



## Mr. Ramchandra Govind Sidhaye

April 6, 1941 - April 13, 2021

Ramchandra Govind Sidhaye was born on April 6th, 1941 in Jaysingpur, Maharashtra, India and passed away on April 13th, 2021 after a long battle with prostate cancer.

Ram spent his childhood playing neighborhood games in Jaysingpur and helping his father with his printing business. He attended Siddhartha College in Mumbai and completed a Bachelors degree in Physics & Math. He then went on to the University of Mumbai where he completed a Masters degree in the same subjects. After teaching at Mumbai University for some time he moved to the U.S. in 1968 and completed additional studies at the Illinois Institute of Technology. Ram spent the early portion of his career working in management at GE which eventually brought him to Atlanta, GA in 1980. Later, he moved back to India in 1985 to work for Tata Unisys. In 1989 he and his family returned to Atlanta so he could pursue his dream of starting his own software consultancy business which he continued until his retirement in 2006.

Ram had varied interests and was a leader in many community organizations. One highlight was being Chairman of the board of the Indian American Cultural Association, and organizing the 1997 Festival of India which celebrated India's 50 years of independence. He enjoyed playing bridge and spending time with his grandchildren. In addition he was an avid reader of

spiritual texts and books relating to U.S. history.

Above all, Ram was deeply devoted to his family, a loyal friend, and imbued with a strong sense of faith.

Ram is survived by his loving wife Shashi to whom he was married for 48 years. Additionally he is survived by his son Aniket and daughter-in-law Keerthana of Clarksville, MD, daughter Era and son-in-law Neil of Dunwoody, GA, and his 4 "birdies" - his grandchildren Lassya, Jayen, Aakash, and Thage whom he doted upon. Additionally there are many cousins, nephews and nieces whom he loved. He is preceded in death by his parents Govind and Kashi as well as his older siblings Chabatai, Suddhatai, and Bal dada (Achuyt Govind).

While we all feel his loss acutely, we remember his positive attitude and zest for life which will live on in all of our memories and sustain us.

A private Hindu memorial service will be held on Friday, April 16th, 2021 at 10am. In lieu of flowers, you may donate to Fisher House Foundation or Maharashtra Foundation, two organizations to which Ram was committed.

# Cemetery Details

## Cremation - Northside Chapel Crematory

12050 Crabapple Road  
Roswell, GA

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

APR **16**. 10:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Northside Chapel Funeral Directors and Crematory created a Webcast in memory of Mr. Ramchandra Govind Sidhaye*



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**Northside Chapel** - April 14, 2021 at 02:07 PM

JS

“ *I was his grandson and he was my beloved Dada, Although he is no longer with us, I can still see and hear his great smile and laugh. The last time I saw him was on Saturday the 10th. My brother, Aakash and I watched the movie “Chennai Express” with him and Aaji. I got to sit next to him and it was a great blessing to have that moment shortly before he passed. Even though it has been almost 2 years, my entire family and I can still feel his amazing presence and see his bright light. He was an amazing man and we are all extremely lucky to have known and been loved by him. We all are so grateful to have had him in our family. Birdies 1,2 (myself), 3, and 4 had the best Dada ever.*

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**Jayen Shah** - December 17, 2022 at 07:48 PM



“ *Mr. Ramchandra Govind Sidhaye*

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October 08, 2022 at 11:37 AM

TS

“ I am His Grandson.Its over a year since Dear Dada went to God. Whilst I am typing, I feel the pain of his no longer presence on The ground. My Grandfather Ramchandra Govind Sidhaye always made me believe in myself, while giving his lovely laugh. I remember one particular photo that I will persuade My dad and Ram's Son to show this photo. I was touching his head on his birthday on April 6 2021.

Thage Sidhaye - May 31, 2022 at 04:33 PM

ES

Loving grandpa and loving grandson

era shah - February 03, 2023 at 08:02 PM

JS

I am Jayen Shah . It has been two years since my grand father (Dada) passed away . We always talk about him , whenever we get together. Aniket mama had come for 2nd year remembering. We love Dada

jayen Shah - April 12, 2023 at 06:15 PM

ST

“ I came to know of the sad passing away of Ram Sidhaye only yesterday (Aug 20, 2021) from Dr Shreekumar Vinekar of Oklahoma City. Although I never met Ram in person, we exchanged emails and phone calls on matters of mutual interest concerning the Hindu community in the US, Canada and India. May his atma find sadgati.

