



Silvanus Christie

January 2, 2019

Silvanus Christie was born on May 12, 1940 in Dahemi, Gujarat, India to Bavjibhai Bhikhabhai and Ribkaben Christie. Silvanus has two sisters, Jyotsna Christian and Olivia Chauhan. As a member of CNI church, he was offered a full scholarship to further his education. He received his Bachelor of Science in chemistry from Wilson College of Bombay. He also completed a Bachelor of Education in math and science as well as an engineering degree in textile chemistry from The Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda. Silvanus worked as a math and science teacher at St. Xavier's high school in India. People would often come from neighboring towns to seek his help due to his proficiency in English, his wisdom, and his kindness.

He married Evenjlina (Aru) Christian on December 20th, 1969. Soon after their marriage, Silvanus immigrated to the United States at the age of 30. He continued studying and received a degree in chemical engineering from LaSalle University. In America, Silvanus helped his extended family immigrate from India. After a decade of living in America, Silvanus decided to go back to India and teach before permanently settling in Philadelphia in 1993. He worked as a laboratory technician while simultaneously serving his community by mentoring migrants and doing various social work.

In January 1971, he planted the first seeds for what is now known as the Gujarati Christian Fellowship of Philadelphia. Throughout Silvanus' life, his faith in Christ grew daily. He was a steadfast servant of Christ and a respected elder of the church where he regularly preached powerful messages. God used Silvanus to reach many people, especially the Gujarati Christian community, which is evident in their continued prosperity in Philadelphia.

After 78 faithful years, Silvanus went to be with the Lord on Wednesday, January 2nd, 2019. He is survived by his wife, Evenjlina Christie, and their children, Sweetee, Stuti, and Vishrut, as well as his two grandchildren, Glory and Shalom.

Relatives and friends are invited to his Visitation and Service on Saturday, January 5th from 9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. at The Salvation Army. Interment will follow at Lawnview

Cemetery.

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Lawnview Cemetery

500 Huntingdon Pike
Jenkintown, PA, 19046

Events

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