



Rekha Harshad Bhatt

September 5, 1943 - February 24, 2022

Rekha Bhatt, 78, of Plymouth, MN, died February 24, 2022 at home surrounded by her loving family and friends. She was born September 5, 1943, in Gujarat, India, and was one of four siblings. She is predeceased by her husband, Harshad P. Bhatt and survived by their only daughter, Paurvi Bhatt; and brother (Jayesh Jha) and sister (Nima Raval). She is cherished by countless relatives, friends, and community members.

Rekha was a generous, courageous, and noble soul. As a first-generation Indian immigrant who came to the U.S. in the early 1960s, Rekha was dedicated to ensuring a better future for the next generation. She was a champion of community organizations, such as Gujarati Samaj, and was a dedicated, medical records professional in hospital systems in the Twin Cities and Chicago. She was known for bringing cultures together by sharing perspectives, traditions, and faith. When people speak of Rekha, they recall her magnetic smile, her generosity, and her wisdom and skills - whether it be cooking or joining Hindu traditions like Diwali (the Festival of Lights). Rekha believed that sharing stories is how you keep legacies alive.

As someone who learned English as a second language, Rekha's close family and friends marveled at her voracious love of current events, politics, astronomy, and English and Gujarati literature. Her humor, wisdom, and selflessness will be deeply missed by all who knew her.

Rekha Bhatt's service is being held on Sunday, February 27, 2022, at Hillside Chapel. In lieu of flowers, please donate to causes that mattered most to Rekha: women's education and children's health for underserved communities. The Carter Center and Ekal Foundation are two organizations where Rekha was a long-time donor.

Events

FEB **Service**

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Hillside Chapel

2610 19th Avenue N.E., Minneapolis, MN, US, 55418

Comments



“ A tribute video has been added.



Washburn-McReavy - February 26 at 04:52 PM



“ We miss her lots.

Hansa Jain - February 27 at 03:05 AM



“ Rekha was a bright light in the world. She always made everyone feel welcome and supported. She was a thoughtful, intelligent, courageous, and generous woman. She will be missed!

Jackie - February 27 at 09:37 AM



“ Rekha always made me feel so welcomed at their Diwali celebrations. I will miss her warm smile and kind words. My thoughts and prayers are with Paurvi and all her loving family.

Bridget Brennan- neighbor

Bridget Brennan - February 27 at 02:31 PM



“ તેઓ સાક્ષાત પ્રેમ અને કરુણાની મૂર્તિ હતા આજીવન તેમણે સૌને આદર અને આવકાર જ આપ્યો છે તેઓ આદરે દિકરી, પત્ની, જીવનસંગિની, બહેન, માં, ભાભી, અને સહૃદયી મિત્ર હતા સદૈવ અમારા હૃદયસ્થ અને પ્રેરણાના અખૂટ સ્ત્રોત ને નીમા મનોજ પરિવાર ની ભાવપૂર્વક શ્રદ્ધાંજલિ

નીમા અને મનોજ પરિવાર - February 27 at 02:43 PM



“ Rekhaben was a wonderful friend. She always had a smile, kind heart and amazing courage. She was very caring, warm and supportive of others. Her memories will always stay with me. Rest In Peace dear friend

My thoughts and prayers are with Paurvi and family.

Manju Tailor - March 02 at 09:39 PM



“ A webcast video has been added.



Washburn-McReavy - February 25 at 04:55 PM



“ I felt so welcomed by Rekha into the magic of her Diwali celebrations - we must remember those special times and her warm embrace when we gather again this October. My sincerest condolences to Paurvi and all who shared the love for Rekha. Mark Ritchie

Mark Ritchie - February 26 at 03:30 PM



“ Sending love to you and your family, Paurvi. She was an amazing woman and you are a dedicated and loving daughter. She will be missed but not forgotten.

Tonia Shupien - February 27 at 03:11 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Rekha Harshad Bhatt.



