

Celebration of Life



BABU M. JOSEPH



DECEMBER 3, 1943 – MARCH 22, 2021



OGDEN FUNERAL HOMES CHAPEL

Scarborough, Ontario

MONDAY, MARCH 29, 2021

For you have need of endurance, so that after you have done the will of God, you may receive the promise. Hebrews 10:36



ORDER OF SERVICE

Hymn: The Lord's My Shepherd (Crimond).....Suzane Thomas (daughter-in-law)
Sheila Joseph (daughter)

Psalm 121.....Rachel Paul (grand-niece)

Eulogy.....Shawn Joseph (son)

Hymn: Gentle Jesus Meek and Mild (Wesley).....Pascal T. M. Joseph (grandson)

Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:20-28.....Jadon Paul (grand-nephew)

Sermon..... Rev. Anish M. Padickamannil

Prayer..... Jeena Modayil (niece)

Hymn: The Strife is O'er (Palestrina).....Suzane Thomas
Sheila Joseph

Anthem: The Trumpet Shall Sound (G.F. Handel)

Committal.....Mount Pleasant Cemetery

OFFICIATED BY

REVEREND ANISH M. PADICKAMANNIL

The Funeral Liturgy – Form II

The celebrant welcomes the congregation and may at this time express thanksgiving for the gifts of the deceased person.

(Celebrant)

I am Resurrection and I am Life, says the Lord. Whoever has faith in me shall have life, even though he die. And everyone who has life, and is committed to me in faith, shall not die for ever.

John 11:25–26

Let not your hearts be troubled; believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And when I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also.

John 14:1–3

I am sure that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 8:38–39

Hymn: The Lord's My Shepherd (Crimond)

Psalm 121

I lift up my eyes to the hills;
from where is my help to come?
My help comes from the Lord,
the maker of heaven and earth.
He will not let your foot be moved
and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.
Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel
shall neither slumber nor sleep;
The Lord himself watches over you;
the Lord is your shade at your right hand,
So that the sun shall not strike you by day,
nor the moon by night.
The Lord shall preserve you from all evil;
it is he who shall keep you safe.
The Lord shall watch over your going out and your coming
in, from this time forth for evermore.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
*People: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for
ever. Amen.*

Then the celebrant shall say,

The Lord be with you.

*People: **And also with you.***

Celebrant: Let us pray.

God of all consolation,
in your unending love and mercy
you turn the darkness of death
into the dawn of new life.
Show compassion to your people in their sorrow.
Be our refuge and our strength

to lift us from the darkness of grief
to the peace and light of your presence.
Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ,
by dying for us, conquered death
and by rising again, restored life.
May we then go forward eagerly to meet him,
and after our life on earth
be reunited with our brothers and sisters
where every tear will be wiped away.
We ask this through Jesus Christ, the Lord.

People: Amen.

Eulogy

Hymn: Gentle Jesus Meek and Mild (Wesley)

Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:20-28

Sermon

Apostle's Creed

Celebrant: I believe in God,

All: **The Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ,
his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended to the dead.

**On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again
to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

A lay person will lead the following prayer.

Leader: Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have knit your chosen people together in one communion, in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Give to your whole Church in heaven and on earth your light and your peace.

People: **Hear us, Lord.**

Leader: May all who have been baptized into Christ's death and resurrection die to sin and rise to newness of life, and may we with him pass through the grave and gate of death to our joyful resurrection.

People: **Hear us, Lord.**

Leader: Grant to us who are still in our pilgrimage, and who walk as yet by faith, that your Holy Spirit may lead us in holiness and righteousness all our days.

People: **Hear us, Lord.**

Leader: Grant to your faithful people pardon and peace,
that we may be cleansed from all our sins and serve
you with a quiet mind.

People: **Hear us, Lord.**

Leader: Grant to all who mourn a sure confidence in your
loving care, that casting all their sorrow on you,
they may know the consolation of your love.

