



# Mr. Vishwanath Gopalan

AUG 9, 1956 - OCT 18, 2018



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## **Mr. Vishwanath Gopalan**

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**V**ishwanath Gopalan passed away on the 18th of October 2018 at the age of 62 years in St. Lukes Hospital in Houston after complications from a heart attack suffered eleven months ago. He was born in New Delhi, India on August 9, 1956 and grew up in Kolkata, India. He completed his schooling in 1973 from South Point High School in Kolkata and stood first in the final year for the whole state of West Bengal. He then pursued his Bachelor's in Electrical Engineering at the prestigious IIT-Kanpur in India and completed it in 1978. He then came to the US and completed his Master's in Computer Science at the University of Southern California in Los Angeles in 1979. Since then his professional career over a span of almost forty years as a Software Engineer took him to Burroughs Corp., Shell Oil Company, NASA, BMC Software Inc., and JPMorgan Chase.

Vishwanath lived most of his life in the US in Clear Lake City, Houston Texas. He enjoyed sports especially Table Tennis in which he won many competitions in his youth. He also enjoyed watching baseball, basketball, football and golf. He served in various capacities as a board member, treasurer in the local chapter of the Kannada cultural organization, Houston Kannada Vrinda. He took part in various Indian cultural activities like drama and folk dance. He liked being around friends and family. He was a loving son, brother and husband. This caring, sweet soul will be greatly missed and remembered for years to come for all his generousities and love.

Vishwanath was preceded in death by his parents Mrs. Lalitha and Mr. Gopalan. He is survived by his wife Mrs. Bhavani Vishwanath, his sister Dr. Sudha Gopalan and her husband Dr. Rene Zingg, nieces Anita and Sheila Zingg, in-laws Mrs. Lalitha and Mr. Krishnaswamy, numerous relatives and friends. The family will receive friends on Wednesday October 24, 2018 from 10AM – 11AM at SouthPark Funeral Home, 1310 N. Main St., Pearland, Texas. Cremation services will follow immediately.



## Obituary

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A very special thank you to all the caregivers at St. Luke's Episcopal Hospital and Kindred Hospital for their care and support. Once again, a very special thank you to all the family members and friends from far and near for their moral and spiritual support.

In lieu of flowers or a memorial gift to the family of Mr. and Mrs. Vishwanath Gopalan please consider donating to the following organizations:

1. [iacannetwork.org](http://iacannetwork.org)
  2. [dayahouston.org](http://dayahouston.org)
  3. [Hansavedas.org](http://Hansavedas.org)
- or to any other organization of your choice.

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Bhagavad Gita 9.26

Patram pushpam phalam toyam  
yo me bhaktya prayacchati  
tad aham bhakty-upahritam  
ashnami prayatatmanah

If one offers Me with love and devotion a leaf, a flower, fruit or water, I will accept it.

Bhagavad Gita 18.66

sarva-dharman parityajya  
mam ekam saranam vraja  
aham tvam sarva-papebhyo  
moksaisyami ma sucah

Abandon all varieties of religion and just surrender unto Me. I shall deliver you from all sinful reaction. Do not fear.



## Events


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### Funeral Service

 **Wednesday**, October 24, 2018

 10:00 AM CT

 **South Park Funeral Home and Crematory**  
1310 North Main Street, Pearland TX 77581





## Tribute Wall

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**Swaminathan Subramaniam** posted:

I was his neighbour in Calcutta. I was also in his school but a few years behind him. His was an act the entire pada (neighbourhood) wanted to emulate but none came even close. Why can't u be like viswanath was what I was asked by my parents. He was the role model. And for the girls in the neighbourhood, it was Sudha.

March 31 at 8:19 PM

SR

**S R Ravichandran** April 1 at 4:53 AM

I was his classmate in South Point High School, Kolkata. He was a brilliant student and has always stood first. Have never seen him come second. Only once, in class V exams, I got 100/100 in maths, while he got 85. I was rewarded by my maths teacher. Vishwanath never gave me a chance after that, until the end of school. May God give strength to his family to bear the loss. I also pray his soul to rest in peace. S R Ravichandran



**Shaati Chattopadhyay** posted:

Vishwanath was my classmate in South Point High School. I am very sad to learn about his untimely demise. He was so bright, and so humble, and always appreciative of everyone around him. May he RIP. My condolences to the family he leaves behind.

November 28 at 5:52 AM



**Krishnamurthy Gopalakrishnan** posted:

I knew Vishwanath in Kolkata when he used to come down to South India Club, Hindustan Road, to play table tennis. Met him again in IITK when he was in the 4th year and I had just joined. He was such a nice person that his departure has given me a major shock. Just heard about it yesterday from his classmate in IITK.

