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Lekha Wichramasekaran

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Obituary

Lekha Wickramasekaran, née Chandralekha Ariathurai, passed away in Santa Barbara, CA on March 5th, 2025.

Lekha is reunited with her beloved husband, Raj "Papa" Wickramasekaran, who departed this world less than a year before she did, after sharing 53 years of loving matrimony. A devoted mother, mother-in-law, and doting grandmother, she generously opened her home to many throughout her life, providing guidance and love when people needed her. As an electrical engineer and computer scientist, Lekha broke barriers, becoming the first woman inducted into UC Berkeley's EECS Honor Society, Eta Kappa Nu, in the early 1970s—a pioneering achievement when women rarely entered engineering. She contributed to the space shuttle program and JPL for many years, while also succeeding as an entrepreneur, authoring "The Ramayana: An Indian Epic," and becoming an excellent cook. Through active involvement in the community, she touched many lives. Her rare combination of brilliance and compassion enabled people to feel instantly valued in her presence. Lekha brought warmth and humor to every interaction, creating moments of joy that friends and family continue to share in her memory.



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Pastor Rey Guevara

GREETERS

Pritz Navaratnasingam
Arjuna Ariathurai

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GREETING

Pastor Rey Guevara

WELCOME

Vathana Ariathurai, Brother

PRAYER

Pastor Rey Guevara

HYMN

What A Friend We Have In Jesus

TRIBUTE

Neha Wickramasekaran, Daughter

EULOGY

Previn Wick, Son

PIANO TRIBUTE:

MIA & SEBASTIAN'S THEME - JUSTIN HURWITZ

Caleb Wick, Grandson

READING

JOHN 14:1-4, 18-19, 25-27

Ranjana Wickramasekaran, Daughter

WORDS OF COMFORT

Pastor Rey Guevara

HYMN

In The Sweet By and By

CLOSING BLESSING

Pastor, Rey Guevara

JOHN 14:1-4, 18-19, 25-27

Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me.

²In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.

³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.

⁴And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know.

¹⁸I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you.

¹⁹Yet a little while, and the world seeth me no more; but ye see me: because I live, ye shall live also.

²⁵These things have I spoken unto you, being yet present with you.

²⁶But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.

²⁷Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.



THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen

WHAT A FRIEND WE HAVE IN JESUS

What a friend we have in
Jesus
All our sins and griefs to bear
What a privilege to carry
Everything to God in prayer

Can we find a friend so faithful
Who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every
weakness
Take it to the Lord in prayer

O what peace we often forfeit
O what needless pain we bear
All because we do not carry
Everything to God in prayer

Are we weak and heavy-laden,
Cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge
Take it to the Lord in prayer

Have we trials and
temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be
discouraged
Take it to the Lord in prayer

Do thy friends despise, forsake
thee? Take it to the Lord in
prayer
In His arms He'll take and shield
thee,
Thou wilt find a solace there.



IN THE SWEET BY AND BY

There's a land that is fairer than
day
And by faith we can see it afar
For the Father waits over the way
To prepare us a dwelling place
there

In the sweet by and by
We shall meet on that beautiful
shore
In the sweet by and by
We shall meet on that beautiful
shore

We shall sing on that beautiful
shore
The melodious songs of the
blessed
And our spirit shall sorrow no
more
Not a sign for the blessing of
rest

In the sweet by and by
We shall meet on that beautiful
shore
In the sweet by and by
We shall meet on that beautiful
shore

To our bountiful Father above
We will offer our tribute of
praise
For the glorious gift of His love
And the blessings that hallow
our days.

In the sweet by and by
We shall meet on that beautiful
shore
In the sweet by and by
We shall meet on that beautiful
shore





Thank you

Previn Wick and Caleb Wick
Neha Wickramasekaran and Sean Comer
Ranjana Wickramasekaran
Rakesh Wickramasekaran
Rani Wickramasekaran



She greeted everyone with a smile! And then made them laugh

-Sugu

We miss this amazing, wonderful and loving lady so much

-Kumu

She was fun and full of mischief

-Kala

Kind generous funny and very stubborn, The stubbornness was an asset.

-Shantha

She will be loved always and missed greatly

-Pritz



She showed us all what was possible in a world where women aren't always welcome

-Sharmila

She was gregarious, generous and very funny. Also adventurous

-Kirupa



Your friendship has been a true gift. You are one of a kind.

-Maureen

Lekha: Thank you for the love

-Premille