People: **Hear us, Lord.**

Leader: Give courage and faith to those who are bereaved,
that they may have strength to meet the days ahead
in the comfort of a holy and certain hope, and in the
joyful expectation of eternal life with those they love.

People: **Hear us, Lord.**

Leader: Grant us grace to entrust Babu Modayil Joseph to
your never-failing love which sustained him in this life.
Receive him into the arms of your mercy, and remember
him according to the favour you bear for your people.

People: **Hear us, Lord.**

The Lord's Prayer

The celebrant says,

Gathering all our cares into one, let us pray as our Saviour
taught us,

**All: Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,**

**on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

Hymn: The Strife is O'er (Palestrina)

The celebrant, facing the body, says,
Into your hands, O merciful Saviour,
we commend your servant Babu Modayil Joseph.
Acknowledge, we pray, a sheep of your own fold,
a lamb of your own flock,
a sinner of your own redeeming.
Receive him into the arms of your mercy,
into the blessed rest of everlasting peace,
and into the glorious company of the saints in light. **Amen.**

Celebrant: The eternal God is your dwelling place,
and underneath are the everlasting arms.

People: **Blessed is the Lord, our strength and our
salvation.**

*As the people view the body and exit the chapel, and the family
approaches the body for the last time before the casket is
closed, the following anthem will be played;*

The Trumpet Shall Sound (G. F. Handel)

The service continues at the cemetery.

The Committal

The celebrant says,

Everyone the Father gives to me will come to me; I will never turn away anyone who believes in me.

John 6:37

He who raised Jesus Christ from the dead will also give new life to our mortal bodies through his indwelling Spirit.

Romans 8:11

My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; my body also shall rest in hope.

Psalm 16:9

You will show me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

Psalm 16:11

Then (while earth is cast upon the coffin), the celebrant says,

In sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life through our Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to almighty God our brother, Babu Modayil Joseph, and we commit his body to be consumed by fire; earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust. The Lord bless him and keep him, the Lord make his face to shine upon him and be gracious to him, the Lord lift up his countenance upon him and give him peace. **Amen.**

The celebrant says,
The Lord be with you.

*People: **And also with you.***

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty God, Father of mercies and giver of comfort, deal graciously, we pray, with all who mourn; that casting all their care on you, they may know the consolation of your love, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Celebrant: Rest eternal grant to him, O Lord.

*People: **And let light perpetual shine upon him.***

Celebrant: May his soul, and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

*People: **Amen.***

The celebrant dismisses the people with these or similar words.

May the God of peace
who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus,
the great shepherd of the sheep,
by the blood of the eternal covenant,
equip you with everything good
that you may do his will,
working in you that which is pleasing in his sight,
through Jesus Christ,
to whom be glory for ever and ever.

*People: **Amen.***

Celebrant: Go forth in the name of Christ.

*People: **Thanks be to God.***



Obituary

BABU MODAYIL JOSEPH – Babu was born in Thodupuzha, Kerala, India, to the late Magistrate A.C. Joseph and Baby Joseph. He is the eldest brother to Dr. Mohan Joseph and Rajan Joseph. He is survived by Soosamma “Susan”, his wife of over 46 years; children, Sheila, Shawn and daughter-in-law Sneha; and, grandchild, Pascal.

As a child, Babu’s family relocated often to accommodate his father’s duties in many parts of Kerala. At the age of 13, his father passed away and Babu took responsibility for his brothers and mother with the support of his uncles, A.C. Varughese and A.C. Oommen.

After receiving a B.Sc. degree at Kerala University he continued his studies in Chennai, India. Upon obtaining an AMIE credential, he secured a job at the Heavy Vehicles Factory in Avadi, Chennai. Babu married Susan in 1974 and immigrated to Canada. He studied to become a Professional Engineer in Canada and began a 35-year career with Atomic Energy of Canada Limited until his retirement at the age of 70.