Shrinivas Tilak - August 21, 2021 at 11:19 AM

“ Dear Shashi Mavshi, Aniket, Era, Keethana and Neel,  
It is very hard for me to imagine the emptiness you must feel without Shri RamKaka. I had the privilege to get to know him when he visited India in the early 80's and when you stayed in India in the 80's. I have memories of visiting your home in Dadar and Worli. He would visit us often everytime he visited India in the 90's and would spend hours discussing the Geeta with my father. As a teenager I was really impressed by his ability to give out a loud laugh every so often. I really got to know the Sidhaye family when I stayed at ShashiMavshi's/Ramkaka's home in 1998. Despite his health issues, I never once felt that I was not welcome in the home. He never once asked me how long I was planning to stay in Atlanta. Even though I did not find a residency position in the first try initially, he was the one who urged to me to stay longer and keep trying further. I am deeply indebted to the Sidhaye family and RamKaka and owe so much to them. I spent many months between interviews and applications. When Shashi Mavshi went to work, Ram Kaka kept me entertained with hearty laughs between his meetings. He was the one who showed me how to write a CV, how to send a fax, and how to withdraw from an ATM. He gave me the basic survival skills I would need in USA. He was like a second father to me. Between his work, and his other commitments to IACA and other social organizations, he was always very busy. But he loved to have discussions at the dining table during lunch or dinner and gave sincere, heartfelt and genuine advice about so many things. I truly enjoyed his company, his use of Marathi "sayings" and always looked forward to meeting/visiting him in Atlanta whenever possible. On the phone, he was always full of enthusiasm and energy and a joy to talk to. During conversations, he would love to 'trap' me with his witty comments! He always encouraged me to continue our Hindu traditions and asked me to send pictures of my boys. He had a deep sense of spirituality and practiced Hinduism in the true sense of the word. I had always hoped he would be able to visit us in NC but that did not materialize. I will truly miss him a lot. I pray to the lord that his soul finds eternal peace and showers you forever with blessings, and that you all find strength and happiness from all

*his memories.*

*My mother Mrs. Vijaya Athavale, his sister in law, also expresses her deep condolences to you all and I am sure she shares many, if not more of the same feelings about dear Ram Kaka as I do.*

*Namaskar,  
Kamlesh Athavale and family*

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**Kamlesh Athavale** - April 16, 2021 at 11:59 AM

DA

“ *While his physical presence is no longer with us, his kind and joyous spirit will remain in our hearts. We should all be blessed that we can treasure all the wonderful memories and time we had with him. He touched my life along with so many others. Small In stature but big in presence. Ramkaka will be missed.*

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**Deepa Ambekar** - April 16, 2021 at 10:58 AM

BT

“ *Dear Shashi, Aniket, and Ira,  
As you all know Ram was my best friend in Atlanta.  
He was a good friend, an excellent bridge player, and a great cook.  
We enjoyed good bridge sessions with him and Shashi, followed by good food.  
He was the most straight forward, honest individual, with highest of integrity. We will all miss him greatly.  
Love and Regards.  
Neelum and Basant Tariyal.*

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**BASANT TARIYAL** - April 16, 2021 at 10:19 AM

MF

*Dear dear Shashi, Aniket and Era and family, our deepest condolences on the very sad passing away of Ram. Our prayers for eternal peace for his onward journey. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. Meera & Anant Pathak , Arjun, Gauri & family.*

**Meera & Anant Pathak , and family** - April 16, 2021 at 10:58 AM

SA

“ *Ram kaka was a vibrant enthusiast, a devout spiritual aspirant, a loving and caring family person. My interaction with him was short but very memorable. His company infused the room with joy, wit, humour, stories, enquiry interspersed with roaring laughter...we simply loved him. He was so particular, prompt and appropriate in his reply to messages...he hated sympathy; he shared his joys and kept his sorrows to himself...A fond farewell to a wonderful human being...may his soul rest in peace!!!*

**Shraddha Gandhi/ Kala Athavale** - April 16, 2021 at 09:56 AM

SC

“ *It was a shocking news of Ram's sudden passing away! We still believe he is still with us through all the memories we shared since he moved to Atlanta with his Family. We had a close interaction with Ram and learnt a lot from him while he was a Treasurer for ICMS and playing Bridge game, learning finer points of the game. One thing we learnt about Ram was, he was very disciplined, and always put his heart into any activity he undertook.*

*We surely will miss him!*

*Hari Om!*

*Sopan and Rajani Chaudhari*

**Sopan & Rajani Cnaudhari** - April 16, 2021 at 09:17 AM

SA

“ He was great and noble soul always with a friendly smile. Enchanting personality. Helped me a lot by sharing his medicines with me. First time I met when he came with a proposal for the marriage of Aniket with my daughter Keerthana. Since then he was always on contact both from the point of his activities related to his efforts to change the way Hinduism is being taught in Schools in the US and from the point of Vedanta and Hindu philosophy. I am going to miss him a lot. Hari Om! Sadananda.

