



## Rajamma Thomas

September 29, 2023

Rajamma Thomas, 87, passed away peacefully on September 29, 2023, with family by her side.

Born on August 13, 1936, in Kottayam, Kerala, India, Rajamma was the youngest of six children born to Dr. J.C. Ampuran and Thankamma Jacob. She attended Mount Carmel College in Bangalore, where she earned a master's degree in zoology.

In 1962, Rajamma married Dr. T.P. Thomas (Thampy) Thamarappallil-Pauthicadu. They had their first child, Rebecca (Reeba), in 1963, and moved to the United States soon after, where Thampy completed his residency in New York City. They were one of the few Knanaya families in the US at the time. Their son, Philip (Babu), was born in 1972. After moving to the Midwest for a few years, the family settled in New Jersey, where they were among the founding members of St. Peter's Knanaya Valiyapally in Yonkers.

Rajamma worked as a supervisor in a medical lab for a few years, and later in various roles in Thampy's medical practice, before becoming a full-time mother. She pursued various interests, such as gardening, collecting china, investing in the stock market, and traveling with Thampy to far-reaching corners of the globe, among others.

After Thampy's passing in 2002, Rajamma split her time between New Jersey and Florida before moving to Florida full-time in 2011. However, in her later years, as her health declined, she moved back to New York to be closer to her children. Now, after 21 years apart, she and Thampy are reunited.

Rajamma is survived by her children, Reeba and Babu; her granddaughters, Tasha and Ashni; and Ashni's husband, Brian. She was a loving friend and family member who will be greatly missed.

Family and friends are invited to visit on Friday, October 6, 2023 from 4-9PM at St. Thomas Knanaya Church, 186 Third Street, Clifton, NJ 07011. A funeral service will be held on Friday, October 7, 2023 at 10AM at St. Thomas Knanaya Church. Interment to follow at George Washington Memorial Park, paramus, NJ. For more information or to visit Rajamma's tribute page, please visit [www.volkleber.com](http://www.volkleber.com).

# Cemetery Details

## George Washington Memorial Park

234 Paramus Road  
Paramus, NJ 07652

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT 6. 4:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

St. Thomas Knanaya Church  
186 Third Street  
Clifton, NJ 07011

## Funeral Service

OCT 7. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Thomas Knanaya Church  
186 Third Street  
Clifton, NJ 07011

# Tribute Wall



“ *lisa Harrison lit a candle in memory of Rajamma Thomas* ”



---

**lisa Harrison** - May 09, 2024 at 11:01 AM



“ *Rajamma Thomas* ”

---

October 08, 2023 at 09:59 PM



“ *Rajamma Thomas* ”

---

October 08, 2023 at 06:27 PM