



Abhaya Goonetilleke

March 2, 1959 - October 2, 2022

Abhaya Goonetilleke, 63 of Jackson Heights, New York passed away on Sunday, October 2, 2022, at Elmhurst Hospital Center in Elmhurst, New York.

Born Monday, March 2, 1959, in Sri Lanka, Abhaya would move to the United States at the age of 20. He would live in South Amboy. After attending university for Mechanical Engineering, Abhaya would change studies to follow his passion. He enrolled in Culinary Institute in Hyde Park, NY.

Abhaya would work as a Pastry Chef for 34 years at the Plaza Hotel in New York City, he would also work for 24 years at the Ritz Carlton, Downtown. Being a pastry chef was more than a career, it was a passion, and something he loved doing all of the time. When he wasn't in the kitchen, Abhaya loved cycling, and also traveling. He would travel to Europe every year, one of his favorite destinations was Ireland. Always with a smile on his face, Abhaya loved to make people happy. He will be missed by all those that love him.

Abhaya was predeceased by his parents Dharmari and Irene Goonetilleke.

Abhaya is survived by his wife Amparro, by his daughters, Kristen Viola and her husband Chris, and Jennifer Al-tawil and her fiance Louis Puskas, by his grandsons, Christopher and Justin Viola, by his brothers, Shawn and his wife Barbara, Nalin and his wife Samanmali, and Jay and his wife Mellisa, by his

nieces and nephews, Nalini, Andrew, Natalia, Nicole, Tiffany, Mackenzie, and Haliee, and grand nephews Amir and Michael, and grand niece Zoe.

A Funeral service will be at 6:00 PM on Friday at Michael Hegarty & John Vincent Scalia Home For Funerals and Cremation Service located at 3377 US Highway 9 Old Bridge, New Jersey 08857.

A gathering of family and friends will take place on Friday, October 7, 2022 between the hours of 5:00 pm and 9:00 pm at the Hegarty-Scalia Funeral Home.

Online condolences may be made to the family at www.HegartyScaliaFuneralHome.com

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 7. 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Michael Hegarty & John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals and Cremation Service
3377 US Highway 9
Old Bridge, NJ 08857
(732) 679-4422
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Service

OCT 7. 6:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Michael Hegarty & John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals and Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Abhaya Goonetilleke*



Michael Hegarty & John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals and Cremation Service - October 07, 2022 at 04:22 PM

ST

Thanks ,Zatinya NYC team and other friends

supipi,hiru Theji - October 12, 2022 at 07:15 PM



“ *Abhaya Goonetilleke*

October 05, 2023 at 11:16 AM

ST

“ *Supipi,hiru Theji lit a candle in memory of Abhaya Goonetilleke*



supipi,hiru Theji - October 10, 2022 at 09:53 AM

ST

Thanks supi hiru and Theji

supipi,hiru Theji - October 12, 2022 at 07:25 PM

CF

“ *Cheka Snd Family lit a candle in memory of Abhaya Goonetilleke*



Cheka snd family - October 08, 2022 at 12:06 AM

ST

Thanks Cheka and Family

supipi,hiru Theji - October 12, 2022 at 07:16 PM



“ *30 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Michael Hegarty & John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals and Cremation Service - October 07, 2022 at 03:12 PM

LM

“ *Please accept my deepest sympathys, Nalin & members of your family. He may attain supreme nibbana.*

Lal Manuelge.

I.C

Lal Manuelge - October 07, 2022 at 01:42 AM

DS

Our heartfelt condolences to Amparo children in-laws n grand children... So very saddened by abhayas demise..He was such a lovely human being in and out..May his soul rest in peace ..Frm Dilip n Shiranthi (Srilanka)

Dilip silva - October 07, 2022 at 05:38 AM

ST

Thanks ,Dilip and Shiranthi

supipi,hiru Theji - October 12, 2022 at 07:22 PM

ST

Thanks Mr.Manuelge

supipi,hiru Theji - October 12, 2022 at 07:23 PM



“ *Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of Abhaya Goonetilleke.*



October 06, 2022 at 05:22 PM

DD

“ *Always kind, always smiling. Will forever remember the beautiful room service breakfast sent to Johnny, Andy and I at the Plaza on our “Home Alone Adventure “
Forever in our hearts
Love
Diane Dudas and family*

Diane Dudas - October 06, 2022 at 04:12 PM

ST

Thanks ,Dudas and family

supipi,hiru Theji - October 12, 2022 at 07:24 PM



“ *Serenity Wreath was purchased for the family of Abhaya Goonetilleke.*



October 06, 2022 at 03:01 PM



“ *Zaytinya NYC Team purchased the Dreams From the Heart Bouquet for the family of Abhaya Goonetilleke.*



Zaytinya NYC Team - October 06, 2022 at 10:04 AM