



Thankamma Simon

July 17, 1932 - July 6, 2023

Thankamma Abraham was born in Ranni, Kerala to M.U. Abraham and Chinnimma Abraham on July 17, 1932. She was the youngest of five siblings and the only daughter. After completing high school in Ranni, she completed her college degree at St. Teresa College in Ernakulam. Upon completion of her college degree, she met Simon Chemmachen and they were married on April 20, 1951. After her marriage, Thankamma went to England to continue her studies. She then returned to India for the ordination of her husband, the Very Reverend Dr. K.M. Simon, Corepiscopa.

The new Kochamma and Achen then moved to Addis Ababa, Ethiopia in 1955, where they developed a large circle of lifelong friends. In 1956, they welcomed their first son, Renji. In 1959, they moved to Hackensack, New Jersey and lived in the parsonage of St. Mark's Syrian Orthodox Church, where Achen served as the parish priest. In 1961, they welcomed their second son, Ronnie.

A few years later, the family moved to 12 Edwin St. in Ridgefield Park, where they welcomed many friends and families for food and fellowship. Thankamma is remembered for her ability to give everyone a taste of home, no matter what time; all in a perfectly pressed sari. Thankamma continued her education at Fairleigh Dickinson University,

where she completed her Master's Degree in Library Science and worked as a librarian until her retirement.

Thankama and Achen's family continued to grow as they welcomed two daughters-in-law, six grandchildren, and one great-grandson. Our family is blessed to have been led by such a strong and spiritual matriarch.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations in Thankamma Simon's name to this organization that provides education to those in impoverished villages in India
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Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 9. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

Funeral Service

JUL 11. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Thankamma Simon*

October 08, 2023 at 09:59 PM



“ *Thankamma Simon*

October 08, 2023 at 06:27 PM



“ *Please help us remember our ammachy by please making donations in her name, Thankamma Simon, to this organization that provides education to those in impoverished villages in India (link below).*

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Sincerely, The Simon Family



Elizabeth Simon - July 08, 2023 at 10:40 AM