



Pappy Kunjukunju

August 26, 1939 - April 25, 2020

The eldest of eight children, Pappy Kunjukunju was born on August 26, 1939 to Varghese and Thankamma Chacko of Vengavilayil House Mathra, in Punalur Kerala, India. He was raised in a Pentecostal Christian home and revered God from an early age. In everything he did, Pappy looked to the Lord and sought to lead a life honoring Jesus Christ. He worked very hard and with great humility, devoting his life to God and his family, pursuing education, and enjoying spicy food.

Despite incredibly impoverished beginnings, Pappy became the valedictorian of his high school class. Shortly thereafter, he started college in hopes of becoming a scientist. But, out of deep love and respect for his family, he put his dreams on hold to provide for his parents and siblings. Eventually, Pappy resumed his studies while working full time, pursuing a degree in business, and graduated at the top of his class with a Bachelor of Commerce from the University of Ranchi in 1965.

After graduation, Pappy began working as an accountant for the National Tobacco Company of India. He soon became a valued employee but was morally conflicted as he felt that working for a company selling tobacco did not align with the Gospel. He left the company to become the manager of the General Electric Company of India and took on significant responsibilities, which required him to travel all over India on a monthly basis. While travelling,

he was able to share the love of Jesus throughout the Indian subcontinent.

On New Year's Eve in 1970, Pappy married Kunjamma Zachariah, daughter of Mr. Chakalayil Koshy Zachariah and Mrs. Aleyamma Zachariah. She was the love of his life. Over the next 49 years of marriage, they cooked spicy fried fish, gigantic turkeys, juicy steaks, and other favorites, while building a family together.

In 1974, Pappy Kunjukunju immigrated to the United States to further his education and seek a better life for his growing family. Kunjamma and their daughter, Grace, arrived a year later. It was difficult being an immigrant, but Pappy rose to the challenge. He worked full-time while simultaneously going to school to earn his Master of Business Administration from the New York Institute of Technology. He went on to become a certified public accountant and also received a certificate in management accounting. While Pappy provided for his wife and daughter, he also worked to support his brothers and sisters in India, enabling them all to receive an education.

In 1977, Pappy began working for the state of New York as a senior insurance examiner. Shortly after, his daughter Nancy was born. Six years after Nancy, his youngest child Samuel was born.

On May 8, 1990, Pappy Kunjukunju became an ordained minister through the Assemblies of God and started Faith Christian Assembly of God. In partnership with his loving wife, Pappy led many people to the Lord. As they preached the Gospel, they saw the hand of God, and witnessed countless miracles of healing.

Throughout the entire time, Pappy continued to work to provide for his family. He eventually transitioned from the public sphere to join the private sector and became the Vice President of Golden Eagle Mutual Life Insurance Company.

Pappy and Kunjamma's love and direction led their daughters to become physicians and enabled their son to obtain dual Masters in Business Administration as well as Public Health.

Several years later, Pappy returned to New York State and joined the Department of Financial Services, where he worked to help others. He greatly enjoyed working with his colleagues and continued to work until his last days on earth.

Pappy was promoted to glory to receive his eternal reward on April 25, 2020. He was dearly loved and will be deeply missed by his wife Kunjamma, son Samuel and daughter-in-law Deepika, daughters Grace and Nancy, son-in-law Adam, and grandchildren Elijah and Nathaniel.

God worked through him to touch the lives of many.

Pappy fought the good fight, he finished the race, and he kept the faith. We look forward to seeing him again in heaven.

Tribute Wall



“ *John Martin lit a candle in memory of Pappy Kunjukunju*



John Martin - July 05, 2020 at 01:22 PM

JO

“ *We were saddened to hear the news of Pastor Kunjukunju but have comfort in knowing that he is the presence of our Savior. He may not be world famous but because of him, our world changed. He prayed and brought us to the Lord with his compassion and non-judgmental love. He truly became the hands and feet of Jesus to us and others. We are praying for the comfort of the Holy Spirit for Kunjamama, Grace, Nancy and Sam.
From: Baby, Mani and children*

Joseph - June 02, 2020 at 09:12 PM

JP

“ *We have known Pappy for many years. Whenever he is on his business trip to upstate New York, he made sure he visited us to show his love by bringing something we liked. He was staunch Pentecostal and a dedicated husband to his wife. He loved his children immensely.*

John and Mary Panayil - May 08, 2020 at 05:07 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Pappy Kunjukunju.



May 06, 2020 at 08:33 AM



“ I didn't meet Uncle Pappy in this world, but I pray that I will meet him in heaven. He blessed me greatly through my good friend and prayer partner, Sam. By being friends with his son, I can see that he was a kind and disciplined man of God and a good parent too. My heart grieves with you all today. I know that words don't heal the pain of loss, so I pray that God sends you comfort, peace and the fondest memories to cheer you up when you feel down. This song helps me when I am hurting and I pray it helps you too... <https://youtu.be/2DorNUsi5LE>.

