

To acknowledge our ancestors means we are aware that we did not make ourselves, We remember them because it is an easy thing to forget; that we are not the first to suffer, rebel, fight, love and die. The grace with which we embrace life, In spite of the pain, the sorrows, is always a measure of what has gone before.

- Alice Walker, "In These Dissenting Times"

Viewing and Funeral service at:

St. Peter's Mar Thoma Church
70 Cedar Lane, Teaneck, NJ 07666

Viewing Services:

Sunday October 26, 2008
5:00 PM – 9:00PM

Monday October 27, 2008
9:00 AM – 10 AM

Funeral Services:

Monday October 27, 2008
10:00 AM – 11:00 AM

Burial:

Monday October 27, 2008 11:30 AM
George Washington Memorial Park Cemetery
Corner of Century & Paramus Road, Paramus, NJ 07652

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IN LOVING MEMORY



Varughese K. Chandy

Sunrise: January 16, 1946

Sunset: October 25, 2008

"Bless the Lord, O my Soul, and do not forget all his benefits-- who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases."

Psalm 103:2-3

Varughese K. Chandy

Varughese Chandy was born on January 16, 1946 as Sonny Kuzhiyath in Kottayam, Kerala India to K.V. Chandy of Kuzhiyath family and Mariamma Chandy of Modayil family. In his youth, he studied at the Mar Thoma Seminary High School, CMS College and NSS College in Chenganacherry, obtaining his Master's degree in Commerce in 1967. He later completed his course in Chartered Accountancy in India and then worked as a General Manager of Manorajyam chain of publications in Kottayam.

On January 17, 1974, Chandy (Sonny) married Annamma (Kunjoojamma) of Kandanchira family of Kottayam. They migrated to the United States, settling in New Jersey, where they lovingly raised their children, Jerry and Marie.

Being an adventurous and inquisitive individual, Chandy dabbled in diverse business ventures and professions. After a very successful career as a Senior Accounting Officer in various government and private institutions, he retired in 2001 as the Chief Finance Officer at the United Nations Peacekeeping Mission in Haiti. Despite his series of ailments, he was determined to complete his assignment in Haiti, and received honorable commendation for his work from the U.N.

Chandy was also an active force in the social, religious, and community life of Keralites in North America. He actively participated in several Indian American community organizations, spreading his unparalleled leadership throughout his social life. In addition, he was instrumental in the formation of the Mar Thoma Diocese of North America and helped establish the first Mar Thoma congregation in New York. He was also a catalyst in several Malayalee organizations in Bergen County, contributing his time, money, and energy for the betterment of his community.

In his retirement, Chandy went through many trials and tribulations due to his long-term illness. Staying true to his character, he exhibited great resiliency and continued to profess his faith in God until his last moments.

All those who knew Chandy admired him for his free-spirited, fun-loving, and compassionate nature. He was a man with an original sense of style and a trend-setter in all his endeavors. His imagination was boundless, and his storytelling abilities never failed to captivate his audience. He was a skillful problem solver and he brought order and clarity to our lives. Chandy was a pillar of strength not only for his family, but the entire community.

By the grace of God, Chandy died peacefully on October 25, 2008. He will be remembered as a good-humored and inspirational leader, as well as a devoted husband, father, and friend. Chandy is now reunited with his son Jerry and his legacy will be continued by his wife Kunjoojamma, daughter Marie, as well as countless family members and friends.