



Dr. Krishnaswamy Kathiresan

January 15, 1949 - January 13, 2024

Dr. Krishnaswamy Kathiresan passed away on January 13, 2024 in Atlanta, Georgia, two days before his 75th birthday. He was born on January 15, 1949 in Bhavani, Tamil Nadu, India and was lovingly known by his friends as Kathiresan or Kris.

Kathiresan grew up in rural India and lost his father early in life. But despite the odds being against him, he dreamed big and reached his seemingly unachievable goals. Often the smartest and most determined person in his classes, he focused on excellence and higher education and received a Bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering from PSG College of Technology then a Master's degree in Aerospace Engineering from the Indian Institute of Science in Bangalore and finally a PhD from Georgia Institute of Technology in Applied Science and Mechanics. He had a passion for aerospace and mathematics. Early in his career, he worked for Lockheed Martin, followed by AT&T and Lucent Technologies as an engineer, and later in his career he became professor of mathematics at Southern Polytechnic State University and Kennesaw State University.

After he immigrated to the United States to pursue his PhD, he married Bagyalakshmi in 1976, and together they created a beautiful family life in Marietta, Georgia. They welcomed their first daughter, Anupama, in 1979 and twin daughters, Prathima and Hema, in 1985. He made sure his daughters

had his same work ethic and desire to achieve. He was not only a devoted husband and father, but he also had a close group of lifelong friends in the Atlanta area. Kris was known for his intelligence, sense of humor, caring nature, generosity, and kind heart who was always there to offer his help to others and lighthearted jokes along the way. He would consistently go above and beyond for his family, especially his three daughters and four grandchildren, to whom he was an unconditionally devoted father and grandfather. To his grandchildren, he will always be their beloved Thatha. He was deeply loved and cherished by his family and friends.

Kris is survived by his wife, Bagyalakshmi Kathiresan; daughter and son-in-law, Anupama Sarah Quincey Kathiresan and Jeremiah Johnson; daughter and son-in-law, Prathima Kathiresan and Roey Rosenblith; daughter Hema Kathiresan; and his precious grandchildren, Kaleb Naveen Johnson, Mila Lakshmi Johnson, Nahla Shanthi Grace Johnson, and Daniel Krishna Rosenblith.

A service to honor him will be held on Wednesday, January 17, at 3:00pm at Northside Chapel at 12050 Crabapple Rd. Roswell, Georgia. The service will be simulcast for those who cannot attend in person. Please join us in honoring his memory. He will be dearly missed, forever loved, and never forgotten.

Cemetery Details

Cremation - Northside Chapel Crematory

12050 Crabapple Road
Roswell, GA

Previous Events

Funeral Service

JAN 17. 3:00 PM (ET)

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

Tribute Wall



“ Northside Chapel Funeral Directors and Crematory created a Webcast in memory of Dr. Krishnaswamy Kathiresan



Northside Chapel - January 15, 2024 at 04:51 PM

RA

May his soul rest in peace. Our heart felt condolences to you & your family. 🙏

RajshekarKL - January 17, 2024 at 02:43 PM

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Mr.Kathiresan is my yelder Co-brother from Bhavani, Tamilnadu, India. His father Mr.Krishnaswany was passed away, when Mr.Kathiresan was 10 years old. His mother had brought him and giving good graduation in Machanical Engineering at PSG College, Coimbatore. He finished his Engineering degree with Gold Metal. He has only one yonger brother named Mr.Chandrasekar. His mother had passed away nearly 10 years back. His brother also passed away two years back. He brought up his family in a good way and loved his wife and three daughters, two Son-in-laws and four grand childrens.

Mrs.Bagyalakshmi Kathiresan also born in Bhavani, Tamilnadu, India. He lived with Mr.Kathiresan nearly 49 years in Atlanta. USA happily. Their three daughters namely Anupama, Preethy and Hema and their two son-in-laws take care of them in a very good manner. They are very lucky. Bagyalakshmi has three younger sisters namely Indhrani, Parimalam, Shanmuga Priya are living in India with their husband and children. Bagyalaksmi's Father Mr.G.Pattabiraman passed away on 1981 & her mother also passed away on 2018. In this Juncture, we feel very sorry for missing our yelder Co-brother Mr.Kathiresan, who was very nice person. May his soul rest in piece. Our heart felt condolences to Mrs.Bagyalakshmi Anni and her family members. 🙏

RajshekarKL - January 17, 2024 at 05:00 PM

UN

“ I am usha Natarajan and my husband's name is Raju Natarajan . We knew the family well . Their twin daughters went to middle school with our younger daughter Asha Natarajan . The older daughter was one year older than our older daughter Anusha Natarajan . He is a kind good person . Wish we had kept in touch with the family . So sorry to see this now . Usha natarajan . Asha's mother

usha Natarajan - August 07, 2025 at 03:25 PM

SP

“ We knew him so well and lost touch with him. Great man. Wish I gad reconnected with him.

Sam and Usha Prasadh - August 07, 2025 at 10:41 AM

MU

“ *Kathiresan is a very good friend of our family. I know him for the past 50 years. We went to the same college in India and U.S. Kathiresan is a jovial person and very friendly with all of us. We visited different interesting places and had a lot of fun. It is very unfortunate to lose a friend like Kathiresan. Our heartfelt condolences to Kathiresan's family. May his soul rest in peace.*

Muthukrishnan, Lakshmi and family

Muthukrishnan - January 17, 2024 at 12:58 PM



“ *The timeline is the period from 1971 to 1973 when Dr. Kathiresan was our fellow Post Graduate student in Indian Institute of Science (I.I.Sc), Bangalore, India.*

As part of the Institute's Annual day in the year 1972, Dr. Kathiresan and myself participated in the 100m under water swimming competition.

He won the first prize in the competition, since he was an excellent swimmer, due to his training in the Cauvery and Bhavani rivers confluence from his childhood days.

What a wonderful friend he was during those days !

Will remain ever in our hearts.

Loving friend:

K. Appuswamy,

*Fellow student and friend in PSG College of Technology,
Coimbatore and IISc, Bangalore, India.*

Appuswamy Karuppanna - January 17, 2024 at 12:06 PM



“ Kris was the finest man and well loved at Lucent. He phoned and offered support to me once when he knew it needed it. I will never forget his kindness during my time of need. Rest in peace and prayers to the family he loved.

Carolyn Spraggins - January 17, 2024 at 11:36 AM

CP

“ My condolences to the family of Dr. Kathiresan, who, in addition to being the father of a classmate, was also a neighbor. Growing up, Anu and I would carpool to various school events, and when Dr. Kathiresan drove, he would ask us about our classes and our teachers. It was clear that he took a great interest in his daughters' schooling and highly valued education. In more recent years, I would see Dr. Kathiresan at the annual association meetings - he always seemed to be just back from or on his way to visiting his grandchildren. He obviously relished his role as a grandparent. May those happy memories with him carry you through this difficult time.

Catherine Pozniak - January 16, 2024 at 10:32 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Dr. Krishnaswamy Kathiresan.



January 16, 2024 at 06:08 PM

VS

“ Venkat, Saraswathi, Sharmila & Satish purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Dr. Krishnaswamy Kathiresan.



Venkat, Saraswathi, Sharmila & Satish - January 16, 2024 at 11:16 AM

LD

“ Lisa Day purchased the Sweet Solace Spray for the family of Dr. Krishnaswamy Kathiresan.



Lisa Day - January 16, 2024 at 09:54 AM

LD

“ Lisa Day planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dr. Krishnaswamy Kathiresan.

Lisa Day - January 16, 2024 at 09:54 AM