



## Joyce Nadarajah

July 12, 1928 - December 28, 2019

A celebration of the life of Joyce Nadarajah, 91, of Lubbock, Texas will take place from 9 to 11 am, Saturday, January 4, 2020 in Christian Life Assembly of God Church ( 66th and Frankford) followed by services provided by Pastor John Merdoch of Christian Life. After the Church services, the burial services will take place at City of Lubbock burial grounds, 2011 E. 31st Street, Lubbock. The family will receive friends from 6-8 pm on Friday, January 3, 2020 at Sanders Funeral Home.

Joyce passed away December 28, 2019. Joyce Atputharaneer Nadarajah was the eldest and only daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Rasiah. She was born July 12, 1928 at Green Memorial Hospital of Manipay in Jaffna, Sri Lanka. At an early age, she served as a mother to her 4 younger brothers due to her mother's illness. She finished her high school at Jaffna college and later became a teacher at the middle school at Arali Mahavidyalayam. At High School she was a Queen Scout and took part in extracurricular activities such as dramas and sports.

She got married to Mr. P.S. Nadarajah in 1956 and moved to Nivitigala to raise a family. She sacrificed her teaching profession in order to raise her two children and to provide support for her husband's business enterprises. Her story is a story of sacrifices one after the other, sacrificed her childhood to help her mother raise her 4 brothers and then sacrificed her teaching profession to help her husband excel in his business endeavors. Though she came from a strong Christian family, she married into a rich, Hindu family. However, she never neglected neither her siblings nor their children and helped them with whatever she could. She walked a fine line between her faith and her husband wishes to maintain a Hindu household and turned into a top diplomat that Sri Lanka has ever seen, without holding any official designation!

After her husband's death in 1999, she spent most of her time with her children and her grand children in the US. She became a US resident in 2002 and became a US citizen in 2017. However, she loved to visit her home country, Sri Lanka and touched many struggling people as she could. She visited Sri Lanka one last time from November 2018

to January 2019. People from all walks of lives came to Colombo in droves to say farewell that would fit for a retiring Queen!

In a world where people who have the heart to help don't seem to have the means, and the people who have the means to help, don't seem to have the heart, Joyce stands out as one who was able to fulfill the law of Christ by carrying other's burdens to the very end (Galatians 6:2). Praise be to God!

Preceded in death are her parents, her husband and three brothers. She is survived by daughter, Malini Parameswaran and son-in-law Dr. Siva Parameswaran, son, Dr. Nadarajah Narendran and daughter-in-law Amithi Narendran, grandchildren: Priya and Dr. Shamini Parameswaran, Shivanthi and Jeevan Narendran; brother Charles Rajendram, and many nieces and nephews.

Please continue celebrating the life of Joyce by posting tributes @  
[www.sandersfuneralhome.com](http://www.sandersfuneralhome.com)

# Cemetery

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## City of Lubbock Cemetery

2011 E 31st Street  
Lubbock, TX, 79404

# Events

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**JAN 3** **Visitation** 06:00PM - 07:30PM  
Sanders Funeral Home  
1420 Main Street, Lubbock, TX, US, 79401

**JAN 4** **Viewing** 09:00AM - 11:00AM  
Christian Life Assembly of God  
5917 66th Street, Lubbock, TX, US, 79424

**JAN 4** **Funeral Service** 11:00AM - 12:00PM  
Christian Life Assembly of God  
5917 66th Street, Lubbock, TX, US, 79424

# Comments

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“ A tribute video has been added.



**Sanders Funeral Home** - January 02 at 02:27 PM



“ She was such a loving lady. Her food was the best. The lord delights in the home going of His saints.

**Betsy Picon** - January 02 at 04:41 PM

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“ Naren & Surya purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Joyce Nadarajah.



**Naren & Surya** - January 23 at 09:43 AM

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“ Joyce shared her strong faith with me and I was able to visit with Malini, Joyce, Shamini and Priya at her home in Colombo. Joyce had wonderful Bible studies in her home, nurtured her husband and always had a kind smile to share. She was so strong and left a legacy of love behind her. I am thankful that I had the opportunity to meet her and learn from her dynamic faith and personality! My prayers are with you Malini, Para, Shamini and Priya in your loss of this wonderful woman. She will always remain with you -- in your hearts and in your own legacies.

