



Cherian P. Alexander

November 24, 1931 - September 5, 2020

What a blessing it was to be loved by your heart.
What a privilege it was to be raised by your wisdom.
What a pleasure it was to have worshiped by your side.
What an honor it was to have known a true disciple of Christ.

Cherian P. Alexander (Thankachan), son of late P.C. Cherian and late Thankamma Cherian, was born on November 24, 1931 in Kozhuvalloor, Kerala, India. As a member of the Perangattu Puthen Purayil family, Thankachan was raised alongside his 2 brothers, late P. Kuruvilla Cherian, and Dr. P.C. Itty, and his 5 sisters, late Rachel Varghese, late Annamma Oommen, late Mary Thomas, Elizabeth Thomas and Daisy Luke.

As the eldest son, Thankachan's determination to support his family led him to pursue a nursing degree from Catherine Booth Memorial Hospital in Nagercoil, Tamil Nadu. At the age of 21, he traveled to Bahrain to begin his nursing career. Thankachan went on to serve as a nurse in a Government Hospital in Bahrain from 1953 to 1972, and as a nurse at Aramco in Saudi Arabia from 1972 to 1974. With a loving and generous heart, Thankachan used his established career to support the education and marriage of each of his brothers and sisters, so they could continue on to be blessings for future generations.

In 1974, after thoughtful prayer and benediction, Thankachan immigrated to the U.S with his family. Thankachan diligently worked as nurse at Coney Island Hospital in Brooklyn, NY till his retirement in 1997. During this time, he also earned his Bachelor's degree in Nursing from St. Joseph's College, NY.

Thankachan was a devoted and loving husband to Annamma Alexander (Chinnamma), Koipatharayil House, Pennukkara, Kerala, India. Their holy matrimony was solemnized on February 6, 1958. Having celebrated their 62nd wedding anniversary this year, their marriage was a true testament to their steadfast faith in God and their unconditional love for their family. Thankachan was a compassionate mentor to his two sons, Dr. Cherian Alexander and Mathew

Alexander, a kind-hearted father-in-law to Tissy Alexander and Elsa Alexander, and inspirational grandfather to his grandchildren, Tanya, Ryan, Christa and Renita. Determined to nurture his children and grandchildren in faith, he spent several years helping raise his granddaughters, Tanya and Christa before moving to Dallas, Texas in 2007 to be closer to his grandson, Ryan and granddaughter, Renita.

With an aspiration to develop a church community in the U.S, Thankachan and Chinnamma were among the first families that helped lay the foundations for the first Marthoma Congregation of Greater New York, which would later branch out to become the Epiphany Marthoma Church. As an active member of Epiphany Marthoma Church in Ozone Park, NY and Sehion Marthoma Church in Dallas, TX, Thankachan was known for his powerful sermons, his intercessory prayers, and humble benedictions.

For 88 years, Thankachan diligently served as a disciple of Jesus Christ through thought, word and deed. He generously funded the education, marriage, and lives of so many of our dear family and community members. He intensely prayed over all those who knew him, and conveyed remarkable wisdom to all those who turned to him. He wrote with exceptional eloquence, spoke with powerful conviction, and shared testimony of extraordinary intelligence. He is and will always be one of God's greatest gifts.

On September 5, 2020, Cherian P. Alexander left his earthly home to be reunited with our Heavenly Father. He shall forever have a special place in our hearts, and the blessings he has bestowed upon us will be felt for generations to come.

A visitation will be held on Friday, September 11, 2020 from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at Sehion Mar Thoma Church of Dallas, 3760 14th Street, Plano, Texas 75074. A funeral service will be held at 10:00 a.m., Saturday, September 12, 2020 at the church with interment following at Rolling Oaks Memorial Center, 400 Freeport Parkway, Coppell, Texas 75019.

Memorials

Deep condolences and prayers from Ponmelil Family in Bergenfield, New Jersey. We join in solidarity and prayer in this difficult time of the loss of dear Cherian Alexander. I am the cousin brother of Thomas Varghese Thamaravelil, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Leelamma's husband and brother in law of Cherian Alexander.

PONMELIL.ABRAHAM@GMAIL.COM, SEPTEMBER 11, 2020

Dear Chinnamma Auntie, Roy, Roby, Please accept mine and the Philip family's sincere condolences . You and the whole Alexander family are in our prayer and thoughts. I fondly remember Uncle's kind and gentle demeanor and how he and aunty always welcomed me to your home in Coney Island. He fought the good fight for his God and has gone home to receive his rest and reward. May God grant you his divine peace that passes all understanding during this time of bereavement. Sincerely, Ben, Sheela and the rest of the

extended Philip Family

BENJAMIN PHILIP, SEPTEMBER 9, 2020

Holding you all in our thoughts and prayers. Praying you feel the arms of Jesus surround each of you. What joy to know he is Heaven, the ultimate fulfillment of life. One thing I know for sure is he transitioned feeling your love. The legacy he left behind is certainly one for the Kingdom of Heaven. We love you! Love, Brian, Elizabeth, My, & Bry

ELIZABETH COLLINS, SEPTEMBER 9, 2020

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