When we all get to heaven... What a day of rejoicing that will be. Until then, please take heart and stay in the hands of the Almighty Father. I pray that Uncle Pappy rests peacefully in Him as well.

Monique Noel-Gunter - May 06, 2020 at 02:29 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Pappy Kunjukunju.



May 03, 2020 at 09:24 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Pappy Kunjukunju.*



May 03, 2020 at 09:16 AM



“ *May the love and mercy of our Lord be bestowed upon kunj Ammachi and family during this unfortunate time. Our most heartfelt condolences
Kindest regards,
Ponnamma Mathew, Sherly and family(kerala)*

Sheba Reni George - May 03, 2020 at 12:33 AM



“ *With Our Deepest Sympathy Gift Basket was purchased for the family of Pappy Kunjukunju.*



May 02, 2020 at 08:53 PM

MM

“ Thinking of uncle and all the wonderful memories we have shared. We will miss listening to stories about his childhood in India, and worshipping together. Uncle’s love for Jesus and his family is inspiring. Aunty, Grace, Nancy, Sam and Dee: the loss of uncles life is immense and we pray God eases the pain you are feeling. Knowing uncle was an honor and we will forever cherish the time we spent.

Our prayers are with you.
Love always,
Mehra Family

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=Sc6SSHuZvQE>

Megha Mehra - May 02, 2020 at 07:49 PM

SP

“ Dearest family, my condolences to each one of you. May God comfort each one of you during this time of loss of a wonderful man of God I came to know briefly when I was a 7 or 8 year old boy in Coimbatore, India. I remember meeting uncle when he was a bachelor & working for GE and then driving to Kerala with him for his wedding with my dad, the late Pr. P S Philipose who was his mentor and almost an older brother. We were his family during his time there. I remember him as a man of few words and a gentle spirit.

Thanking God for the blessed assurance of seeing all our loved ones again when we all get to heaven.

Sam Philip
Florida

sam philip - May 02, 2020 at 07:45 PM

DC

“ To Sam and the Kunjukunju family, we are so sorry for your loss. Wishing God’s grace and protection over your family, to help you heal from this hurt. You are in our prayers, and we are here for you.

Dr Laura Commeh-Darko - May 02, 2020 at 07:40 PM

KA

“ Kunjumama and Dear Ones,

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cTa8IGSKfqs>

May our Lord bless and comfort you and your family during this time of grief. Prayers and Fond memories are what we have to remember for our dearly departed (kunjukunju achayan).

Our most heartfelt condolences:
(Kunjamma George , My Mother),Loui, Shiny, Gregory and Kazia.

kazia - May 02, 2020 at 05:12 PM

MT

Dear kunjammamma and children,sorry to hear the sudden departure of kunjkunju uncle. Deepest condolences from pastor philipose,s children from Florida.

mercy thomson - May 02, 2020 at 05:27 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Pappy Kunjukunju.



May 02, 2020 at 04:28 PM

RN

“ *My condolences to the Kunjukunju family on this occasion.*

I know the love and the dedication that suffuses your family, following the example set by Mr Pappy. I pray that the knowledge of his love sustains your family, and allows you the ability to grieve, while still celebrating the memory of him.

Rhea Newton - May 02, 2020 at 02:26 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Pappy Kunjukunju.*



May 02, 2020 at 02:17 PM

SC

“ *For my dearest friend, Grace, mom, and family, I am saddened to hear of the passing of Dad, Pappy. I am so grateful to God that I was able to cross paths with such a father that was so honorable and faithful to his faith and family. My family and I will continue to keep you and your family in our thoughts and prayers. We love you all! The Clark and the Rasasack family.*

Soukhy Clark - May 02, 2020 at 11:31 AM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Pappy Kunjukunju.*



May 02, 2020 at 11:23 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Pappy Kunjukunju.*



May 02, 2020 at 10:26 AM



“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Samuel Koshy - May 02, 2020 at 09:43 AM



Praying for Auntie Kunjamma, Grace, Nancy and family, Sam and family during this time of bereavement. We grieve with the hope that we will be reunited with Uncle Kunjukunju when our Lord returns. Samuel and Sonia Koshy, Bangalore

Samuel Koshy - May 02, 2020 at 09:50 AM



“ *Deepest condolences to all in the family. we will meet him again when Christ comes. Let us prepare ourselves to meet him as he comes with Christ in the mid-air.*

Pastor. Paul Ponraj, PCI Coimbatore - May 02, 2020 at 09:07 AM

EK

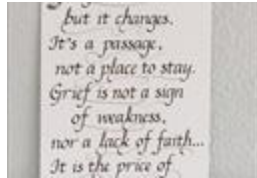
Our heartfelt condolences prayers for our beloved family of Rev. Pappy Kunjukunju. We as a family knew this man of God from 1974. He was a mighty prayer warrior, prophet, humble servant always on call for the needs of others.

