



## Suresh Kanubhai Patel

June 20, 1955 - December 31, 2020

Suresh Kanubhai Patel, age 65, passed away Thursday morning December 31, 2020. Suresh was born June 12th, 1955 in India. He was preceded in death by his parents Kanubhai and Kamlaben Patel. He is survived by his loving wife of 42 years, Chandrika, his daughter Payal, son Anand (Elizabeth) Patel and 4 grandchildren Kinton, Maya, Sonya, and Kinsley. As well as his two sisters Jayshree and Deepti and his brother Kamlesh.

After studying accounting in college in India, Suresh moved to Chicago, IL in 1978. Here he worked to establish a life for his family and friends in the United States. In 1989, Suresh and his family moved to Lynchburg, SC where he owned and ran Tommy's Quickmart. "Mr. Sam," as he was affectionately called by his customers was a pivotal part of this community until his retirement in 2018.

Suresh's lifelong passion for hard work was driven by his love for his family and his desire to provide them a good life. His family will forever feel love and gratitude for this dedication.

Services will be held in his honor at St. John's Family Funeral Home, St Augustine, FL, Wednesday, January 6th, 2021 at 10:00am. Due to Covid-19 safety precautions we are requesting that family, friends and loved ones participate in this service virtually.

In keeping with the CDC Coronavirus guidelines every attendee must wear a mask and the number of attendees may be restricted. We ask that if you are at high risk, feeling ill, or traveling from an area with a high level of infection, please do not attend the service.

Those unable to attend can view the service live streamed at

<https://iframe.dacast.com/b/156599/c/iframe.dacast.com/b/156599/c/549019> .



# Comments

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“ A tribute video has been added.



**St. Johns Family Funeral Home** - January 02 at 02:05 PM



“ Dear shirsh y will be greatly missed

**Prafulla Patel** - January 03 at 12:22 PM



“ Jai Swaminarayan. Shirishbhai will be missed by all. I pray to Lord Swaminarayan to give the rest of the family strength to carry on.

**Jitu and Palloo** - January 06 at 09:31 AM



“ Sam we miss you but you live in our heart for ever Surendra patel

**surendra patel** - January 10 at 11:53 AM

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Jai Swaminarayan

With sadness I write my memories of Shirish (Suresh) our eldest brother of family. We grew up and lived in Mbale a beautiful town in Uganda.

Remembering the days when both our families lived on Station road. (Shell company's house).

In those days after night meal we often all used to sit in a circle outside the front door on the long verandah and eat salted shelled ground nuts (Lili mufri) and Jambudas. Kanukaka knew I was scared to go on my own so he used to ask me to get water more than once. Shirish you used to come with me in the Jikoni (Kitchen in English) but you also would leave me on my own as this would be a funny moment for you. Being in the same school class we had good times studying and playing together. Then after you moved to India and we contacted through letters. I loved writing letters.

Then you moved to Chicago and our communication still continued via letters. From then on you moved to Lynchburg and South Carolina before finally going to Florida.

Just recently last year you messaged me and asked of everyone's well being.

Your loss will be missed but you will always be remembered as my lovely elder brother Shirish ( Suresh).

Praying to Maharaj and swami to give you Akshardham Sukh.

Jai Swaminarayan

Parikhsita, London

Parikhsita. K. Patel - January 06 at 05:35 AM

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Jai Swaminarayan

Shirish my brother in law (wife's brother) have know since 1977.

Remember attending your wedding.

Memories of driving you and other family to Khambhat to see Bhikadada.

We have been in contact now and again.

You were always asking if everything was ok.

You will always be remembered.

Kiritkumar, London

Jai Swaminarayan

Kiritkumar.M Patel - January 06 at 04:44 AM

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“ I have known Chandrika Ben and Suresh Bhai for 28 years. With Suresh bhai I never had big conversation only hi , hello ( kem chho) ! In 2005 I wanted to rebuild my old store but didn't get any luck with getting bank loan! During that time I happened to talked to Suresh Bhai about my loan problem. He called the bank manager. Within half an hour bank manager called me and told me to bring 3 years tax return at bank. Month later I got loan ! Thank you Suresh Bhai . In 2017 after my daughter wedding Suresh bhai text me saying how proud of me he was.being a single parent raising two daughters & how i had such a beautiful wedding. I told him thanks to you because it would not have been possible without his help. Suresh bhai said he didn't do anything for me.it happened to be there & it was through my hard work and destiny.i was just NIMITT!! Thank you so much for your help and kindness!  
Jai Jinandra!!

