



"...the Lord gave and the Lord has taken away; may the name of the Lord be praised."

Job 1:21



WE EXPRESS OUR HEARTFELT GRATITUDE FOR ALL YOUR PRAYERS AND SUPPORT DURING OUR TIME OF SORROW. YOUR WORDS OF COMFORT CONTINUE TO STRENGTHEN US.

Mr. Pathickal Joseph John

AUGUST 4, 1945 - JULY 29, 2004



"The length of our days is seventy years or eighty, if we have the strength; yet their span is but trouble and sorrow for they quickly pass, and we fly away."

Psalms 90:10

OBITUARY

Pathickal Joseph John, affectionately called Thankachan, was born on August 4, 1945 to Mr. and Mrs. Pathickal Paily Joseph, Keezhillam, Kerala State, India.

After graduating from St. Thomas High School, Keezhillam, Kerala State, he joined Nirmala College, Muvattupuzha for his undergraduate studies. He received his BA in Economics and worked in New Delhi from 1968 – 1973. He then went to Abu Dhabi and was employed with a petroleum company from 1973 – 1999. He immigrated to the United States in late 1999.

He accepted Jesus Christ as his personal Savior at a young age. He taught Sunday school at various parishes in the St. Thomas Evangelical Church of India. In Abu Dhabi, his residence was used for Sunday worship services for twenty years. He was the vice-president and lay leader for several years. He has given generously for a number of worthy causes especially for the various projects of the Keezhillam St. Thomas Evangelical Church of India.

He is survived by his wife of 27 years, Chinnamma, and their two children; Tessa, a pharmacist at Abington Memorial Hospital, Abington, PA and Bobby, a final year engineering student at Drexel University, Philadelphia, PA. He is also survived by five brothers and two sisters; Rev. Dr. Paul Pathickal who is the vicar of the St. Thomas Evangelical Church of India, Bergenfield Parish, NJ; Mr. P.J. Varghese of Vadakancherry, Kerala State; Mr. P.J. Kurian of Dallas, TX; Mr. P.J. Stephen of Ambler, PA; Mrs. Saramma Varghese of Huntingdon Valley, PA; Mr. Sam Pathickal of Yardley, PA; and Mrs. Nancy Jacob of Philadelphia, PA.

Pathickal Joseph John has left behind a legacy of strong faith, deep love for his church, great affection for his family, overflowing generosity towards the work of the Lord, and compassion for the poor and needy. As we mourn his death, let us rejoice that he has gone to his Maker's side where there is no more pain and suffering.

Revelation chapter 14 verse 13 says: "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on. Yes," says the Spirit, "they will rest from their labor, for their deeds will follow them."



VIEWING

Lamb Funeral Home
101 Byberry Road
Huntingdon Valley, PA 19006
215.357.1260

Sunday, August 1, 2004
6:00 pm - 9:00pm

FUNERAL SERVICE

Lamb Funeral Home

Monday, August 2, 2004
10:00 am

INTERMENT

Forest Hills Cemetery
101 Byberry Road
Huntingdon Valley, PA 19006
215.357.1260

OFFICIATING CHURCH

St. Thomas Evangelical Church of India
Philadelphia Parish
9039 Eastview Road
Philadelphia, PA 19152
215.464.5515

OFFICIATING MINISTERS

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| Rev. M.V. Abraham | Rev. Dr. C.V. Mathew |
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| Rev. P.M. Abraham | Rev. Dr. Paul Pathickal |
| Rev. Dr. N. Koshy Mathai | |

PALL BEARERS

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| Bobby John | Wesly Varghese |
| Bigil Jacob | Leno Thomas |
| Alex Jacob | Joseph Pathickal |
| Daniel Varghese | Binu Vadaketh |