-- Kimberly Wrightson

**KCW** - January 05 at 11:15 PM

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“ I knew Joyce Nadarajah as Auntie Joyce. I got to know Auntie Joyce in the evening of her life.

She came regularly to church at the Colombo Gospel Tabernacle where I Pastor. Auntie Joyce was a steadfast and faithful believer. She loved the Lord, loved His house and loved us Pastors.

I have prayed for Aunty Joyce many times and for varied requests. I remember when Aunty was sick in hospital at Durdans. I went over and prayed for her and God miraculously healed her instantly. There are times when God takes His time to heal us but that time He healed her right away.

Aunty Joyce was so grateful for that miracle that took place in her life that day. Her heart was always filled with gratitude for all that the Lord had done in her life. Her generosity was unmatched. With all the monetary presents that she received from her loved ones she would give it away because she loved to give and had a heart to bless others with her gifts.

I know I was one of the many recipients of her generosity. I truly appreciate Aunty Joyce.

I am going to miss her but I know we will meet in our wonderful home in heaven which is prepared for all who call Jesus the Lord of their lives.

The Bible assures us that to be absent in the body is to be present with the Lord, so we know that Aunty Joyce is in her home in heaven that she so longed to be in. The earth has lost a wonderful mother and heaven has gained a lovely daughter. She fought a good fight and ran a good race, and now she has entered His awesome and wonderful presence.

I wish all her highly adored family, God's comforting presence to overshadow them in their time of sadness and loss.

When the memories of Aunty Joyce keep surfacing in your hearts and mind, may each of you be ever so thankful for the gift of a mother, grandmother, mother-in-law, who was par-excellence.

I loved Aunty Joyce and will always cherish the memory of a precious saint of God. Thank you to all the family for sharing her with the larger family of God. May the Lord bless everyone of you and keep you in His tender and loving care. Let's all plan to meet in that glorious reunion in heaven one day.

In Christ Alone

**Pastor Roger** - January 05 at 05:45 PM

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“ Our deepest Sympathies to Malini & Para. We met Mrs. Joyce Nadarajah once when we were visiting Malini & Para. She was a very sweet lady who talked to us about New York and Sri Lanka. She was very pleasant and we enjoyed the time we spent with her. May she Rest in Peace .

Pulsara, Udaya & Dinidu

**Pulsara Gunasena** - January 04 at 10:17 AM

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“ Joyce was one of the most beautiful souls I ever met. Every time I saw her she always had this glow in her eyes that you knew could only come from the Holy Spirit. She was an amazing lady and she will be greatly missed. God bless her family.

Holly Stauder - January 04 at 07:51 AM

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“ Its with great sadness that we heard the demise of Aunty Nada. Our deepest sympathies to Naren and Malini's families.

Aunty Nada's kindnesses and generosity was really a blessing to my family during difficult times. She had a heart which was able to read a person's difficult situation and help generously.

Today with her smiling face she will be smiling with Jesus in heaven.

Christopher, Olinka, John

Christopher - January 04 at 12:02 AM

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“ It was with great sadness that we learnt the demise of Aunty Nada. We will always remember her as a cheerful person, who made everyone around her happy with her smile. She was a delight to be around.

We have known Uncle and Aunty Nada from our childhood years in Colombo. Aunty was a very loving person, always ready to help anyone in whatever way possible. She has been very dear to our family. Even after migrating to the US in 2009, she would visit Sri Lanka every year to see her friends and family. She always loved coming to Sri Lanka on holiday. That was the love and affection she had for her friends and family. Although she was feeble to travel, she had the loving support of her children and their families, who accompanied her to Sri Lanka almost every year.

We will cherish Aunty's ever smiling face and her kind and loving words.

She will be missed dearly.

May her soul rest in peace.

Shanthini Ponnampalam  
Colombo, Sri Lanka

Shanthini Ponnampalam - January 03 at 08:48 PM

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“ Malini, my deepest condolences go out to your family. I hope you find yourself surrounded by lots of love and support during this time.

Ayushi - January 03 at 07:15 PM



“ I had the good fortune to meet Joyce Nadarajah when I worked with her daughter Malini. Joyce was always smiling and very polite. A sweet lady with a quiet wisdom, a magical person.

