



Hariharan Gopalarathnam

May 9, 1976 - February 6, 2023

Hariharan Gopalarathnam of Shoreview, Minnesota passed away on Feb 6, 2023. His loved ones are composing his obituary, which you will be able to read here.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 9. 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM (CT)

Hillside Chapel
2610 19th Avenue N.E.
Minneapolis, MN 55418

Prayer Service

FEB 9. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Washburn-McReavy Funeral Chapels created a Funeral Service for Hariharan Gopalarathnam in memory of Hariharan Gopalarathnam



Washburn-McReavy - February 08, 2023 at 01:45 PM

DI

“ Can't believe you are no more. The memories will be so alive forever with me and Preetesh.



Dipanwita - February 16, 2023 at 10:26 PM

BS

“ It is indeed very sad Harish that u left us. I remember your family visited us in Mumbai and stayed with us and had a wonderful time. After that I met u in Maryland with your wife and kid. May god give the strength to bear this loss and our heartfelt condolences to the family Bharathi and family



Bharathi Subbu - February 11, 2023 at 11:37 AM

RN

“ *Ramki Natarajan lit a candle in memory of Hariharan Gopalarathnam*



Ramki Natarajan - February 09, 2023 at 02:29 PM

MA

“ *My association with Hari goes back more than 20 years, we started as colleagues which developed into a friendship which I would sorely miss now. Hari was amongst the most honest and genuine person one could come across. I could call him to discuss about anything and he would always give his frank suggestions peppered with his trademark one liners.*

Starting our careers together and working very closely for couple of years, there are so many memories. Each one of them had two things in common – his smiling face and his amazing sense of humor.

Last one year we connected more often, and in spite of his illness he was so full of positivity that it was unbelievable. During this time, I also realized how brave he was. Every call with him was full of laughter & jokes. Anyone listening to our calls would have found it difficult to believe that one of us in that group was undergoing such a painful illness.

Hari, we will miss those weekly calls.

I will miss you Hari but will always remember you as an honest & witty man!!

Mantosh

Mantosh - February 09, 2023 at 02:16 PM

RN

“ Harish, your memory brings the energy and laughter you brought along with you whenever we used to meet during our childhood. You were born a day after my first birthday in the Tamizh calendar. My earliest memory is of us doing mock sword fights in our Vijayalakshmipuram house in Ambattur while it was raining outside. You told me your dad was the scarier one as he hits with a steel ruler:-D! You must’ve fictionalized it a bit because my eyes well up thinking of athimber’s love for you which we got to witness through the webcast of your funeral. The chutzpah and energy you brought to all our interactions is what comes to mind most. Why did you have to leave us so early? Thought we would always catch up one day and was always counting on you being here. You have left a legacy of your sense of humor, tender heart and fighting spirit for sure. Will miss you!

Ramki Natarajan - February 09, 2023 at 02:15 PM

MA

“ Mantosh lit a candle in memory of Hariharan Gopalarathnam



Mantosh - February 09, 2023 at 02:09 PM

SS

“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



SUBRAHMANYAM SRINIVASAN - February 09, 2023 at 01:56 PM

SS

“ 4 files added to the tribute wall



SUBRAHMANYAM SRINIVASAN - February 09, 2023 at 01:45 PM



“ *Vijay Natarajan lit a candle in memory of Hariharan Gopalarathnam*



Vijay Natarajan - February 09, 2023 at 12:43 PM



“ My earliest memory of my cousin was when he showed up to Gopu athimber’s loud “Harishaaaa!”, soon after we entered their Bangalore home, when we were both in elementary school. Harish always had a witty retort or sarcastic one-liner ready, and followed it up with a mischievous smile or loud laughter. We had a great time playing (and fighting) during those Arakkonam summer vacation days, that are still fresh in my memory. Harish and Lalitha were gracious to make time to attend Shashi and my wedding reception in Delhi on a weekday evening (photo attached), which was the last time we met. Our last interaction was his heartfelt thank you email for contributing to his fundraiser. I am still processing and coming to terms that my dear cousin is no more. Condolences to Atthai, Atthimber, Lalitha, Diya, Bindu, Satish, and Sid and prayers for them to find the strength to cope this huge loss.



Vijay Natarajan - February 09, 2023 at 12:22 PM

AS

“ I worked with Hari in PwC in the years 2001 and 2002. Remember him as a friendly and kind colleague who was exceptionally good in executing his professional responsibilities. May God give Hari’s family strength to cope with this insurmountable loss.

Amit Sethi - February 09, 2023 at 12:22 PM

UA

“ *Our heartfelt condolences to all family members. May God give enough strength to his near & dear to bear the great loss.*



uncle& aunty - February 09, 2023 at 12:20 PM

AJ

“ I worked with Hari some 22 years ago in Delhi in a memorable project that kind of bound a whole lot of us together for life. Over a period of time we lost connect but got connected in a WhatsApp group a few years ago.