November 23 at 8:45 PM



**Deepak Sharan** posted:

I knew Vishwanath as a batchmate in IITK. As our rooms were located in the same wing of Hall1 in our final years, we became good friends. We often went for meals together to the mess and for late night chaais to the hostel canteen. He was the table tennis champion of the institute and he taught me table tennis. Never got to meet him after 1978 when we graduated. RIP dear friend. I will cherish memories of our shared years. Deepak Sharan

November 11 at 9:54 PM



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PH

**Phalgun** posted:

Dear Bhavani - We are so sorry for the loss of Vishwanath Uncle. You have our deepest condolences during this trying time. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Please take care. Phalgun, Nick & Family

October 28 at 6:46 PM



**Sudha Rajan** posted:

Dear Bhavani, Our heartfelt condolences to you & your family. I still feel Vishwanath is going to deliver the farm fresh A2 Desi milk from Alvin to our home this Saturday ! Life is riddled with puzzles that we cannot fathom as the yatra of the Atma is long & changes course from birth to birth. You are highly spiritual & aware. We pray for your comfort, peace & joy Sudha, Rajan, Kavya & family

October 25 at 4:07 PM

BS

**Bidlur Shivaprakash** posted:

Dear Bhavani, My heartfelt condolences! Vishwanath was a wonderful human being with a great sense of humor. He was very charitable and very good listener. May you find a special purpose in your life and find peace & love at all times!! Lovingly, Shivaprakash

October 25 at 3:19 PM



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MS

**M R Subramanian** lit a candle in honor of Vishwanath.



As we prepare ourselves for the funeral of our dear Vish, we set about giving a long goodbye, not just to this adorable gentleman but also to the part of us that went with him. With all his distinctions in his professional and personal life, the memories he left pertaining to his politeness, cheerful countenance, his eagerness to know things, his tendency to thank people are remarkable. Death is a therapeutic modality when you are tired of your body. The medical profession is not taught how to deal with death. In medicine, death is a failure. After nearly eleven months of struggling, Vish breathed his last. Let us pray the Almighty to console all of us during this grieving. Grief is like the volume knob on a radio: when a loved one dies, the loudness reaches its peak. Over time, the intensity eases. Grief may fade, but it never goes away. We can pour our grief into monthly and annual rituals. Registering our feelings here in this Website also can facilitate healing to a greater extent. As the Isa Upanishad reveals : "Who sees all beings in his own Self and his own Self in all beings, loses all fear." And so, once in the stream, the life of preparation ends, the life of defense ends, the measuring of individual traits ends. Fear somehow gives way to trust; control evaporates into surrender. The fish and stream are for the moment one. The sacred moment and God are always the same. There is nothing else to live for - even the declaration changes, for it is no longer a 'living for' but a 'living out'. And when we 'live out', the whole flows in. Life is meaningful and complete when you have given love, which eliminates the need to be here for ninety-four years. You can be here for four years and accomplish what you are sent for. Let us live out and allow the flow to envelop us. M.R. Subramanian, Shanti Subramanian, Lavanya and Sriram

October 22 at 6:02 AM

NK

**Nataraja Kallur** posted:

Bhavani avare, we are saddened by Vishwanath's demise. Our deepest condolences. Your family is in our prayers and thoughts. We have fond memory of working together with you and Vishwanath on Kannada Vrunda related activities. He will be fine on the other side of this material world. - Pushpa Nataraja Kallur (Katy)

October 24 at 4:40 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Gopalan family.



October 24 at 6:42 AM



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BP

**Bala & Kavitha Prabhakar** posted:

Pranamami Mrs Bhavaniji Our heartfelt condolences and prayers on passing of Vishwanathji.Bala and Kavitha Prabhakar

October 24 at 6:38 AM

CT

**Cuong Trinh** posted:

Dear Bhavani,I am deeply sorrow of the passing of Vishes. My thoughts and prayer are with your family. Please take care of yourself and just be with the moment.Cuong

October 24 at 3:50 AM

KI

**Kimberly** posted:

Dear Bhavani, My deepest sympathy for you and your family. May happy memories fill your heart and ease your sorrow. May you find peace and love with those around you. kimberly

October 24 at 3:20 AM

SP

**Shubha Prasad** posted:

Dearest Bhavani, We are so saddened by the news. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this time. We are going to really miss Vishwanath. Our friendship with Vishwanath started in California and continued in Houston. Vish had a quiet sense of humor and was such a genuine, caring and kind person. Always lending a hand to help out in any way he could. He will be missed dearly by everyone who knew him.Bhavani, the strength, care, determination and fighting spirit you have displayed in the last year is an example for all of us. May God give you the strength to bear this loss. Our heartfelt condolences to you. Shubha & Srinivas

