



Honnavally Nadig Ramaswamy

July 30, 1937 - October 10, 2022

Dr. H.N. Ramaswamy passed away on October 10, 2022 in Johns Creek, Georgia. Ramaswamy was known as Rama or Ramu to his family. He was born on July 30, 1937 in Honnavally, India, the son of H.N. Suryanarayana Rao and Smt. Kamakshi.

Ramaswamy received a B.S. at Bangalore University and M.S. at Karnatak University, later becoming a Chemistry Lecturer at APS College. It was there that he met S.L. Indira Devi, who would soon become his beloved wife. On September 5, 1963, Ramaswamy immigrated to the United States to study at Tulane University in New Orleans. In 1966, he married Indira, and their son, Karthik, was born in 1967. That same year Ramaswamy received his Ph.D. in inorganic chemistry. In 1970, Ramaswamy and Indira moved to Smyrna, Georgia where they were blessed with their daughter, Vandana.

Ramaswamy built a full life in Atlanta, working in chemical manufacturing and ultimately finishing his career, as he had begun, as a college professor. His greatest joys were his community of family and friends. Starting with leadership in the International Students Association at Tulane, his passion and vision led him to found the Nrupathanga Kannada Koota of Atlanta.

Immensely proud and grateful for his citizenship and life he built in America, he remained emotionally tied and devoted to his family, culture, and language in India. He built a high school in Honnavally, which provided education and opportunity where none had existed before. Throughout his life, he made ongoing infrastructure improvements to better the life in the village through

support of the school and temple. Here in Atlanta, Ramaswamy emerged as a civic leader, promoting the arts, the Chiguru Kannada language magazine, scholarships, and numerous public service missions for those in need. And at all times, his humor and playfulness made him the life of the party.

Ramaswamy lost his mother at age 7, and this tragedy surely was the fountain for his loving kindness and gentle nature. He never complained, never raised his voice. He nurtured a family in both America and India, loving each exquisitely. A constant remembrance of even the smallest help he received from others inspired his enormous generosity and magnanimity for others. A thriving and vibrant diaspora grew from his support and guidance, and he helped countless people to settle here and achieve better lives for themselves. Ramaswamy's deep well of empathy and sense of duty defined his character. As an elder statesman, father-figure, and inspiration to many, his influence will forever remain in the lives of all who knew him and for generations to come.

Along with his parents, Ramaswamy is preceded in death by his beloved brother, H.N. Venkataramaiah, H.N. Krishnaswamy, godmother, Ammanna, and sister, Jayamma. He is survived by beloved brother, H. N.

Hiriyannaswamy, H.N. Narayanaswamy; wife, Indira; children, Karthik and Anita Bhandiwad, Vandana and Joon Ahn; grandchildren, Asha, Alok, Maya, and Ellora, along with many cherished friends and family throughout the U.S. and India.

In lieu of flowers, the family welcomes anyone wishing to honor Dr.

Ramaswamy's memory to donate: <https://gofund.me/98e87690>

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 13. 4:00 PM (ET)

Northside Chapel Funeral Directors & Crematory
12050 Crabapple Road
Roswell, GA

Funeral Service

OCT 13. 4:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Northside Chapel Funeral Directors and Crematory created a Webcast in memory of Honnavally Nadig Ramaswamy