**Preeti Patel** - January 05 at 06:24 PM

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“ Motabhai, you were my older brother and I have so many good memories of you. You were a very loving person, and I can never forget how much you have sacrificed and done for us, for all of our family.

You are the reason that I am here in the United States and here in South Carolina. I remember when we first came to Chicago, it was a very big change from India, and we missed our friends. We would all sit together as a family to watch movies, and you would bring everyone bowls of ice cream. And I still remember that day in October, very soon after we had moved from India, when you tricked Deepu and me into watching a horror movie. You slipped away and watched, laughing, as we got scared and couldn't figure out how to turn it off. But you were also the one who taught me how to make pina colada, and I still make it the same way today.

You took very good care of our parents, and especially our mother. Recently, you and mom had become very close. Every week, you would call me to ask for the link to set up a tablet where ba could join ghar sabha or watch the weekly ravi sabha. Even when both of you were sick and quarantining at home - I had told mom to not bother you and that I will call her over the phone so she could just listen in, but you called me yourself to ask for the link so that mom could watch the sabha herself. Every ghar sabha, every ravi sabha, I think of both you and mom.

The last time I spoke to you, you had called me from the hospital and even then, as you worried that you might not get better, your concerns were for mom. I will always remember you and the love and care you had for all of our family.

Jai Swaminarayan,

Jayshree



Jayshree - January 04 at 09:55 PM

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“ We are a family of 2 brothers and 2 sisters. My oldest brother was very kind, loving, caring, and always looked out for me since I was the youngest. My favorite memory was in 2019. We went for a walk and sat down on the bench and spoke for hours about our lives and his beliefs. He would always call to check in on me and took great care of mom. I always loved him and he will always be in my heart.

Jai Swaminarayan,  
Deepti

Deepti Patel - January 04 at 10:33 AM

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“ It is with great sadness that I write this memorial for my beloved brother Shirish. We grew up in Mbale and have many fond memories of our childhood. You moved to US and we kept in contact by phone. We met again when you visited UK couple of times and when I visited US few years ago. Our last meeting was last year when we met in Bhandani, Gujarat where you were staying. We spent some good quality time together talking about the good old days. You looked so happy and at peace which was lovely to see.

You always remembered and prayed for Anmol and your concern always touched my heart Bhai.

I will remember you as the most kindest, giving and nicest person who always had time to check if I was okay and needed anything.

Thank you for being my older brother and the love you gave me.

You will always be loved and will forever remain in our memories. I will miss you so much Bhai.

JaiSwaminarayan

Amita (London

Amita - January 03 at 09:31 AM

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St. Johns Family Funeral Home - January 02 at 02:05 PM

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“ Suresh bhai who I would always call him as Sirishbhai I remember last year when I went to see you at bhandani ,Gujarat you were so so happy and at peace in the temple and remember convincing me to come and stay over at the temple for at least few months Sirishbhai you will be greatly missed —Paresh

**Paresh Patel** - January 01 at 09:15 PM



“ Dear Shirish

We last met briefly when motabhai (Muljibhai) passed away in London. And we had briefly spoken. We had promised to sit and catchup time permitting. Sadly it never happened. I remember our childhood days in Kampala and Mabale. You were one of the kindest nephew as far as I'm concerned. You will be greatly missed. Anita foi London

**Anita Dessi** - January 02 at 05:26 PM



“ We grew up together in Mbale and have memories of the labh Shirish got with Yogibapa when he visited Africa. Then Shirish moved to India and we met up again in India when I went to see Dada. Our next meeting was in Chicago and then a few more times in Lynchberg and then Florence. I particularly remember the visit at Lynchberg when I was there for almost a week. I have fond memories of his visit to London particularly as there were two people named Shirish in the house and when we called Shirish they both answered which was quite funny. Then we again met up when Kanukaka passed away. After this, our main contact was on the phone. Whenever we spoke, he always asked if I was okay and if I needed anything, which was reassuring that, I knew at the back of my mind I had an older brother who I could call on. Shirish, will be missed very much.  
Jay Swaminarayan

Vipin (London)

**Vipin M Patel** - January 03 at 05:27 AM