



## Ravi Verma

February 2, 2021

Dr. Ravi Verma (affectionately known as Rajan by his family and friends), 61, died unexpectedly on February 2, 2021, at his home in Cleveland, Ohio. He was born in 1959 in Jamshedpur, India, the son of Mr. K.I. Poulouse and Mrs. Lily Poulouse (Eipe). Dr. Verma graduated from Loyola School, India. His passion for science led him to pursue a career in medicine. He enrolled and graduated from the Jawaharlal Institute of Post Graduate Medical Education and Research (JIPMER), 1984, India. Upon completing his medical degree, Dr. Verma moved to the United States to further his training. He completed residencies in Pediatrics and Internal Medicine at Albert Einstein College of Medicine, Bronx, New York City. Soon after, a fellowship training in Hematology and Oncology at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, New York City, followed. Dr. Ravi Verma's career as a Hematologist and Medical Oncologist spanned over 37 years. At the time of his death, he was an Oncologist in the Department of Hematology and Medical Oncologist at the Taussig Cancer Institute of the Cleveland Clinic. He was also a Professor of Medicine at the Cleveland Clinic Lerner College of Medicine of Case Western Reserve University. Before that, Dr. Ravi Verma practiced as a Medical Oncologist at Healthspan, formerly Kaiser Permanente. While there, he served as a Chief of Medical Oncology and was a member of the Board of Directors. His patients and colleagues knew Dr. Ravi Verma as an outstanding oncologist who was kind, thoughtful, and extraordinarily generous with his time. To his family and close friends, Dr. Ravi Verma will be remembered for

his intellect, kindness, generosity, humility, and sense of humor. He was an avid reader, enjoyed cricket, traveling, and trying out various countries' cuisines.

Dr. Ravi Verma is survived by his siblings – Dr. Lissy George (John) of India, Mrs. Molly Philip (Jacob) of Maryland, Mrs. Mariam George (Abraham) of New Jersey, Mr. Mohan Verma (Kira) of New Jersey, Mr. Rajesh Verma (Prabha) of India, four nephews Ajit (Whitney), Vivek, Paul and Rohit (Rakhi), four nieces Mary (Antony), Alexandra, Ashley and Anya, and two grandnephews Benjamin and Nicholas. Our thoughts and fond remembrance of Dr. Ravi Verma are there this day and for the days and years to come.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 13. 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Malankara Archdiocesan Cathedral  
236 Old Tappan Road  
Old Tappan, NY 07675

## Funeral Service

FEB 13. 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Ravi Verma*

October 08, 2023 at 09:59 PM



“ *Ravi Verma*

October 08, 2023 at 06:27 PM



“ *Ravi Verma*

August 30, 2022 at 02:48 PM



“ *I knew Ravi when he was a resident in pediatrics in the 1980”s. A gentleman, my mother thought the world of him although he did not socialize a lot he came to my house a few times and also for my sons first birthday. I will miss him a lot. My thoughts and prayers with the family.*

**Puthenmadam Radhakrishnan** - August 11, 2021 at 06:09 PM



“ *In Cleveland, Ravi was a dear friend of 15 years. A get together in celebration of his life is being planned in Cleveland in Autumn when covid will hopefully be suppressed. If you wish to be informed of the details of the get together then please email me at [jso8333078@yahoo.com](mailto:jso8333078@yahoo.com) or text me at (716) 2076778 in order to stay in touch. Peace to all family, friends, coworkers, patients and neighbors. May Ravi's soul rest in peace. John Opalka*

**John Opalka** - March 14, 2021 at 01:24 PM

SH

“ So saddened by the news.



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**Sherry** - February 23, 2021 at 01:46 PM

KA

“ I just received a call today as I'm scheduled for my monthly blood work at Dr. Verma's office. The office wanted me to know about Dr. Verma's passing before I came in today. Needless to say I am still in shock! I've been in his care since October, 2016. Even though I've been done with my chemo since January, 2018, I have to have blood work each month because my body won't keep my magnesium level stable. It drops almost every month and I go in for magnesium infusion. Dr. Verma was incredibly intelligent, caring, though, never let any little thing go without being extensively investigated and I feel that he became a great friend. He'd always ask me about our two grandchildren and if we had seen them. They live in New York City and we talked about his time in NYC and how he'd go back and to New Jersey also. My son, his wife and our two grandchildren moved to Bay Head, NJ during the Covid crisis in NYC, my husband and my sincere condolences to Dr. Verma's entire family. I'm at such a total loss since I got the phone call today. There is a profound emptiness in my heart, I'm sure I haven't done justice to how great an individual Dr. Verma was!