My heart goes out to the family and friends of Joyce Nadarajah. The many sentiments written on this Tribute Wall are a testament to the wonderful person she was. She obviously lived a Christian life full of Love, Kindness, and Generosity, setting an example for us all to follow.

**Laurie Smerud** - January 03 at 04:12 PM



“ Her pleasant smile and soft-spoken quality showed what a loving and genuine heart she had. Even though she was with us for few days , she left us with fondly memories that will last for ever.

We are glad that she was able to spend her golden years under the warm and loving care of her beloved son and daughter and their families. Our hearts go out for them.

May her soul rest in peace!

**Chandrika , Nishantha and Dilan Maliyago** - January 03 at 09:13 PM



“ It is with great sense of sadness that we write this tribute to Joyce Atputharane Nadarajah whom we fondly called Sithappa Aunty. She was the spouse of my father's brother, the late Nadarajah.

We have vivid memories of our time with Sithappa Aunty.

Sithappa Aunty was simplicity and calmness personified. She was a person of peace and goodwill.

Sithappa Aunty was religious by nature, and expressed deep reliance in God. She was pleasant and always wore a beautiful smile. Sithappa Aunty won the respect of everyone she came in contact with through her greatness and won their love with her goodness.

Sithappa Aunty was a terrific mother and a wife and lived by example. We have been recipients of her kindness, care and hospitality on many occasions. When Sithappa Aunty was in Nivithigala and later in Colombo, we would visit her frequently. She prepared non-vegetarian dishes with deliciousness and taste that we enjoyed very much. Whatever she did, she did it with spontaneity, heart and a motherly love that we deeply appreciated.

Sithappa Aunty, our thoughts and prayers are with you. May God give you eternal rest and may your soul rest in peace!

To Malini, Naren and their families, we send our heart- felt condolences for your irreparable loss. We are sure that the life of Sithappa Aunty and her words would have instilled in you a sense of pride that will stay with you for the rest of your life.

The legacy she has left behind will stay in your hearts and minds forever.

Saro & Jeya

Saro & Jeya - January 03 at 02:56 PM

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“ I first met Joyce when we visited family in Sri Lanka during the late 70s, she made us so welcome. Years later I visited her again with my children Clare and Rajan. We went for a meal together and she was so concerned for us because she thought the restaurant very expensive! I am sorry I cannot be there, but will be thinking of you all. I am sad for her loss and send love and sympathy to all her family.  
Joan, Balan, Rajan and Clare.



Joan Muthurajah - January 03 at 02:29 PM

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“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joyce Nadarajah.



January 03 at 01:12 PM

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“ My dear Ammah, I will miss you a lot. As you mentioned I went to your house and lit three candles and prayed for you after your death. I also am putting the flower bouquet in your hand. I will really miss you.

-Latchumi

Malini Parameswaran - January 03 at 12:51 PM

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“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Joyce Nadarajah.



January 03 at 05:44 AM

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“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Joyce Nadarajah.



January 03 at 05:35 AM

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“ Our dearest mami is the back bone of the Rasiah family. She is the eldest in the family and was more like a mother to her four brothers. Appamma spent most of her time in the faith home, and it is mami who cooked for the brothers, worked as a teacher and paid for their tuition classes. She used to share with me her childhood memories. All her four brothers are different characters and she handled them well. She encouraged them, supported them and helped them to come up in life. She met mama at Jaffna College and after marriage moved with him to Ratnapura. She is blessed with two children and four grand children. Mami treated all of us (nieces and nephews) like her own children and we used to wait eagerly for her visits. She remembered all of our birthdays and would send us cards on time. She is a very loving person and touched many lives. She helped many poor people and less fortunate families. Through mami's prayers and support, Rajagopal, the son of her helper Luxmi, is now a pastor in Ratnapura.

Mami has finished her race and went to be with her Lord. May her soul Rest In Peace and her desire to see her daughter, son, son-in-law, daughter-in-law and grandchildren to know Jesus and develop an intimate relationship with God and each other come to pass

Premini Vijayakumar  
Australia

Alex Thevaranjan - January 03 at 05:31 AM

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“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joyce Nadarajah.