October 24 at 1:57 AM

VI

**Vinu** October 27 at 2:49 AM

Vishwanath was a very quiet person and adjusted to difficult situation with equanimity.Vinu



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SP

**S. Shiva Prakash** posted:

Bhavanil , as much older cousin to him , have fond and vivid memories of Vish as a 2 year old child when his mother , expecting Sudha, stayed with us for over a year in Delhi....way back in 1957 -58. He was the darling child at home and much love and affection was obviously lavished. Both Gita and I were so sad to part when his dad came over to pick his family back to Calcutta. We will continue to cherish his memories.

October 23 at 7:48 PM

SN

**Shiva Nanjangudu** lit a candle in honor of Vishwanath.

Vish will be remembered for his dedication to work and great sense of humor. On my first visit to the Hospital last year, he described his cardiac event bravely and even lightened the situation with some humor. It is very hard to believe he is not with us anymore. May god bless his soul and give the family members the strength to bear this loss. Om Shanthi



October 23 at 6:42 PM

KH

**Kerrie Highley** posted:

My dearest Bhavani, I am heartbroken to learn of Vish's passing. Words cannot express my sympathy for you and his family. Know that I hold you in my heart and prayers, and that he will not be forgotten. Such a gentle soul as he walked this Earth, now at peace. Much love my friend.

October 23 at 11:46 AM

CB

**Cheryl Bobbitt** posted:

Hearing about your loss has deeply saddened me. You are in my thoughts and prayers dearest Bhavani. My heartfelt sympathy goes out to you. Love, Cheryl Bobbitt

October 23 at 10:19 AM



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**Mahadeva Bhat** posted:

Shalini and I have fond memories of Viswanath's smile and it was always a joy talking to him. He leaves behind a void in all of our lives but more so for Bhavani. Viswanath has achieved a lot of distinction in his life and he was one of the nicest friend we have had in Houston. We will all miss him and our thoughts and prayers are with his family. May his soul rest in peace. Mahadeva Bhat & Shalini Bhat

October 23 at 10:06 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Pastel Pink Rose (Silk Cemetery Flowers) to the Gopalan family.



October 23 at 5:25 AM



**Sumathi Sankaran** posted:

My husband Subramanian and I always remember Vishwanath as a very energetic, happy, and pleasant person. We pray for his everlasting peace.

October 23 at 3:46 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Pretty Please to the Gopalan family.



October 23 at 1:01 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Gopalan family.



October 22 at 8:47 PM



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DB

**Debra Briggs** posted:

Hello Bhavani ,Please accept my deepest condolences for the loss of Vishwanath. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Sincerely. Debra Briggs

October 22 at 5:26 PM

SL

**Srinivas Lakshman** October 23 at 3:47 AM

Dear Bhavani,We are very sorry for your loss. We apologize that we cannot make it to the funeral as we are not in town. Please accept our sincerest condolences. May the Lord grant you and your family the strength and resolve to get thru these tough times. May Vishwanath's soul attain moksha.With warm regards,Ranjini and Srinivas Lakshman

VR

**Vishwanath Rao** posted:

Dear BhavaniSuma and Myself have no words to express our deepest and heartfelt condolences on the untimely death of Vishwanath. We pray god to give you and family the strength to bear this irreplaceable loss. You are in our thoughts and prayers. His dedication and services to HKV community will always be remembered. May his soul rest in peace.SincerelySuma and Vishwanath

October 22 at 1:31 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Stately Lilies to the Gopalan family.



October 22 at 11:44 AM

MH

**Mukund Hukeri** lit a candle in honor of Vishwanath.

Dear Bhavani,Deepa & I have no words to express our sincere condolences on the passing of our dear friend, Vishwanath. In these past 2 decades, we have many wonderful memories with him; be it in Bastrop camps, HKV events or picnics. Vish's and your service to our community over the years, both on and off the HKV Board; are pleasantly remembered and truly appreciated.We pray to God Almighty for Vish's Soul to Rest in Peace. May God give you the strength to sustain this irreplaceable loss. Good memories and time are the best healers. You are in our thoughts and prayers.Sincerely,Deepa & Mukund Hukeri.



October 22 at 11:25 AM



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**Anonymous** sent a sympathy card to the Gopalan family.

October 22 at 6:02 AM





## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Vishwanath by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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