We started talking regularly when he bravely shared the sad news of his bodily affliction with this most dreadful disease. The phone calls became video calls with a small group with many more joining as invitees to our Sunday calls.

We talked about everything from funny incidents of old times to current office work to professional success to Netflix interests to Indian/USA politics to children and family to financial planning to solving large population scale problems for humanity at large.

Hari continued to retain his insightful mind, happy disposition and a charming wit. He continued to work on office engagements right up to two weeks ago or so. He continued to go out to promotional events for various charity events dressed in the most sexy t-shirts, cocking a snook at cancer.

Hari fought the battle bravely and continued to plan/-re planning for things in life while taking progressive disappointments in his stride.

We talk multiple times during last week and our last call with him was in the morning half of that fateful day. He was in discomfort but his smile was intact. In retrospect, I think Hari knew it was time for him to shed the human form and go meet his namesake and his maker.

There is so much more one could say but there will always be a lot more left unsaid. I will remember him with fondness and love.

नैनं छिन्दन्ति शस्त्राणि नैनं दहति पावकः ।
न चैनं क्लेदयन्त्यापो न शोषयति मारुतः ॥

Anuj Jain - February 09, 2023 at 12:09 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Hariharan Gopalarathnam.*



February 09, 2023 at 12:03 PM



“ *It's difficult to believe and digest the demise of my beloved cousin. Had few good old memories we spent in Arokonam Mama's house while having gathered for a family event in Brakes India along with mama in his office. Spend some good time in one of Mama's friend's house and during that time you taught my to play chess. Another time when I had been to US, you came to my hotel we had some good south Indian food in Peoria in Oct 2012. I believe that was the last time we met each other. I pray God to give strength to his wife, daughter, Bindhu, my Chitti and Chittapa. Miss u da.....*

Karthick - February 09, 2023 at 09:57 AM



“ *Deepa Varadarajan lit a candle in memory of Hariharan Gopalarathnam*



Deepa Varadarajan - February 09, 2023 at 09:35 AM

DV

“ *The widest, the most mischevious smile amongst all our maternal cousins. The one who also fought the most for what was right!! While we used to meet practically every summer, my fondest memory of Harish till date remains our Mysore vacation..he and Bindu introduced me and my brother to their chandamama bound collection.. priceless! It was one of the best vacation time in their beautiful home. As time passed, we also grew apart..but i do remember you and Lalitha coming to meet me during my most difficult phase. It meant a lot! And we reconnected. You gave it your all even towards your last innings - with that same smile and fighting spirit. Words fail me now and I am struggling to hold back my tears now as you have merged back with Him..i am going to miss the once in a while one-liner chats. May God give strength and courage to pass through this phase to Periamma, Periappa, Lalitha, Diya, Bindu, Satish. Om Shanti 🙏*

Deepa Varadarajan - February 09, 2023 at 09:33 AM

BS

“ *Bala Seshank lit a candle in memory of Hariharan Gopalarathnam*



Bala Seshank - February 09, 2023 at 09:07 AM

“ Hari had been a colleague during the times of innocence - New Delhi of the early 2000s - when we were in the formative years of our respective careers. A lively, cheerful and effervescent dude, who I would later realise was a brother for life.

There would never be a dull moment with him, and his wit & intelligence left nothing untouched. There were innumerable adventure episodes as we executed our jobs and often-times as partners on the road to the next complex client site.

With the passing of time, we went onto our respective paths, which took us away to distant lands.

But then there are a few relationships that do not need the reinforcement of proximity, and the bonding with Hari, for me, is right up there. When Anuj - our boss and elder brother - got us re-connected during Hari's challenging journey through illness, it was like, "we only spoke yesterday", with all memories - older than 20 years - fresh on our minds.

Hari always packed a mighty punch in his fight - and he won many a battle in the professional world. He brought this to his duel with his illness. Heart-of-hearts, I was telling myself he would pull through this one too. He did it in his way, through his brave and cheerful countenance. I have his bright face captured forever in my memory as we spoke and saw each other through that hard mile.

Hari's so-very early departure leaves an insurmountable gap in the physical world/lives. But for me, he will always be in my heart, with that pleasant chatter-on-demand in my mind.

Again, I am sure everyone in his sphere-of-influence will feel the same. There will be a memory partition called Hari for everyone that has known him, much like the Lord whose name he carried.

Sincere prayers for my dear buddy to find eternal peace and for his

dear family for strength & courage.