Sadananda - April 16, 2021 at 08:52 AM

SF

“ Sadananda family purchased the Sweetest Sunri se Bouquet for the family of Mr. Ramchandra Govind Sidhaye.



Sadananda family - April 16, 2021 at 08:40 AM

TA

“ He was a great community leader. Heartfelt condolences to the family.

Thomas Abraham - April 16, 2021 at 02:40 AM

SS

May his soul rest in eternal peace

Shrikant Sardeshpande - April 16, 2021 at 08:49 AM

SS

May his soul rest in eternal peace

Shrikant Sardeshpande - April 16, 2021 at 08:50 AM

PK

“ Ram mama was our “margadarshak” in the US from the very beginning. My mother, his Champatai, felt safer letting me go to the us since Ram mama was there. He was a treasure trove of memories about how he, my mother, and many cousins spent there college days living in Girgaon, Mugbhat Lane, with their mama and mami. He used to get so very excited hearing about our kids progress and achievements. The phone conversations with him used to be so delightful and uplifting. We miss him dearly.

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**Prashant and Manjushree Karandikar** - April 16, 2021 at 12:46 AM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Mr. Ramchandra Govind Sidhaye.



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April 15, 2021 at 10:23 PM

MP

“ Dear Dada  
You drew memories in my mind.I could never erase.You painted colors in my heart ❤️.I could never replace.

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**Manjila Pokharel** - April 15, 2021 at 09:55 PM

SN

“ *Ram Sidhaye's sudden passing has shocked us all very much. When we moved to Atlanta, we met him as a prominent figure in the Indian community and became close friends. There are nice memories of get-togethers and bridge sessions with him and other friends of similar interests. We had many common acquaintances from his professional career in India including common friends from Tata-Burroughs. His continuous efforts at preserving and promoting Hindu Dharma and principles are well-recognized by the Indian community in Atlanta. He was persistent in his battle to fight any unjust attacks on Hindu culture as we all now. Our family has been lucky to be associated with the Sidhaye family and we were lucky to attend the wedding ceremonies of Aniket and Era. We will have fond memories of our time with him. We wish that God give Shashi, Aniket and Era and their families all the courage to get over this major loss and void in their family May his soul Rest in Peace.*

*Hari Om*

*Sham and Aruna Navathe*

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**Sham and Aruna Navathe** - April 15, 2021 at 08:17 PM

MP

*Avinash and I share your thoughts and tributes to Ramdada Thank you for summarizing it so eloquently for all of us.- Medha, Avinash , Pradnya and Vidya.*

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**Medha Pradhan** - April 15, 2021 at 10:01 PM

SP

“ *A great soul who dedicated his life for our society. May his soul rest in peace.*

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**Surendra Prasad** - April 15, 2021 at 07:37 PM

AK

“ One of the dearest, respected and loved members of the whole family there are so many memorable moments and I'm sure every person here will have their own

To me , Ram kaka was a source of stimulation and I loved the emails I got from him. each one numbered and tabulated in some system he had and in coloured and varying font. He loved such simple things like 'an amazing sunset' and was most happy when there was a power cut in his area which sort of took him away from all electronic things for a few hours and back to his childhood.

He gave my poetry such support and encouragement and shared his philosophy, a lot of which was simple, pure and based on the Bhagwad Gita

Here is something he believed and then my thoughts about him

Arise with determination...be prepared to fight  
Your strength lies within...recognise it and then just let it grow  
If you win enjoy fully and rejoice in the beauty of this world  
And if you fall whilst trying then into my comforting and safe arms  
your soul will flow

Living with purpose, making every action count  
The art of engagement and persuasion with that gentle smile  
A mind fearless, free and yet focused...and so organised  
A proud dedication to what he believed in his unmistakable style

Enjoyed every exchange of thought... that just stimulated more  
Every question posed was a challenge to think a different way  
There's lots to miss and a wealth of memories to visit again  
Close my eyes... see your twinkling smile, your laugh and hear you say

Hari Om 🙏

Ashish Kelkar

*With prayers, thoughts and condolences from the whole Kelkar and extended Kelkar family*

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**Ashish Kelkar** - April 15, 2021 at 06:39 PM

