



Usharani Sampat Negandhi

November 29, 1947 - May 23, 2022

Usharani Sampat Negandhi passed away on Monday, May 23, 2022 at the age of 74 in Phoenixville, Pa. She was a devoted and loving daughter, sister, mother, grandmother (didi), and aunt.

Usha was born on November 29, 1947, in Madras (now known as Chennai), India, less than 4 months after India gained independence from British colonial rule.

She was the second daughter of Gopaldas Karsandas Sampat and Gunvantiben Kantaben Sampat. She was one of nine children, and currently survived by her older sister Bhanu, older brother Jaysinh, younger sisters Pallavi and Harshada, and younger brother Mahesh. While she followed strict orders under her mom as a young teenager to serve the family, she yearned for more educational freedom during a time when it was not accessible or customary for Indian females.

In 1967, at the age of 19, she married Sanat M. Negandhi in Mumbai. A year later, the apple of her eye was born, her first son, Vimal S. Negandhi. After Sanat went to America to explore a new life for his family, Usha raised Vimal in Calcutta. She expressed her wishes to move to America and her father, understanding his daughter's determination, asked her brother, Jaysinh, to sponsor her family in America. Jaysinh helped fulfill that dream and the rest is

history. She moved to America in 1971 and eventually settled down in West Philadelphia where her second son and baby, Kevin, was born in 1975.

In 1976, the family moved to Phoenixville, Pa, a quiet Western suburb of Philadelphia which at the time had less than 5,000 people. As one of the first Indian American families in the area, Usha would call Phoenixville her home for nearly 5 decades. She viewed education as the ultimate currency and wanted to help others. She chose a career in nursing and earned a GED, then attended night school for her RN, taking her second son to classes on a weekly basis. She received a bachelors in Nursing from Immaculata College and worked at Pottstown and Phoenixville hospitals. With an unquenchable thirst for learning, she eventually went back to school, earning multiple Masters degrees, for which she took great pride. After that, she went into the teaching profession.

She was active in the Indian community, dancing at National competitions and later becoming an International judge.

Her pride in her two sons was no secret in Phoenixville. She never met a stranger and would often go out of her way to tell people about Vimal's job as a coach and Kevin's life in TV. Chances are if you crossed her path in a Wawa, CVS or the YMCA you knew when Kevin was going to be on ESPN and walked away inspired to live out your dream.

She adored Phoenixville. She inspired the Negandhi family grant which is awarded each year to a Phoenixville High School Graduating Senior to help reduce the financial demands of college. She served on the city's beautification committee, worked at the local YMCA and never said no to an opportunity to join her friends at the Phoenixville Senior Center. The Phoenixville Dogwood Parade was her favorite event each year.

Usha loved her family fiercely. She adored her daughter in law, Monica and would often say "You go GIRL!" whenever Monica would tell her about her daily accomplishments. Her grandchildren brought out the best in her. Her heart was happiest doing word searches with her laddoes Brandon and Noah. She shared Bollywood videos with them and loved to show her Laxmi McKenna Indian dance moves while doing her hair. She loved texting Kevin, GOOOOOO (insert Philly team during a game) or BOOOO (insert Philly team after heartbreak) on a nightly basis.

She was a strong woman with strong beliefs and a strong personality. She spoke her mind. She challenged traditional and cultural norms and that is what made her so special and successful in life. She was one of a kind and will be missed beyond measure.

Relatives and friends will be received from 11:30 am - 1:30 pm, on Friday, May 27, 2022, at the Campbell-Ennis-Klotzbach Funeral Home, Inc., Main Street at Fifth Avenue, Phoenixville. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Usha's name to the Phoenixville Area Senior Center, 153 Church Street, Phoenixville, PA 19460. Arrangements are being handled by the Campbell-Ennis-Klotzbach Funeral Home, Inc. Condolences may be offered online at <http://www.PhoenixvilleFuneralHome.com>.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 27. 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM (ET)

Campbell-Ennis-Klotzbach Funeral Home, Inc
610 South Main Street
Phoenixville, PA 19460

Tribute Wall



“ We are saddened by the loss of our beloved Ushaben. We regret not being able to see her in last few years, but we always asked about her when communicating with Jay. Ushaben will always be in our thoughts. Our sincere condolences to the family.
Satish and Rashmi Shah
Simi Valley, California

Satish Shah - May 31, 2022 at 06:15 PM



“ A truly lovely woman; I'm so sorry to hear of her passing. I owned a store in Phoenixville, Hipster Home, with my boyfriend Dave. Usha would regularly stop in to talk to Dave and bring him home cooked meals and gush about Phoenixville and her family.

*My deepest condolences to your family
~Lindsay Herman*

Lindsay Herman - May 30, 2022 at 09:26 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Usharani Sampat Negandhi.



