Lawnview Cemetery.

Video Streaming of the Service may be found at either link below:

<http://facebook.com/BlvdSDAChurch>

<https://youtube.com/channel/UC2KnAUO7kruZIIEdmQXzKQ>

# Cemetery

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**Lawnview Cemetery**  
500 Huntingdon Pike  
Jenkintown, PA, 19046

# Events

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**APR 22** **Visitation and Service** 10:30AM - 01:00PM

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7th Day Adventist Church(Roosevelt Boulevard)  
8441 Roosevelt Blvd, Philadelphia, PA, US, 19152

# Comments

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“ Mrs Indira was a God fearing christian woman who will always be an example to me. She was ever devoted to God and her family and everything she did reflected that devotion. I am so sorry to hear of her death but feel blessed to have known her. Suha, Liz, and Sam I wish there was someway to offer you more than our sympathy and words of comfort. Your parents were very special to us and we hold them in high regard. We cling to the assurance that we can see them again one day when Jesus comes to take us home. Lots of love and prayers Anna & Bobby Thomas

Anna & Bobby Thomas - April 23 at 11:38 AM

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“ Mrs. David was a wonderful spirtial woman that was passionate about her family. She will be missed dearly and we are blessed to have known her. Our deepest sympathies to the David Family. The Dudek's

Dawn Dudek - April 22 at 09:03 PM

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“ Dear Indira Akka, you will be fondly missed! Not only you were a neighbor in Hyderabad,India but also related thru Urmila Akka and Franklin Bava. We have so many memories together that will always remain in our hearts. Suvarna Kumar Anna was a genuine, down to earth person he will be missed by family and many people around the world.My sincere condolences to the family for your loss. May the good Lord grant peace to the children as they are going through this process of grief. Indira Akka is reunited with Pappa( Akbar James uncle) in heaven.

Much Love to the Children.

From,  
Swarna Paul Bethala



Swarna Paul Bethala - April 22 at 10:28 AM

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“ Graceful Wreath was purchased for the family of Indira David.



April 21 at 10:39 AM