AS

“*Ramji was a father figure, an elder brother to me. Still shudder to think I will no longer receive his weekly calls, his love soaked sermons, his blessings. Fervent prayers for his divine soul attaining sadgati. Once every few months for past several years I enjoyed and he relished having a hearty home-cooked meal together. Those were blissful moments I reminisce when we confided in each other. He would childlike fall into a siesta nap before heading home. Incidents, minor or major were shared between us uninhibited. A pure pious rare bond of empathy and trust. Ram-like was Ramji, who incessantly put others before himself, righteous to the core and nobility personified. Shat shat pranam mere pyaare Ramji... Amitabh*

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**Amitabh Sharma** - April 15, 2021 at 04:12 PM



“*Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Ramchandra Govind Sidhaye.*



April 15, 2021 at 12:29 PM

RR

“ Ram was my roommate in 1969 in Chicago. Ram liked to cook nice Indian food and thus he did cooking and I did dish washing. Ram and I lived across from each other with our family in Cincinnati in 1973. That time my wife, Meena, had good time spending time with Shashi and her mother who was visiting US. Last I saw Ram was at my daughter's wedding. Ram has been part of our family.

Ramesh Rathor - April 15, 2021 at 10:33 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Ramchandra Govind Sidhaye.



April 15, 2021 at 09:54 AM

CA

“ I knew Ram and his family since 1991. When I moved to Atlanta in 1991 he helped me in settling down. In 1997 we started Festival of India for IACA. He was the Chairman and I was the President. Wanted to see him this year on stage as we celebrate Silver jubilee of Festival of India. During the last three months, he shared lot of information to include in the history of IACA. A fine gentleman with kindness and pleasantness. We miss him.

*Our heartfelt condolences to Sashi, Aniket, Era and grand children.*

*Om Shanthi.*

chand akkineni - April 15, 2021 at 09:50 AM



“ *I Suvidha Bal uncle's younger daughter in law. Ram kaka is no more. It is very shocking news. Ram kaka used to chat with me a lot. We pay our respect to him.*

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**Suvidha Sidhaye** - April 15, 2021 at 02:32 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Ramchandra Govind Sidhaye.*



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April 14, 2021 at 10:15 PM



“ *April 13th 2021 has been declared, recognized and commemorating as Hindu New Year by the Texas State Legislature House Resolution 624. What a breakthrough for what Ramji devoted the last 18 years of his life, and what a treasure he has bequeathed on Hindu children in the USA! Few people know how he quietly and pleasantly interacted between so many diverse Hindu groups towards common objectives, calming us when we were in pain, inspiring us to efforts that at least we never dreamed we were capable of accomplishing. A life well lived in devotion and service to Humanity and particularly to Sanatana Dharma. We could write so much about him, but let us stop here.*

*Narayanan and Padma Komerath  
Johns Creek, Georgia*

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**Narayanan & Padma Komerath** - April 14, 2021 at 07:10 PM

DS

*Ever since we met Rambhau in 1992, we realized that not only he was an intellectual of high caliber but also a very sincere, loving and dedicated friend. He was very active in promoting and defending Hindu Dharma, its culture and traditions. He was a prolific reader and spent a lot of time in reading and analyzing Dharmic scriptures. His sudden passing away has left a great void which will be difficult to fill in. We'll always miss Rambhau for his loving brotherly friendship. OM Shanti Shanti*

*Dhiru and Indra Shah*

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**Dhiru Shah** - April 15, 2021 at 07:37 PM

SD

*I knew Ram for fifty three years and what a great friend he was. In fact, he was there to greet me and my newly married wife at O'Hare and he welcomed me and especially her as if they were friends all the time. That priceless quality of his to make friends out of total strangers in an instant is a divine gift indeed! And he was loaded with it. We were almost neighbors in Naperville and now-a-days when we talked on phone, he spoke of those days with nostalgia. He was a great conversationalist and fun to argue with. I would do that to him just to prolong the phone calls. He knew what I was doing and played along happily. To say that we all miss him today is unnecessary. Shashi-vahini, Aniket, Era, their spouses and all the "birdies" we know how deep your grief is and we share it with you with heavy hearts!*

*Subhash and Sharmila Deo*

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**Subhash and Sharmila Deo** - April 17, 2021 at 04:21 PM

VD

*Sorry to know passing of Ram now. I first met him in Bombay when he headed Tata Unisys at some policy advocacy meetings. We hit off well. In Chicago my brother Vijay was his friend, both working for GE. I immigrated to USA in 1994 and connected with him again. He gave me help and support as best. We tried to do business together though that did not fly. I lost contact with him some time in 2002. I always remember him as good man. We attended his son's wedding in Maryland. Vivek Date Walnut Creek CA 94505*

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**Vivek Date** - July 19, 2022 at 09:51 PM