Northside Chapel - October 11, 2022 at 01:45 PM

PR

ಬಹು ಸುಂದರ ವ್ಯಕ್ತಿತ್ವ, ಮಗುವಿನ ಮನಸು, ಅತ್ಯಂತ ಚುರುಕು ಚಟುವಟಿಕೆ, ಸಮಯದ ಬೆಲೆ ತಿಳಿದ ವ್ಯಕ್ತಿ, ಸಮಾಜ ಹಾಗೂ ಸುತ್ತಮುತ್ತಲಿನ ಹಾಗೂ ಹೋಗುಗಳ ಓರೆನೋಟದಲ್ಲೂ ತನ್ನದೇ ಆದ ಗಟ್ಟಿ ಭಾಯಿ ಮೂಡಿಸುವ ಪರಿ ಮತ್ತು ತನ್ನ ಸುತ್ತಲಿರುವವರನ್ನೂ ಹುರಿದುಂಬಿಸುವ ಆಕರ್ಷಕ ವ್ಯಕ್ತಿತ್ವ ಪೂಜ್ಯ ಡಾ/ ರಾಮಸ್ವಾಮಿ ಅವರದು. ನಮ್ಮ ನಮ್ಮ ನೈವೃದ್ಧಿಯ ನೈವೃದ್ಧಿಯ ಕನ್ನಡ ಕೂಟ ಅವರ ಬೆಲೆಬಾಳುವ ಬಳುವಳಿ/ ಕೂಟ 50 ವರ್ಷದ ವಸಿಲಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಇರುವಾಗ ಅವರ ನಿರ್ಗಮನ ನನ್ನ ಕುಟುಂಬ ಮತ್ತು ಅವರನ್ನು ಹತ್ತಿರದಿಂದ ಬಲ್ಲವರನ್ನು ಬಹುವಾಗಿ ಕಾಡುವಂತಹ ವಿಷಯ.

ಅವರ ಆತ್ಮಕ್ಕೆ ಸದ್ಗತಿ ದೊರೆಯಲೆಂದು ಪ್ರಾರ್ಥನೆ ಹಾಗೂ ಅವರ ಸಂಸಾರ ಮತ್ತೇಲ್ಲ ಬಂಧುವರ್ಗಕ್ಕೆ ಈ ದುಃಖ ಸಮಯ ರಾಮಸ್ವಾಮಿಯವರ ಚಟುವಟಿಕೆ ಮತ್ತವರ ನೆನಪು ಸಾಂತ್ವಾನ ನೀಡಲಿ ಎಂಬ ಕಳಕಳಿ

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Pradeep and Rekha - October 12, 2022 at 07:46 PM

PV

Sorry to hear about the demise of Dr. Ramaswamy. May his Aatma attain Sadgati. Prayers for the family. Om Shanthi.

Prasanna Venkat - October 12, 2022 at 09:59 PM

NS

Very sad to know that Dr. Ramaswamy is not among us. Please accept our heartfelt condolences. We pray God gives you Karthik , Vandana and family the strength to bear this huge loss. Om Shanti.
Roopa, Nagaraj Subbarao & family

Nagaraj Subbarao - October 13, 2022 at 07:00 AM

RB

Sorry to hear about the passing away Dr. H.N. Ramaswamy. Large number of Kannada and Indian community folks miss him. Dr. Ramaswamy was very vocal and instrumental in bringing the community together to celebrate our culture and heritage. Our deepest condolences to Honnavally Nadig family and we pray the almighty to rest his soul in peace.

Rudresh Bihalli & Family

Rudresh Bihalli - October 13, 2022 at 08:42 AM

PA

We know Dr. Ramaswamy through his brother Dr. Narayanaswamy. Very sad to hear about his demise. We extend our deepest sympathy to his family. May God give them the strength to bear this loss.

Ponna & Chanchala Achutamurthy. - October 13, 2022 at 09:38 AM

AA

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ANURADHA ARUN - October 13, 2022 at 10:55 AM

VA

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Vandana - October 13, 2022 at 11:56 AM

VB

*sorry to hear Demise of Dr Ramswamy.our heartfull condolences to family.
vijay and sheela Bhairappa.
somerset NJ.*

vaijanath bhairappa - October 13, 2022 at 11:57 AM

PB

Our heart felt condolences to family Thinking of you all Sending u guys hugs 🙏🙏

preeta bhasin - October 13, 2022 at 04:18 PM

GS

*So sorry to hear about the passing of our dear friend Dr. Ramaswamy. Our since heartfelt condolences to the family. Dr. Ramaswamy made a lasting positive impression on anyone he met. He is really missed. Om Shanti.
Gopal and Sudha Soora*

Gopal Soora - October 13, 2022 at 05:10 PM

MP

“ *Very sad and feeling sorry for the Demise of H N Ramaswamy, I remember our first meet on his marriage day Varapooje dinner time, I was serving Ghee, when I came in front of him he Jokingly said serve me ghee not just make sound of metal container, we both used to cherish many such jokes from his entry day to exit day in our family, May his soul rest in peace,*

M K prabhakar - October 14, 2022 at 03:57 PM

TS

“ *My Dear AKKA Members and Members of the Family of our Dear Dr. Ramaswamy:*

I knew Dr. Ramaswamy for decades and probably knew him longer than any member of the AKKA.