Bala Seshank - February 09, 2023 at 08:52 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Hariharan Gopalarathnam.*



February 09, 2023 at 08:13 AM

“ Dear Harish, I am glad that I got a chance to visit you at your home in Sep 2022. I still remember the delicious food (Dhaal and Paneer butter masala) that you had cooked for dinner and the lovely evening we had. I still remember the single malt that we enjoyed post dinner (to finish the bottle :-))

I vividly remember us reliving our favorite childhood memories of spending some summers together at mani thatha's house (No.3 1st Link Street, Karpagam Gardens), drinking flavored milk from Aavin parlour, reminiscing our upanayanam and all the scoldings we got from thatha and pattabhi/sadashiva saastrigal for not doing sandhyavandhanam properly, accompanying you/Bindu sometimes when you used to go to Saidapet to BabuJai's house.

We also talked (and laughed a lot too) about our Mysore days @ Siddhartha Layout - you, me and Bindu, playing together with Raji, Saki, Nanjunda, and Mangala Gowri and eating churmuri amongst other things.

I dont think anyone will understand if I say "Circle inspector Harry & Sub inspector Vikram" to them. I know you will :-) I wish I can watch that movie (Oru CBI Diary Kurippu) with you just for that scene.

There are no words that can express what I am feeling now. I cant believe that you, my Peter, have really gone to eternal sleep

Our condolences to Lalitha, Diya, Bhagyam Chithi, Gopu Chitappa, Bindu, Sathish, and Sid

-Guru, Lakshmi, Vidyuth & Vishruth



KS

“ *Kanchan Sarkar lit a candle in memory of Hariharan Gopalarathnam*



Kanchan Sarkar - February 09, 2023 at 01:56 AM

GV

“ *Guru, Lakshmi, Vidyuth And Vishruth lit a candle in memory of Hariharan Gopalarathnam*



Guru, Lakshmi, Vidyuth and Vishruth - February 09, 2023 at 01:00 AM

AR

“ *Arjun lit a candle in memory of Hariharan Gopalarathnam*



Arjun - February 09, 2023 at 12:48 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Hariharan Gopalarathnam.*



February 08, 2023 at 10:45 PM

GA

“ I met Hari at our b-school MDI and he immediately endeared himself in more ways than one. Fantastic sense of humour, quick witted and full of life. No get together was complete without him. I pray for strength for the family to cope with his loss. Am sure he'll continue to spread good cheer and warmth from where he is now... rest well my friend.

Gautam - February 08, 2023 at 10:31 PM



Hari was my one batch senior from MDI Gurgaon and a Fantastic Human Being. He was always a shout away for any help whatsoever. Will remember him for all great time we spend with him. May his journey forward is in peace. Om Shanti

Rakesh Bhojnagarwala - February 08, 2023 at 11:36 PM

AR

Remember Hari with fondness, may God give the family strength to cope with his loss.

Arjun - February 09, 2023 at 12:50 AM

KA

It's difficult to believe and digest the demise of my beloved cousin. Had few good old memories we spent in Arokonam Mama's house while having gathered for a family event in Brakes India along with mama in his office. Spend some good time in one of Mama's friend's house and during that time you taught my to play chess. Another time when I had been to US, you came to my hotel we had some good south Indian food in Peoria in Oct 2012. I believe that was the last time we met each other. I pray God to give strength to his wife, daughter, Bindhu, my Chitti and Chittapa. Miss u da.....

Karthick - February 09, 2023 at 09:18 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Hariharan Gopalarathnam.*



February 08, 2023 at 10:28 PM



“ *We knew Hari as Bindu's brother. Although we have not met him in-person, he has been in our prayers through his ailment. Our prayers are now for strength to his family during these challenging times.*

Balaji Ganesh - February 08, 2023 at 10:23 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Hariharan Gopalarathnam.*



February 08, 2023 at 10:07 PM



“ *I remember Harish as a child and a young adult. I remember going for his wedding in Mysore. He was a brilliant boy and did well to go for higher studies in the US and work there. Our heartfelt condolences to the family including wife, daughter and parents. We hope God gives them the courage to get through this. Sharing the grief with the family Kichu & Latha from Bangalore*

Krishnamoorthy (Kichu) - February 08, 2023 at 09:19 PM

SP

“ We got to know Hari in the last couple of years. He indicated that he looked forward to chatting with me; for me it was the incredible grace, the obvious smarts and the kindness that he expressed in each conversation. We are glad that we were part for a brief period of Hari's life. Shailey & Kiran

shailey prasad - February 08, 2023 at 08:55 PM

BK

“ I am the eldest brother of Harish's father. Living in Dallas TX. We all were aware that Harish may not have a long life, considering the severity of the ailment. But we are all shocked & surprised that he left us so soon. Those, whom the Gods love, die young. Ever Grateful to God HE has taken our Harish in his fold, without subjecting him to more suffering. Our prayers to God for the continued good health of everyone. Blessings. KP
Balasubramanyan

Balasubramanyan Kailasa - February 08, 2023 at 08:05 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Hariharan Gopalarathnam.



February 08, 2023 at 07:27 PM