January 03 at 05:28 AM

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“ You're such a blessing to all the lives you've touched. May you rest in peace

**Sutharshan Kunaretnam** - January 02 at 09:25 PM

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“ Sutharshan's Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Joyce Nadarajah.



**Sutharshan's Family** - January 02 at 09:23 PM

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“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Joyce Nadarajah.



January 02 at 08:34 PM

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“ Mami has been a big part of our life ever since our childhood days and now her absence has left a big irreplaceable vacuum. She was the glue in Appa's family, and she commanded great respect among all her siblings and their children. We will now run the rest of our race, fondly remembering her kind deeds, charming smile, tender voice and strong faith. We are comforted though, knowing it is only a temporary separation and our hope that we will soon meet her on the other shore;

When we all get to heaven  
What a day of rejoicing that will be  
When we all see Jesus  
We'll sing and shout the victory

Thayan and Thanja

Charles Thevathayan - January 02 at 05:45 PM

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“ She Walks in Beauty  
BY LORD BYRON

She walks in beauty, like the night  
Of cloudless climes and starry skies;  
And all that's best of dark and bright  
Meet in her aspect and her eyes;  
Thus mellowed to that tender light  
Which heaven to gaudy day denies.

One shade the more, one ray the less,  
Had half impaired the nameless grace  
Which waves in every raven tress,  
Or softly lightens o'er her face;  
Where thoughts serenely sweet express,  
How pure, how dear their dwelling-place.

And on that cheek, and o'er that brow,  
So soft, so calm, yet eloquent,  
The smiles that win, the tints that glow,  
But tell of days in goodness spent,  
A mind at peace with all below,  
A heart whose love is innocent!

-We are so lucky to have known Aunty. Her smile was contagious. Our deepest condolences.

Nagulinie, Ravi and Sachin Shukla  
Manlius, NY

Nagulinie Shukla - January 02 at 04:18 PM

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“ Sorry to hear the sad news. Our condolences to the grieving family. May God give you strength dear Malini auntie,,,

Latha - January 02 at 04:06 PM



“ Dr. Para and Aunty Malani,

We were very sorry to hear the news.

Please accept our heartfelt condolences.

I still remember the days she greeted and talked with us when we came to your place for dinners and many other occasions.

She was wearing a brown saree most of the days.

She brought happiness to everyone she knows.

Shehan and Suhadinie - January 02 at 02:51 PM

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“ 47 files added to the album LifeTributes



Sanders Funeral Home - January 02 at 02:23 PM

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“ Shehan and Suhadinie purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Joyce Nadarajah.



Shehan and Suhadinie - January 02 at 02:16 PM

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“ Dear Aunty

Recently I came across this beautiful poem where it says life is like a journey on a train ....with its never ending stations.....surprise route changes..... and unexpected accidents!

The train is so long that it has so many cabins full of people of all ages, experiences, different talents, expectations etc. Each one of us board the train at a specific station called 'at birth'. Different people always board and step down at each station too. In general Thenuka and I have had a pleasurable journey so far. That pleasure increased after we realized you were in the same cabin with us about 20 years ago. We shared laughs, good casual talks, food and comforted each other. Among all others in that cabin you had an infectious smile and a grace that is rare and a kindness only limited to the best of the best. It was heartbreaking to realize that you got off at the last station! I wish that I was able to stop you leaving us!

But the funny thing is no body knows at what station each has to step down and we cannot stop the train either. When is our turn? When is our time?

We will dearly cherish all the memories that you've left with us until we reach our station. No one knows for sure where we go after we step down. We hope we will meet again though.

Until then may we wish you a wonderful continuing journey.

Mohan and Thenuka  
Clifton Park, NY

**M Amaratunga** - January 02 at 02:05 PM

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“ Ever since I met her in December 2002 at Lubbock, Aunty was very helpful in many ways. Leaving my family back in Sri Lanka, when I arrived Lubbock as a new student, aunty was also very supportive for me not feeling homesick. She took care of me as her own daughter. She loved to share her valuable experiences and memories. We were blessed to have her in our wedding ceremony in Sri Lanka. She had visited our home in Florida twice. My family enjoyed her visit. We had wonderful time with her. Aunty loves my children. Every time, I called her, she kindly asked me “how my Kunchukal are doing?” referring my children. Such a kind and caring person....we miss her..  
May her soul Rest In Peace. Please accept our deepest condolences

**Kalyani Jeyisanker & her family** - January 02 at 01:59 PM

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“ Aunty Joyce an admirable and unforgettable idol.