*When We Meet our lord we shall see him also in the other shore.
Ev. Thomas Kuttipurathu and family New York.*

Ev. Thomas Kuttipurathu - May 02, 2020 at 11:19 AM

JT

“ *My heartfelt condolences to Sam and the entire Kunjukunju family. My prayers are with you during this difficult time.*



Juliet Thomas - May 01, 2020 at 10:57 PM

RF

“ *Rev. M.S. Samuel, Stephen, Sharon & their Families purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Pappy Kunjukunju.*



Rev. M.S. Samuel, Stephen, Sharon & their Families - May 01, 2020 at 10:51 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Pappy Kunjukunju.*



May 01, 2020 at 10:17 PM

RO

“ Sending love and prayers to the Kunjukunju family. Sam is a dear friend and a testament to the faith which you instilled in your family. You have fought the good fight and we pray that your name and family will always be remembered for good!

Rotimi - May 01, 2020 at 07:43 PM

JM

“ So sad to hear about Pappy. He was an intelligent and kind human who I never saw angry or heard him say a bad word about anybody. It was an honor to work with him at the Insurance Department.

John Mansfield - May 01, 2020 at 07:01 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Pappy Kunjukunju.



May 01, 2020 at 04:40 PM

SG

“ My deepest sympathies go out to you and your family. Remembering Uncle today and praising God for the influence he had on all our lives. His ministry and love for God and his people has touched our lives. Grateful for his love for the Word and for his devotion to serving and leading many to Christ. He will be greatly missed. May God give you strength, peace, and comfort. Sending you all much love.

Subin George - May 01, 2020 at 02:44 PM

MM

“ *May the soul of the dearly departed Rest In Peace and Serenity. Our deepest condolences for you and prayers for the beloved for the journey to the almighty.*

Monica Mitter - May 01, 2020 at 02:20 PM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Pappy Kunjukunju.*



May 01, 2020 at 12:54 PM

OA

“ *My deepest condolences to the Kunjukunju family. My heart goes out to you in this time of mourning and sorrow. May the memory of your father give you comfort, and his legacy live through you all. God Bless your family.*

Olachi Amadi - May 01, 2020 at 12:37 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Pappy Kunjukunju.*



May 01, 2020 at 12:37 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Pappy Kunjukunju.*



May 01, 2020 at 11:05 AM



“ *Dr. Grace, my deepest condolences to you and your family. Your father has left a wonderful legacy as a true man of God. Be comforted in the arms of Jesus. Love, Lillian Maymi*

Lillian Maymi - May 01, 2020 at 10:56 AM



“ *We are so sorry for your loss. May God bless his soul and comfort your family. - Jismi and Johny*

Jismi - May 01, 2020 at 10:54 AM



“ *I met Pappy when the Banking Dept and Insurance Dept merged to create DFS. We were PEF union stewards. Pappy, was dedicated to his fellow union brothers and sisters. He always had a smile and a willing spirit. Pappy, you will be missed.*



*Suzette Grant
Executive Board Member
DFS (Banking)*

Suzette Grant - May 01, 2020 at 10:53 AM

DF

“ *Earth’s loss, but Heaven’s gain. A man who lead by example. May the Lord continue to comfort the family. May the work that Pappy Kunjukunju started continue through those who knew him. God bless you*

Dominique Fields-Mensah - May 01, 2020 at 10:48 AM



“ *Condolences and prayers for your family. God is the Ultimate healer of your broken hearts.*



Renée RC - May 01, 2020 at 10:31 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Pappy Kunjukunju.*



April 30, 2020 at 03:12 PM



“ *A New Sunrise Spray was purchased for the family of Pappy Kunjukunju.*



April 30, 2020 at 12:08 PM

VP

“ Sending my love, condolences and prayers to the Kunjukunju family at this time. Pappy leaves a wonderful legacy that many have been blessed by, including me. Love you!

Victoria Pierre - April 30, 2020 at 11:47 AM

MC

“ Dearest Kunjukunju family ,

My deepest sympathy for this great loss. Mr Kunjukunju was humane, loving , a fighter and above all a beautiful christian. He is now at peace. Sending my love to all of you during this very difficult time.

With love,
Maria Capparelli

maria capparelli - April 30, 2020 at 09:24 AM

ES

“ Condolences to the Kunjukunju family! Pappy was my supervisor at NYDFS while I was still a trainee. He was such an educated and kind man! May he rest in peace. You'll be missed Pappy.

Ergys Shanaj

Ergys Shanaj - April 29, 2020 at 02:29 PM