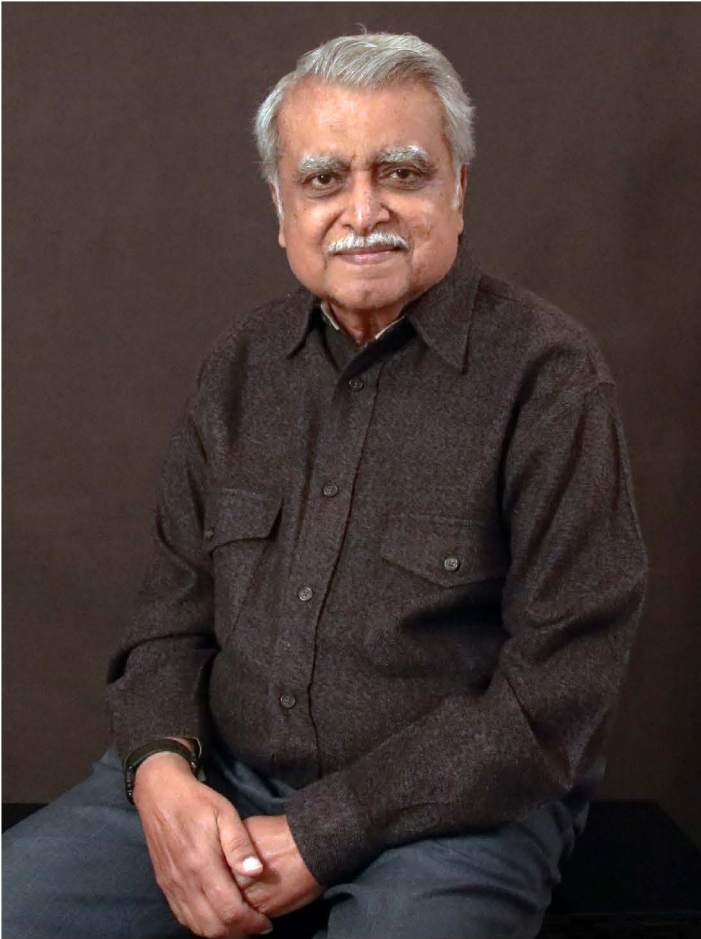
Babu loved music. As a self-taught musician, he played the harmonium, enlisting his younger brothers to hand-pump the instrument so he could play with two hands instead of one. Later on, he picked up the piano, organ, and accordion. He played the organ for the CSI Church Toronto from 1986 until 1991. He sang tenor with the choir of CSI Toronto, St. Paul’s Anglican Church on Bloor St., Toronto, Deer Park Anglican Church and the Toronto Male Voice. He also enjoyed arranging music and would often share them with the groups he was involved with. Although most fond of classical music, he also enjoyed singing barbershop and hymns. He supported the Toronto Symphony Orchestra and regularly attended concerts. His passion for music was passed on to his children and grandchild.

He had a generous heart and extended support and counsel freely to those interested in settling in Canada. He enjoyed doing research and providing sound advice on education, career, financial and other practical matters of life (sometimes unsolicited).

In retirement, Babu and Susan began travelling more extensively outside of North America. They enjoyed group tours and cruises to many places around the world including, a Pilgrimage to the Holy Land, the Pyramids, Ayer’s Rock, The Great Wall of China, Gibraltar and the Blue Mosque. He was usually behind the camera.

Babu had more than his share of health issues over his lifetime, including previous diagnoses of cancer which were resolved. In summer 2020, he was diagnosed with a rare and aggressive form of cancer. In upholding his value-oriented and pragmatic philosophy, he volunteered to be part of a research study so that his condition might contribute to advances in medical science.

Following a valiant effort, our beloved husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle, friend and tenor, passed away in his home on Monday, March 22, 2021 at the age of 78. His principled nature and generosity will be missed and remembered by those whose lives he touched.



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The Joseph family wishes to express their heartfelt appreciation to the many friends, family and loved ones who shared photos words of comfort during our time of bereavement.