When we first moved to Albany New York in April 2016 we were not sure how our resettlement process was going to be as it was big change to us in terms of all aspects of our life.

An unexpected warmth welcome and comfort was first extended by Naren and Amithi who introduced us to the wider Sri Lankan community in the capital region.

Our first introduction to Aunt Joyce was a unique experience in many aspects and provided a family and homely feeling. It helped us comfortably settle down in this

area. Since then, we met her often enough to share stories of each other's life and inspire each other's background and paths. Her smile and hearty hospitable reception and greetings made us visit her frequently and enjoy every moment of her company.

Our children found a new Ammamma (Grandma) who has always been an inspiration to them. She asks and listen attentively about their studies, wellbeing and future plans. She had an extraordinary memory and brought past events to relate to people in the contexts of the discussion to allow us to understand the situations and made a huge impact in our decisions.

As most of the Sri Lankans here, we also enjoyed her traditional dishes and shared our experiences. Her traditional food and humble soul added to her welcoming presence.

Her loss will be an irreplaceable one to her family and the wider community who lost a friend and one of the most admirable person in our lives. She showed to all of us how a life is complete by extending love to all and comforting all at the time of need.

We all will be missing her beautiful smile and warmth.

We pray for her good soul to rest in peace

Thayalan, Arul and Children  
Clifton Park, NY

Thayalan & Arul - January 02 at 01:53 PM

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“ Dear Aunty

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Mohan and Thenuka  
Clifton Park, NY

Mohan& Thenuka - January 02 at 01:50 PM

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“ It was a joy and a privilege to have known you aunty for the past decade  
Aunty, your warm loving smile and your hospitality gave us a second chance to be  
graced by a grandmother's love far from home  
You will always be cherished and remembered.....  
Indika, Thilini, Kiara & Yohan  
Clifton Park, NY

Thilini Perera - January 02 at 01:50 PM

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“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joyce Nadarajah.



January 02 at 01:50 PM

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“ From: Periaapah, Preethi, Saro, Jeya and Subo purchased the Divine Light for the  
family of Joyce Nadarajah.



From: Periaapah, Preethi, Saro, Jeya and Subo - January 02 at 01:19 PM

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“ Joyce Nadarajah was a second mother to me and I called her Amma (mother, in  
Tamil). Her heart was big and filled with unconditional love, her words were kind,  
soothing and instantly calming, and when she smiled her eyes smiled too. I was  
blessed to have Amma in my life and she continues to dwell in my heart even though  
I won't be hearing her sweet voice again. Rest In Peace Amma, in Lord's embrace.

Mangala Hariharan - January 02 at 12:40 PM

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Thayalan, Arul and Children

**Thayalan Kulasingam** - January 02 at 12:22 PM

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January 02 at 09:45 AM

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“ Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Joyce Nadarajah.



January 02 at 09:39 AM

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“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Joyce Nadarajah.



January 02 at 07:36 AM

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“ Thayan

My earliest memories of Mami was visiting her in Ratnapura. She was very welcoming and gracious in her speech calling me, “Rasa..”(King). Her kind demeanor, charming smile and her generosity made us to look forward to her visits when we were children. The thing I admired most about her was her love for giving, a trait that she shared with my father. 'She strongly believed it is more blessed to give than to receive” always relishing in sharing and giving everything she had ... she knew where the treasures will last for eternity.

Mami displayed a special grace throughout her life that made it possible to overcome life's many challenges. She was dear to her siblings, rooted in love and care they have received from their dear Acca during their childhood. Mami played a role which far exceeded what could be expected of an elder sibling; she even started supplementing the meagre income of Appappa at a young age. Our Appa had a special bond with Mami, being the closest to her in age. I was told, Appa was carrying the love letters to Mama, which is not surprising as Appa was willing to do anything for his beloved sister. Mami also played a key role in the upbringing of her youngest sibling, who in return was happy to act as a nanny for Mami's eldest child as Appamma was not able to be there during the childbirth (according to Kili Sithappa, he happily gave up his first-eleven Jaffna College cricket matches). Once married, Mami was a dutiful wife as well as a doting mother and grandmother.

