



## Daniel Arathil Joy

August 18, 1940 - January 17, 2018

Daniel Arathil Joy, 77, died January 17, 2018, with his family by his side in Raleigh, North Carolina.

A memorial service is scheduled for Saturday at St. Andrew's Catholic Church, Apex, NC. Graveside service and Receiving of Friends to follow.

He was born August 18, 1940, in Cheriyanad, Kerala, India to Daniel Oommen and Saramma Daniel. They were farmers who valued family and education.

Daniel was the first in his family to go to college, majoring in accounting, then paved the way for others to follow. Though he had a successful professional role as an accountant for the Indian government, he sacrificed it to come to the United States – the land of opportunity, for his family. Along with his wife, Grace Joy, they journeyed around the globe. He believed that if you have trust in God, are willing to sacrifice and work hard, your dreams will come true. He demonstrated professional success by starting over and working his way up from being a minimum wage stock boy at Rose's department store to eventually, the store manager. At night, he not only studied to earn an MBA, he was asked to stay on to teach some courses. His greatest success, however, he would tell you, was being blessed with his loving family and friends.

His management roles took the family throughout the Southeast and Atlantic Coast, but he always called the Triangle (Raleigh-Durham-Chapel Hill, NC) home. Upon retiring from retail management, he returned to the Triangle and pursued entrepreneurship in real estate investment. As one of the founding members of the Greater Triangle Kerala Association, he was the president from 2001-2002. He was also an active member of St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, Raleigh, NC.

His interests included spending time with family and friends, the church and playing cards. He devoted much of his time and energy as a mentor to family, friends and the community.

Mr. Joy is survived by his wife of 49.9 years, Grace; 2 sons and their spouses, Saju and Belinda Joy (grandchildren – Elijah & Joshua), Anil and Smitha Joy (grandchildren – Benjamin & Alexander) – and several brothers, cousins and extended family in the area.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to: St. Gregorios Indian Orthodox Church (church founded by his cousin & brother in Christ, Rev. M.K. Thomas): 225 Bashford Rd Raleigh, NC 27606

# Previous Events

## Funeral Mass

JAN 20. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

St Andrew The Apostle Catholic Church  
3008 Old Raleigh Rd  
Apex, NC 27502

## Visitation

JAN 20. 1:30 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

KM

“ Grace , my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.  
Karen and Phil Minos

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**Karen Minos** - January 25, 2018 at 01:54 PM

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“ My condolences to Grace and her family. Daniel was a great person.  
He gave my husband an opportunity to work for him. The entire  
family is wonderful. God bless Grace and the family.  
Tony anf Vanessa Snellings

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**Vanessa Snellings** - January 24, 2018 at 10:03 AM

SD

“ Daniel and I worked for Roses Stores in East Tennessee many  
years ago. I maintained my association with him while I was with  
Roses. Daniel was a fine gentleman and introduced me to Indian  
food and culture. We had many great discussions about politics and  
religion that gave me great insight. It is a shock to hear he is gone. I  
think of him often and will miss knowing he is no longer in this world.  
I know how proud he was of his family and that he leaves a  
wonderful legacy.

*Stan Davis*

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**Stan Davis** - January 21, 2018 at 01:53 PM

TF

“ *Sending love to you all at this sad time. Time to celebrate the life of a remarkable man. With love from the Starkey Family*



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**The Starkey Family** - January 19, 2018 at 08:35 PM

BJ

“ *Belinda J. purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Daniel Arathil Joy.*



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**Belinda J.** - January 18, 2018 at 03:38 PM



“ *Bountiful Memories Casket Spray was purchased for the family of Daniel Arathil Joy.*



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January 18, 2018 at 03:33 PM