He was a kind, caring, dedicated, unselfish, and ardent leader of the Kannada language and Kannadigas in USA, and those in GA.

His 2012 AKKA meeting in Atlanta was a great success and I attended it-it is a tribute to his love of the Kannada language, his ability to organize as a leader, and Kannadigas in US.

His contribution to the family of Kanandigas of USA, especially in Georgia is profound and surely we will miss him and his single-handed dedication and leadership for the Kannadiga's and its organization in US.

Our family sends heartfelt condolences to his family in their movement of profound grief and loss.

If we can do anything to ease the loss and grief, our phone lines are always open

With Kind Regards

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T.R. Sahantha - October 13, 2022 at 06:02 PM

VS

“ *My heartfelt condolences to Indira and family. I am very saddened to hear the news. It is a huge loss to everyone who knew Ramaswamy. He was such a warm and affectionate person. May his soul Rest In Peace*
Vani Sundaraiyer

Vani Sundaraiyer - October 13, 2022 at 03:40 PM

VA

“ *Vishwanath Aswathaiah lit a candle in memory of Honnavally Nadig Ramaswamy*



Vishwanath Aswathaiah - October 13, 2022 at 03:31 PM

VA

Dr. Ramaswamy sir was a great individual. Always wanted to help kannada community. He was very humbe, humorous and a tremendous contributor to the community. We all are at such a loss of this great leader. He'll be in our hearts. May god give strength to his family and may his soul rest in peace.

Vishwanath Aswathaiah - October 13, 2022 at 03:39 PM

RI

MayGod give you sadgati, we miss you a lot. Let God give the family to withstand the great loss

Radha & Srinivasan Rao chicago IL - October 13, 2022 at 04:16 PM

SI

It is indeed very sad to hear that Dr Ramaswamy passed away in October 2022. The first person i met was Dr Ramaswamy and Indira in Symrna with Dr Kiran in December 1970. He was a great man and remeber them with Indira for their great hospitality.

Prof SS Iyengar Miami Florida March 16, 2026

SS Iyengar - March 16 at 11:27 AM

TE

“ Dear Indu Aunty,

We are so sorry to hear his demise.

Ramaswamy uncle was a great personality and his simplicity and selfless nature is what I remember the most.

My sincerest condolences for you at this time.

Teju - October 13, 2022 at 03:12 PM

DU

“ *I have such fond memories of the time spent with Ram and Indira: chatting over a cup of tea in their living room; enjoying rituals and food at events to celebrate deities; laughing and feasting at their 50th wedding anniversary. Ram was such a rare and special person who cared so much for so many people. I'm deeply grateful to have known him.*

Diane Urban

Diane Urban - October 13, 2022 at 10:02 AM

SR

“ Dear Indira

We are ver sorry to hear about the demise of Ramaswamy. May God give you the strength to bear this loss.

Subhadra and Ramachandra

subhadra ramachandra - October 12, 2022 at 12:53 PM

MS

Dear Indira, Our Deepest condolences to you and your family. May his soul reach gods feet. Om Shanthi.

Mala Sridhar - October 13, 2022 at 10:21 AM

SS

“ *We are sorry to hear this sad news. We have always enjoyed our interactions with him and appreciated his selfless service to community in general and Kannadigas in particular. Our prayers are with the family for strength to bear the loss. May his soul Rest In Peace!*

Sajjan and Kalpana Shiva

Sajjan Shiva - October 12, 2022 at 10:03 AM

LM

Very sorry to hear this sad news. We will miss him . May god give strength to family to bear the loss. May his soul Rest In Peace! Lalitha & prasad

Lalitha Murthi - October 13, 2022 at 05:09 PM

KA

I was sorry to hear of Rama's passing. I only meet him once time when Indira made the yoga class members an Indian meal. He was very kind and gracious. You are in my prayers Indira. I am so sorry for your loss.

Karen - October 13, 2022 at 06:00 PM