*Thank you to his family for all they have shared with all of us. I sincerely appreciate that I can still see his service even though I just found out. I know he is with Jesus and hope to see him again when it's my time to see Jesus.*

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**Karen Austin** - February 22, 2021 at 06:25 PM

KA

“ Karen Austin lit a candle in memory of Ravi Verma

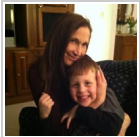


Karen Austin - February 22, 2021 at 06:10 PM

PN

“ Dear Lissy, Molly, Titty, Mohan and Bobby  
My heartfelt deep condolences at this time of grief and parting of beloved brother Rajan.  
May the peace of God that passeth all understanding be with all of you at this time and always. 🙏  
Padmini (cousin)

Padmini Ninan - February 18, 2021 at 03:04 AM



“ I just now received a letter from Cleveland Clinic with the sad news of Dr. Verma's passing. I loved him from the very first time he walked into the examining room. Kidding around was normal fare during my visits with Dr. Verma, though he probably thought my sense of humor was a bit askew :) When he wanted me to see a second blood specialist for a closer look, I told him I didn't want to leave his care. He assured me I could come back to see him anytime I liked. I take great assurance in knowing that Dr. Verma's soul is resting comfortably in the presence of the Holy One, Blessed be He & that I surely will see him again one day. May his family & friends be blessed with a peace in their hearts that surpasses all human understanding. May they know just how much we patients loved our dear Dr. Verma.

Betsie Saltzberg - February 17, 2021 at 11:08 PM



“ I am so heartbroken to hear that Dr Ravi Verma is gone. The man that saved my life until today. In 2013 he gave me my diagnosis of CLL I just knew that it was my death notice. And I can say he really believed in God, because he told me that only God know when your time is up. Being a Pastor I know that God is in control. When health span close down, I said to him I going wherever he going and I always thank him on every visit. He was not only my Doctor he was my friend. I even was looking forward to the time of taking him fishing. I So thankful for his knowledge in medicine. I just seen him on Jan 29, 2021. He told me he had just took is 2nd COVID vaccine. I ask how was he doing? He said he was very weak and Tired. The he told me that I need to take it. I questioned him and told him I don't really want to take it. Now to hear that 4 days later he died. I am so hurting. Thank you Dr Verma... man I love you always and will never forget you Ever. Ollie KingJr



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**Ollie King JR** - February 17, 2021 at 09:35 PM

NS

“ I will miss you, sir.

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**Nick Scheibelhood** - February 15, 2021 at 09:10 AM

MM

“ Dr. Verma was my Hematologist for the past few years. From the moment I had my first appointment with him, I loved him immediately. He made me laugh and reminded me so much of my Grandmother, who passed away back in March of 2015, so I felt a closeness to him that I could not explain. He was one of those doctors who actually cared about you, which always resonated with me. When I have to see any of my doctors at Cleveland Clinic, I have to get on a plane because I've been living in Orlando, FL since my Grandmother passed away, but it was always worth it because you get the best care at Cleveland Clinic. I get frequent blood clots, so when I would be hospitalized here in Florida, Dr. Verma would be messaging me telling me what to tell the doctors at the hospital what tests and things to do which cracked me up but always made me feel special as a patient. Last year I went through some major personal life issues and missed my appointment with Dr. Verma and when I finally got the chance to message him just to apologize for missing my appointment, he reached back out to me and apologized for what I was going through and even went a step further and had a Cleveland Clinic Counselor reach out to me (I needed it at the time). He did not have to do that, but because he was an amazing and caring person, he cared enough to make sure that I was ok. He would even call me to check in when I would be in the hospital here in Florida with another blood clot. When I checked my mail today and saw the letter from Cleveland Clinic, I figured it was just maybe some information on COVID or something, but I decided to open it anyways and what I saw I just could not fathom. I've been crying all day. I just cannot believe that we have lost such an amazing, wonderful, and caring person. I will always remember you Dr. Verma and the way you always cared.



