



## Kandiah Ramalingam

October 8, 1944 - November 21, 2025

Kandiah "Rama" Ramalingam departed this world on Friday, November 21st, 2025. His wife, children, and grandchildren will miss his devotion to loved ones, kind smile, and eagerness to laugh. Rama's life began in a small village of Sri Lanka which he secretly left to marry the love of his life, Lynn. They remained married for 55 years, virtually inseparable from each other to the last day. Rama built a career in banking, but together with Lynn, they founded a Montessori school 40 years ago (Ramalynn Academy), a special community of loving students, teachers and parents.

Rama loved golf with the guys, sports fandom and the occasional brandy in his younger days - but Rama lived for his family. Two boys, four grandchildren, and kept a soft spot for his two daughters-in-law. He made friends easily. Dogs loved him and babies quickly fell asleep on his "magic shoulder." During the first snowfall of each Winter, Rama would remark, "just like heaven."

He began his life on a farm, on a tropical island in the Indian Ocean. Yet, he spent most of his life in Minnesota, raising a family that he and Lynn built from nothing -- still in possession of the first dime he realized in America (literally). A truly remarkable journey that's difficult to imagine, but appreciated more than he could ever know.

Rama is survived by his wife Lynn, son (Krishna), daughter-in-law (Cassy),

son (Ravi), daughter-in-law (Nichole), and grandchildren (Ryan, Lilly, Charlotte, Lucas).

A service will be held Sunday, November 30th at 1PM (Central). Due to capacity, limited attendance will be possible. However, a livestream of the event will be available on the website of Washburn McReavy funeral homes, [www.Washburn-McReavy.com](http://www.Washburn-McReavy.com) with replays available thereafter. Should anyone wish to make donations in his honor, please consider the ASPCA or your local humane society.

# Previous Events

## Chapel Service

NOV **30**. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

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

# Tribute Wall



“ Washburn-McReavy Funeral Chapels created a Chapel Service for Kandiah Ramalingam in memory of Kandiah Ramalingam



Washburn-McReavy - November 25, 2025 at 06:43 PM

TS

“ Rama and I coached boys' youth soccer teams together for several years. Rama loved teaching the boys and displayed endless kindness and enthusiasm. I was very fortunate to have Rama as a friend. It was always a pleasure to see Rama and Lynn from time to time as the years went by. I will cherish the memories of our years coaching together.

Tom Spitznagle - February 10 at 10:09 AM

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“ I only knew Rama in the last few years, playing golf with him regularly. My sincere condolences to the family. He was a good man (and a better golfer than me :)).

Tom Scheller - December 01, 2025 at 12:46 PM

CP

“ Carla P. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kandiah Ramalingam.

Carla P. - November 30, 2025 at 04:15 PM

BF

“ *Bavi & Family lit a candle in memory of Kandiah Ramalingam*



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**Bavi & Family** - November 30, 2025 at 01:49 PM

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**victoria faber** - November 30, 2025 at 01:30 PM

SK

“ *Suzanne K. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kandiah Ramalingam.*

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**Suzanne K.** - November 30, 2025 at 12:46 PM

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“ *Emily D. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kandiah Ramalingam.*

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**Emily D.** - November 30, 2025 at 11:40 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Kandiah Ramalingam.



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November 28, 2025 at 07:55 AM



“ The RINKER FAMILY planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kandiah Ramalingam.

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**The RINKER FAMILY** - November 28, 2025 at 07:55 AM