

DEDICATION TO SUSHIE JANAKIAMMA DIXON NAIDOO

PASSED AWAY ON SATURDAY 25 MAY 2013

My greetings to all of you on this very sad day.

I dedicate this tribute to my lovely, fantastic, caring and loving youngest sister who passed away on Saturday 25 May at about 10h45.

Her pain and struggle to beat cancer over the last two and half years are over. She leaves us now with the pain and sorrow to endure this immense grief and loss while she journeys to join her sister (Priscilla), who passed away on 27 March 2013 and her Uncle Billy who passed away on 8 May 2013, not forgetting her aunt Chinnamoy (Rookmoney) who passed away in December 2012. I am sure that a better place awaits her also with my late parents Dixon and Mummy, her grandparents and many other relatives.

At 54 (born 19 November 1958), she was still a young person with a young outlook that endeared her to young and old. She was a sister, cousin, aunt to a large family that she adored and lived for in every sense of the word. She was both a relative and friend to all.

Sadly she will be dearly missed by all her family, relatives, colleagues and friends, especially by her surviving sister and spouse (Shirley and Yegan), 5 brothers and their spouses (Lenny and Jane, Robin and Hamsha, Jacy and Rookoo, Asogan, Ram and Lovie and Ronnie and Rogini), her nephews and nieces and their spouses (Jessica and Jashmeer, Natasha and Daniel, Luvenia and Thiresin, Sashika and Lishan, Paroshen and Prishania, Shalendra and Michelle, Devashen, Mugen and Yogini, Aneshree and Nevashen, Divinia, Kersushar and Samesh, Salona, Lisha and Kevin, Vijay and Surie).

She also had a doting relationship with our grandchildren Shreya, Neha, Kaileshan, Kimaya, Vihan, Taylin and Kian (7).

Sushie was all people rolled into one to everyone she met and interacted with. Like her maker she was omnipresent, and maybe omnipotent. She loved everyone and served her immediate family as a mother, best friend, organizer, banker, baby-sitter, teacher/tutor and anything you asked her to be. We all relied on her in various ways so will really feel

her absence every day in our lives. She always smiled, joked and partied with all of us. She had her purpose in our lives and she did them magnificently.

It is a pity and a loss to us, and the world that a guru and a teacher of Mathematics is no more.

I have said a lot and can go on – however, I know that there will be many speakers paying tribute today. So I will not encroach on their areas of dedication.

Sushie was a student at Chatsworth High, then went to University of Durban-Westville and completed a B.PAEd, later a BEd. She also did a course in computers. She had a talent for Mathematics, computers and for Music. She loved her dance music, adored telugu music.

At the time of her diagnosis in May 2011, she was Head of Department (Sciences) at Woodview Secondary. Both her Principal and Vishnu will talk about her roles in Education.

She had a special bond with Ram, Ronnie, Hamsha and a few others here when they were all at University together and travelled in the Green VW kombi to campus. They always talked about the fun-filled days and camaraderie that they enjoyed as students.

Sushie had a gift for bringing her family and cousins together – always quick to organize or ask us to meet together for a meal or outing. This went beyond her immediate family – Sushie knew her mothers and fathers families very well, went to all the functions and took a personal interest – she knew names that I generally do not remember. She was the ‘pakka’, Andhra girl who would just visit anyone at the spur of the moment – the gathering here is a testament to her popularity.

Her nephews and nieces will fondly remember her special Diwali with presents on 24 December every year. She ensured that the nephews and nieces always exchanged gifts.

There are so many things to say today and words are superfluous and hard to come by:

I want to quickly list some of them that I would always remember and cherish her for:

1. Holidays with Sushie at Wild Coast, Sun City, Drakensberg and many other local Destinations
2. She visited Mauritius with Shirley – and since always wanted to go to India. We planned to take her this year December. Hamsha and Sushie were supposed to go to a retreat and get pampered /or just chill out while I was busy at an International event. We also thought of alternate treatment. It was not meant to be.
3. She accompanied us to Spain, Tenerife and UK for a fantastic holiday in 2001.
4. In 2010, she did a Mediterranean cruise and another Spanish holiday with us. Sushie, She was Premi's cabin mate on the cruise where we had a group of 10 people. Paroshen, Lishan, Sushie and I had the good fortune to watch Barcelona play Villareal at Camp Nou.
5. On our holidays, she had fun with her nephews and nieces, always acting like she was their ages – and believe me she fitted in with the teenagers as easily as she interacted with older folk.
6. Sashika reminded me that whenever we travelled, she sat between the children – so that the children did not fight with each other.
7. She lived with Lenny almost all her life in 46 Protea place, La Mercy.
8. She spent lots of time with me and family on holidays or as company for Hamsha and the children when I was away. She looked after our children when we went on holidays and when I spent a year in the UK.
9. She had a close bond with Jacy, as they both taught Mathematics.
10. She was close to Ram – spending a year with them in Joburg when she tried out the computer field. They also bonded together in the Andhra Maha Sabha. Ram also was her transport manager to Campus.
11. She was very close to Ronnie – they have a close bond as they were at UDW at the same time. She was Ronnies confidante and ally.

12. Sushie had a special place in her heart for Priscilla. She spent a lot of time with her when Priscilla had her difficult times. She took her shopping monthly. Now I wonder whether she wanted to be there with her again. Well Vishnu believes that is what has happened.
13. Well Shirley is now the only sister left standing – she is devastated as Sushie would just rock up anytime, eat, stay, leave. The really loved each other and I hope that Shirley will take care of herself. We feel her special pain – in losing two sisters in two months.

You know I could go on and on.

Now all I want to say Sushie, we love you. You were always special to us. She was my eldest Child as she accompanied me on many of my trips, shared many of my good times.

Thanks for all that you did for my children and all our families, your nephews and nieces. We cannot replace you, There will a pit so big that no one can fill it.

I hope that you are now in peace, Go well Dear sister. I hope that you are not tired and in any more pain and in better company. Please look over all of us and guide us to be better people.

With Love

Robin Naidoo