Mami had a strong faith which grew deeply in her latter years. She miraculously recovered many times, exercising her strong faith. She also talked about the great faith in her children and grandchildren, a heritage she has left behind. She loved to

read Christian books (especially testimonies), which in turn helped her grow in her own faith. I recall Mami explaining the meaning of eternity in a poster to Narendran during a visit to Nelson Place 45 years ago. She herself ran her set-race with eternity in mind. When I asked her what song she would like us to sing a week before she entered glory ... she wanted the Tamil song "Oru Thai Thettruvathu pol en nesar Thetruvar"; I am sure she will be resting in the Lord being comforted by Him. I pray that our Lord, a mother-like God will comfort all her children and grand-children at this time.

From Daniel Thevathayan.

I met Mami/ Appamma in Colombo a year ago. She really took pride in telling about the family history and all the relationships. I was very impressed with her as she was quite 'switched on' and recalled many stories with a memory that didn't seem to fade with age...May her soul rest in peace. Please accept my deepest condolences

**Charles Thevathayan** - January 01 at 11:21 PM

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“ Mami was caring and took care of her four younger brothers like their mom at her tender age. Also she cared for all her nieces and nephews. She has visited us twice in the Cayman Islands bringing expensive gifts for my children.

We looked forward to her visit when we were young. She gave us the most expensive gifts and would take us out to most expensive restaurants in Colombo. Mama and Mami brought up their children in such a humble manner that we look forward to visiting them and watching movies along with them. So many sweet memories. She stood fast in her belief and enjoyed watching and listening to Christian Songs.

Mami you will be greatly missed but we know you are in a better place and rest in piece.

Love  
Theva and family.

**Samuel Thevasaeyan** - January 01 at 11:15 PM

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“ Our beloved Amma has been an integral and essential part of our lives for as long as we can remember. She lived and cared for our family for almost twenty years after she moved to the USA and for many more years before then. She was an exceptional person, kind, generous and very spiritual. She was devoted to her family and looked after her children and grand children with loving kindness. Her generosity knew no bounds and she helped all those in need from her relatives and friends to her faithful domestic helpers. Amma kept in touch with her friends and family around the world and was especially loved by all her brothers, nieces, nephews and their

kids. Her loving kindness and infectious smile captured the hearts of many. Amma's cooking was exceptional. She had an open door and cooked for everyone who would visit - her tasty curries and traditional cuisine were well known. Up until this summer as long as she was able to stand, she helped in making her favorite foods. This was no easy feat as she preferred things done the old fashioned way. In her view no machine could replace the grinding stones of yesteryear. Amma enjoyed going to church regularly and looked forward to the visits from her Pastor Reverend Johan Bosman and her CCRC church friends. She read the scriptures daily and her caregivers continued to do so to her when she was sick. Her faith kept her strong and positive even in ill health and she never complained or felt sorry for herself when her heart started to fail. We were privileged to have been able to take care of her during this past year and give back some of the loving care she'd shown us and our children. Our friends loved her as their own mother and cared for her by bringing her comfort foods and keeping her company. Her sickness made us weep inside as it was hard to see our beloved mother decline in front of our eyes, but her spirit remained strong until the very end. Amma you have left a void in our hearts and lives which can never be filled. Thank you for all you've done for us, we love you and the memories we carry of you will never fade. 'We thank God in Heaven for when he gave us a Mother he gave us the very best'. May your Soul Rest In Peace.

Thamby (Naren) & Amithi

Below is a fitting Poem that Amma would have liked us to share with all those who miss her.