March 28 at 11:58 AM



“ Mummy and Rekha maasi have shared memories like this so often, even till her previous visit. Amazing to see they both left us four days apart. Paurvi I can understand what a void it must be. God does give strength in moments of stress



Sonal Rajiv Bakshi - February 28 at 01:02 PM



“ Paurvi - I'm so sorry to hear of this news. I will be thinking of you and your extended family during this time. Prayers for healing and peace.

Sara Larson - February 28 at 08:50 AM



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Manisha Bhatt - February 27 at 06:40 PM



“ Our eternal prayers for departed divine soul of Rekhamasi and to give you strength for coping with this irreparable loss. She will be missed immensely by all family members.
Om Shanti !
Gayatri and Saurabh Desai

Saurabh Desai - February 27 at 05:27 PM



“ Diptl sorry for your lost may god bless your mom soul in heaven- Jayant and Bhavna (jigna) Bhatt

jayant - February 27 at 05:15 PM



“ My heart is full after attending this remarkable service. As her soul gives up the old body and enters the new, Rehka's spirit and memories live on in the world. May we all know beautiful nurturing meals and simple and powerful acts of lovingkindness as she embodied. Paurvi and all women in the family carry her creative spark and faith, and the world is better for it.

Jenny Merdinger - February 27 at 05:07 PM



“ I love you so much Masiba, I know you are in a better place and are relaxing easy. You helped shape my childhood in so many ways possible. From early age birthday parties even to now, I'm going to miss you so much. Thank you for being such a light in my life. Rest In Peace Masiba.

Riya Jain - February 27 at 03:17 PM



“ I extend my deepest sympathies to you and your family. May the soul of your mother be at peace with our Heavenly Father. Please accept my condolences, just know that we am here for you, please don't hesitate to reach out, especially during this difficult time and May care and love of those around you provide comfort and peace to get you through the days ahead. My most sincere condolences



Manisha Bhatt - February 27 at 02:17 PM



“ I am heartbroken for you, Paurvi. I am sure Rekha is resting in peace, free from pain, and forever grateful that she had you as a daughter who was lovingly and faithfully by her side every day over the past several months. Wishing you peace on the other side of your grief. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.
Carol Surface

Carol Surface - February 27 at 01:53 PM



“ Dear Rekha Mummy, I can't ever repay the debt I owe you for the undiluted love and affection you gave me every time I met you. Your blessings were engraved in the diverse yet authentic food you cooked and packed for me every time I visited you, despite your ill-health. Your embracing my wife Reema and son Kamyadeep left an indelible sight in my mind when they met you first and the last time (24 Feb 2020). Your hugs, your laughter and the sparkles in your eyes will remain with me till the end of time. Love you forever! Stay in peace, wherever you are!

Nayanjeet Chaudhury - February 27 at 01:08 PM



“ Rekhaben was an excellent host and a great cook. Datta and myself were invited to her home on many occasions. We used to drive in Minnesota winter from Chanhassen to her home for watching the Superbowl on her big screen TV. All the food and wine with so much love and affection. It is more than two years that we have left Minnesota, the memories will always be fresh and lasting. We miss her very much.

Deval and Datta Medh - February 27 at 11:46 AM



“ Rekha was such a wonderful neighbor and special friend. One year we we weren't able to go to the Diwali celebration. The next day she brought over a large plate of leftovers for us to enjoy. She was a wonderful cook. Another memory I have is when she took me to see a group of Dancers from India. We both had such a fun evening. She will be missed by so many people.

Donna Fradiin - February 27 at 09:50 AM



“ Our sincere condolences to Diptiben and members of bereaved family. We pray all mighty God to remain her soul remain peace. Arihant Sharanam Hansa and Harshad Jain

Harshadkumar Jain - February 27 at 02:41 AM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Rekha Harshad Bhatt.



February 26 at 08:55 PM



“ Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Rekha Harshad Bhatt.



February 26 at 08:47 PM



“ Heartfelt condolences to Paurvi at the loss of Rekha. Rekha's light and love to all of those who encountered her will continue to inspire and influence and touch so many.

Stefany P Ettinger - February 26 at 04:39 PM



“ Heartfelt condolence on their sad loss to Paurvi and family. Regret I couldn't be there today. Best regards ... Jameel

Jameel Khan - February 26 at 01:05 PM