May 29, 2022 at 11:19 AM



“ Deepest condolences to your family. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

Helen V - May 27, 2022 at 07:50 PM

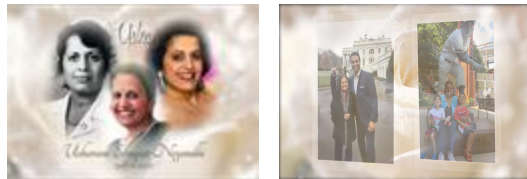
AN

“ Your Mother was one of a kind! What an amazing woman she was, going back to school later in life and yet accomplishing so much! I had met her a few years ago at a YMCA summer gathering, as well at the Wall of Fame Ceremony for Kevin. I also remember Kevin referring to his mother in his empowering graduation speech given at PAHS several years ago. Usha was so friendly and fun--We even exchanged cell phone numbers! One could easily tell how proud she was of her sons and how much she loved her entire family. ❤️ I was actually looking for her at the Scholarship presentation awards at PAHS this past week, then was saddened to learn later of her untimely passing. My heart, thoughts, and prayers are with all of you.

Angie Ng - May 27, 2022 at 03:15 PM



“ 2 files added to the album VIDEO TRIBUTE



Campbell-Ennis-Klotzbach Funeral Home - May 27, 2022 at 09:41 AM

SC

As a longtime resident of Phoenixville since 1996, I knew of the Negandi family but never had a direct connection with them. That was until a few years ago when I started to be greeted by a very friendly person at the front desk of the YMCA. I received big, infectious smiles and a heartfelt, 'Thank you Scott!' as a precursor to my workouts. I realized fairly soon that it was Mrs. Negandi and I will never forget those happy greetings. Such a minor thing but I could tell she was a wonderful person. God speed to you, and to your family.

Scott Crammer - May 28, 2022 at 06:23 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Usharani Sampat Negandhi.*



May 26, 2022 at 08:05 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Usharani Sampat Negandhi.*



May 26, 2022 at 07:59 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Usharani Sampat Negandhi.*



May 26, 2022 at 06:58 PM



“ *The Walter Camp Football Foundation purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Usharani Sampat Negandhi.*



The Walter Camp Football Foundation - May 26, 2022 at 04:54 PM

KK

“ So very sorry to hear this. She was a lovely woman!

Kathy Kappel - May 26, 2022 at 03:24 PM

AF

“ AAJA Sports Task Force purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Usharani Sampat Negandhi.



AAJA Sports Task Force - May 26, 2022 at 01:55 PM

JB

“ Kevin & Monica,
My condolences, it sucks losing your mom, I have been through it. She must have been an awesome lady to produce such a fine son and extended family! I also moved away like you did and found comfort in now being able to talk to her anytime I choose where ever I may be. Just wanted you to know I was thinking of you.
Sincerely,
John Barbarotta, WCFF

John Barbarotta - May 26, 2022 at 01:24 PM

DV

“ Dick and Lorraine Vitale purchased the Beautiful i n Blue for the family of Usharani Sampat Negandhi.



Dick and Lorraine Vitale - May 26, 2022 at 12:09 PM

DV

“ Dear Negandhi Family,
We send our deepest sympathy and condolences on the passing of your much beloved "Usha". May God grant you everlasting graces and memories of her wonderful life on this earth. May the days, months and years ahead embrace you with peace and laughter whenever you remember her and may she rest in peace. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time.
Sincerely,
Dick and Lorraine Vitale

Dick Vitale - May 26, 2022 at 11:59 AM

BD

“ GOD BLESS - thoughts and prayers with the entire family - Love Lives on Forever !

Bob & Billie Delaney - May 26, 2022 at 11:23 AM

GH

“ Rani, it was a joy to know you and to learn about your beautiful Indian culture and your beautiful family. Thank you for your devotion to the mission and work of Diversity in Action - Phoenixville.



Gwynne Hagee - May 26, 2022 at 11:16 AM

GH

“ Gwynne Hagee lit a candle in memory of Usharani Sampat Negandhi



Gwynne Hagee - May 26, 2022 at 11:10 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Usharani Sampat Negandhi.*



May 26, 2022 at 10:51 AM



“ *ESPN Special Olympics Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Usharani Sampat Negandhi.*



ESPN Special Olympics Family - May 26, 2022 at 10:34 AM



“ *Rani always wanted to help: Running around to find you for a phone call, stuffing envelopes, or greeting people coming in the doors. She always had a smile on her face and her phone in her hand to show us the latest picture of her grandchildren (or children). She was so proud of her family, and I am sure an inspiration to all of you. I hope you find solace in the memories remembered and the love you hold in your heart. May she rest in peace.*

Joann McCracken - May 26, 2022 at 10:19 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Usharani Sampat Negandhi.*



May 26, 2022 at 08:29 AM

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“ Heartfelt condolences to her family...I enjoyed meeting her at our local YMCA ...she was also a pleasure to chat with while we were exercising. May she rest in peace.
Arlene Martin



Arlene Martin - May 26, 2022 at 07:55 AM

VN

“ Thank you for Life, Love and your Blessings... Thank You for being my Mom... Love Vimal

Vimal Negandhi - May 26, 2022 at 12:50 AM