Love,  
Melissa Minyard

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Melissa Minyard - February 13, 2021 at 09:52 PM

JT

“ Dear Lizzy, Molly, Titty, Mohan, and Bobby,  
Rajen will be missed so dearly.  
Always helpful, generous, and kind equally to all, family and friends,  
Rajen set a high bar of life ideals above many.  
We remember fondly his childhood days occasional visits to his  
mother's Home, Manalodil, Kerala, and later in life to our home in  
St. James, New York.  
So long Rajen, we celebrate your great life lived well for others!  
From all of us in Manalodil and Thazhathu families,  
Mohan, Suma, Rani, Jansi

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**Jacob Mohan Thazhathu** - February 13, 2021 at 10:30 AM

RD

“ Rita Dismukes lit a candle in memory of Ravi  
Verma



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**Rita Dismukes** - February 13, 2021 at 08:35 AM

RP

“ Ravi, I still cannot believe you are no longer with us, I miss your  
wisdom and our conversations about food, politics, health &  
investments.  
See you on the otherside, someday!



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**Ramu Pilli** - February 13, 2021 at 08:28 AM

JO

“ I had the great gift of being Ravi's friend for 15 years in Cleveland. He was like a steady rudder on a ship making lives and situations better through his kindness, hard work, unassuming attitude. He also knew when to have fun in cooking, adventurous dining out, on vacation, and even enjoy a funny movie. When he really had a good laugh, I would see a boyish look come over his face and think perhaps he could stir a little mayhem up when he was young. It will take several people in the world to fill the void he has left. We were fortunate to have him as long as we did, rest in peace Ravi.

John Opalka

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John Opalka - February 13, 2021 at 08:00 AM

DR

“ It was November 1984, that I first saw Rajan at the residence of Aniyam and Titty with my elder brother Baby chettan (Dr. Abraham Kulangara). He was endowed with a gentle behavior and his manners were so pleasing. Subsequently we met on many occasions. He was so kind and generous to visit my ailing brother in law at Lakeshore Hospital at my request to give his expertise in Oncology. He was very affectionate to his mother. Tears welled up in his eyes sitting next to his bedridden mother at Lissy's is still green in my memory. His care and love to his siblings are unparalleled particularly to Lissy. Parting is really sad, and premature one is more than to bear. Rajan, go in peace,. I am sure we will meet one day on the beautiful shore of eternity along with all our dear ones rest with our Saviour, Jesus Christ. 🌹🙏🙏🙏 K. C Rajan , Saramma and family.

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Dr. K C Rajan - February 13, 2021 at 01:50 AM

PE

“ Ravi was my next door neighbor for almost 15 years. Simple a great person and true gentleman. He always had a smile on his face and time to converse on various matters from soccer to travel. He will be missed.

Patrick Egan - February 12, 2021 at 08:27 PM

LK

“ Steve and I (Lekha) wish to express our deep condolences to all the family members for the immense loss you must be feeling. We remember Rajan's hearty laugh, the twinkle in his eyes, and of course his great intellect. His winning ways were his transparency, the compassion he displayed, and the humility with which he carried out the responsibilities of his job. What a man! We miss you Rajan!

Lekha Keister - February 12, 2021 at 03:38 PM

MG

“ We love you, my dear beloved brother. Ravi Rajan was my friend, counselor, protector, a brother who critiqued my actions, and a person on whose shoulder I could cry on. See you on the other side.

Mariam George - February 12, 2021 at 01:51 PM

JT

“ Jacob Thomas lit a candle in memory of Ravi Verma



Jacob Thomas - February 11, 2021 at 12:41 AM

TA

“ Had known Ravi while he was doing a residency at Our Lady of Mercy (Montefiore) in the Bronx. A very cheerful person. Heartfelt Condolences to the family.

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**Thomas Abraham** - February 10, 2021 at 09:02 PM

MG

“ We were blessed to have you in our lives. I miss your brutal forthrightness and the love shining through your eyes. Bye for now until we meet again.

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**Mariam George** - February 10, 2021 at 07:16 PM