

IN LOVING MEMORY OF
MR. GEEVARGHESE M. PANICKER



November 15, 1955-May 2, 2020

“I am the resurrection and the life.
He who believes in me will live, even though he
dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will
never die.”

St. John 11:25-26

Memorial Service

8:00 to 9:00 pm on Tuesday, May 5, 2020

At

St. Thomas Indian Orthodox Church
1009 Unruh Avenue, Philadelphia PA 19111
(Tel.: 215.342.1500)

Due to COVID-19 restrictions on gatherings and considering the health and safety of family and friends, the Memorial Service and funeral service will be private. Everyone is requested to join the Memorial Service via Livestream. The services will be streamed live from St. Thomas Church.

Livestreaming:

(8:00 to 9:00 pm on Wednesday, May 6, 2020)

<https://www.youtube.com/user/koshyjiji/live>

Interment

1 pm on Thursday, May 7, 2020

At

St. Thomas Indian Orthodox Church Burial-
Grounds at Forest Hills Cemetery
101 Byberry Rd, Huntingdon Valley, PA 19006

Livestreaming: (1 pm)

<https://www.youtube.com/user/koshyjiji/live>

Officiating Clergy:

Rev. Fr. M. K. Kuriakose, Vicar

Rev. Fr. Sujit Thomas, Asst. Vicar

St. Thomas Indian Orthodox Church, Philadelphia

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Mr. Geevarghese M. Panicker
(5505 N. Marshall St., Philadelphia, PA 19120)

Immediate Family

Wife: Mrs. Annamma Panicker (Gracy)
Children: Joel Panicker & Alvin Panicker
Daughter-in-law: Jicy Panicker

Profile

Mr. Geevarghese M. Panicker (Monachan), also popularly known as GM Panicker, son of the late Mr. Mathunni Panicker and Mrs. Thankamma Panicker, was born on November 15, 1955, Kundara, India. He was the third eldest among five siblings.

GM Panicker is survived by his wife, Annamma Panicker(Gracy), and two sons, Joel Panicker and Alvin Panicker, along with his daughter-in-law Jicy Panicker (daughter of Mathew K. Pappachan & Ancy Mathew of Kumpazhatharayil, Arinalloor.)

GM Panicker was a brother to Ninan Panicker (Kunjachan), Annamma Raju (Leelamma), Mariamma George (Lizamma), and Rachel Oommen (Susie). Being the only child to move to America to chase the dream, he was well-known to give back to his original community and family. His immeasurable contributions to local charities in his neighborhood were only a fraction of what he had to offer.

He spent his childhood in Kundara, later moved to the Gulf and Mumbai for work before marriage. He married the love of his life on September 21, 1987.

GM Panicker came to the US on August 27, 1989, at the age of 34. His first job in America was at the Associated Services for the Blind (ASB). He had his first son, Joel, in 1990, and his second son, Alvin, in 1996. After he was laid off in 1999, he then pursued his life-long dream of owning his own travel agency, where

he served the Indian community helping with passport and visa services. Along with that, he became owner and operator of a luxury coach bus, with its business name being GMP Tours & Travels. He not only expanded his life, but the lives of others by becoming the most known tour guide to the Indian community. He gained a reputation in the community to drive it forward and influence others to do the same.

Panicker was an active member of the St. Thomas Indian Orthodox Church, Philadelphia. He was one of the founding members when the church was established. He held numerous leadership positions within the church over the decades, from his heights of being a Treasurer to Managing Committee and Board of Trustee member.

GM Panicker will be remembered for being a benevolent husband, an amiable father, and a loyal friend. His legacy will be remembered, honored, and handed over to his two sons to carry forward.

A Word of Thanks

Our family would like to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many expressions of love, kindness, and support shown to us during this time of bereavement. We thank the healthcare professionals of Einstein Medical Center and Jefferson Hospital for taking care of our father. We thank our Clergy, leaders of the faith, Rev. Father M.K. Kuriakose, Rev. Father Sujit Thomas, our loving families and friends who have supported us through prayers and support.

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