Do not stand at my grave and weep  
I am not there. I do not sleep.  
I am a thousand winds that blow.  
I am the diamond glints on snow.  
I am the sunlight on ripened grain.  
I am the gentle autumn rain.  
When you awaken in the morning's hush  
I am the swift uplifting rush  
Of quiet birds in circled flight.  
I am the soft stars that shine at night.  
Do not stand at my grave and cry;  
I am not there. I did not die.  
by Mary Elizabeth Frye

Amithi Narendran - January 01 at 11:10 PM

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“What a wonderful person my aunt Joyce Atputharane Nadarajah. She was my mother's brothers wife. Whenever we visited their home with my parents or friend or after our marriage with my wife first in Nivitigala then in Colombo, you can always be assured of being entertained with love and affection. She was an excellent cook and

always served us great meals. We would reminisce on family and tea and rubber estates and gemming and other businesses they were managing during our visits. She will certainly be missed in our family. Thinking of you all at this sad time and sending love. May her soul Rest In Peace.

Renganath and Elaine Chelliah

Renganath-Elaine Chelliah - January 01 at 09:38 PM

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“ As I Re Collect my memories Aunty joyce was a caring and a very hospitable person she cared for her family and the familt of nephew and nieces I alsoloved to go to visit her in sri lanka when we were youbg as she lived un a most beautiful village her houses was surrounded by trees and the most wild life creatures when we were there she used to cook us the most best chicken curry (which no one can beat yet) We also miss her for her vitty conversations and the memorirs

May her soul rest in peace with the lord

siva & Dhammie

sivakumar thiagarajah - January 01 at 01:38 PM

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“ siva & Dhammika purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Joyce Nadarajah.



siva & Dhammika - January 01 at 01:27 PM

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“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joyce Nadarajah.



December 31, 2019 at 10:46 PM

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“ Dr. Para's Student, Qi Lu purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Joyce Nadarajah.



Dr. Para's Student, Qi Lu - December 31, 2019 at 09:45 PM

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“ Joyce Atputharane Nadarajah ( aka Mami), was my grandfathers eldest sister. I got to know her well over the past 16 years, as I regularly visited Sri Lanka, and often stayed with her and/or visited her. She was a very contemplative and quiet in nature, but could be stern and direct when required. She loved to sit in her wicker chair next to the open balcony door and read or reflect as the breeze from the beach swept through her house. She inquired often of her siblings and there children, and was always extremely proud of her children and grandchildren. She was known for her hospitality, with her lunch spreads comparable to some of the best hotels, and loved to host as much as her health could concede her to do. I am sad that she has left us, but know she is in a better place. She will be missed and I count myself blessed for the opportunity to have gotten to know her over the past few decades. Deepest sympathies to Narendran Uncle and family, and Malini Aunty and family at this time. Love Pravin , Shamalene , Roshi and Reshan from Australia

Pravin Vijayakumar - December 31, 2019 at 09:34 PM

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“ Our prayers for Mrs. Joyce's Nadarajah's soul to rest in peace. In my 20-years of knowing Mrs. Nadarajah, I found her to a symbol of friendship and blessing that showered on many like us. Even today I remember one pearl of wisdom I received from her, "Appu, be shrewd in listening and do not react." Of course I translated the actual beautiful Tamil phrase, which Madam Nadarajah used to say to me, when I visited her at Mrs. Malini's house. What a blessing to have received such a wisdom-- Thanks.

God be with her family. Best regards, Seshadri Ramkumar (Ram), Lubbock, TX (friend and colleague of Prof. Siva Parameswaran)

Ramkumar - December 31, 2019 at 07:32 PM

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“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joyce Nadarajah.



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“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joyce Nadarajah.



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“ An amazing woman. One who constantly sought to ensure the comfort of those around her. She was incredibly hospitable and filled with joy and love. She was soft spoken but knew the right words to say. It will be sad not seeing her upon my visits to Sri Lanka and the USA. Her smile and warmth will be remembered forever. She is truly an amazing woman and I'm glad that she is now in Paradise. My condolences to her family.

**Naveen Vijayakumar** - December 31, 2019 at 05:31 PM

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“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joyce Nadarajah.



December 31, 2019 at 03:54 PM

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“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Joyce Nadarajah.



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“ She is my dad’s oldest sister and one of the best aunts I had. She was very strong in her faith and always willing to help our family when we needed it. Personally, I was very touched and inspired by her amazing character that provided and met all of my needs before I moved to Canada. My children always remembered her as the very generous, faith filled, and quiet great aunt. She had a heart of gold that willingly gave to anyone around her. She will be very missed.

Love,  
Rathini (niece)

**Mercy Saba** - December 31, 2019 at 01:09 PM