



## Dr. Venu Gopal M.D.

April 17, 1953 - August 27, 2022

Dr. Venu Gopal was born on April 17, 1953 to Chickballapur and Kamala Nagappa in Kolar, India and passed away suddenly on August 27, 2022 in Auberry, California at the age of 69.

Dr. Gopal was the Chief Forensic Pathologist for the Fresno County Sheriff-Coroner's Office for nearly 30 years. He was a congregant of the Hindu Temple of Fresno where he led many events. His witty sense of humor and his devout faith will sorely be missed by all who knew him.

Dr. Gopal is survived by his loving wife, Swarna Gopal and his children, Sapna Gopal and Samarth Gopal of Clovis. He will also be missed his extended family at the Fresno County Sheriff-Coroner's office and the countless family and friends that have been touched by this great man.

A private visitation and family service will be held at Chapel of the Light Funeral Home and Crematory.

A celebration of his life will be held at the Cross City Church on Friday, September 9, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. Family, friends and colleagues are invited to attend.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

SEP 9. 10:00 AM (PT)

Cross City Christian Church  
2777 E Nees Ave,  
Fresno, CA 93722

# Tribute Wall

RA

“ Venu you are an unforgettable friend of the century, I knew Venu since we were in PPC at Bangalore medical college . You were the only one with whom I used to share my personal thoughts and all my joy and miseries,

Venu, why did you leave us making all of us orphans. Venu you were a friendly amicable and ever joyful, you were not just a best friend to me but for all.

You were helpful to anyone who came to you requesting help. You were a universal donor of courtesy kindness and help. Why did you leave us so sudden?

I missed your company to Egypt trip, you had promised me that you will come. You rejoiced and entertained everyone in South Africa tour. It was an unforgettable moment of my life, I cried everyday for you Venu. Sometimes, I get angry with the God who took you away from us, but you are in my heart and soul. Your sweet memories are in my heart for ever. You are an indelible eternal immortal soul who always cherished in my life . We love you Venu.

Swarna I only pray god to help you recover from this devastating tragedy,.

let his almighty give you lots of strength and courage to bear this untimely sorrow  
respectfully with my few tear drops to departed soul.

Rajagopal. New York.

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Rajagopal - October 08, 2022 at 09:35 AM



“ Dr. Venu Gopal M.D.

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September 15, 2022 at 09:34 PM



“ [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was purchased for the family of Dr. Venu Gopal M.D..

September 10, 2022 at 10:03 AM

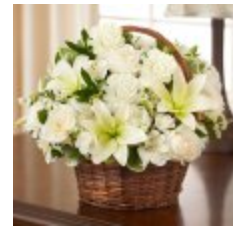


“ My heart is heavy for my dear friend Swarna in losing her beautiful husband and best friend, and her two children who lost a beautiful father. You were all blessed for the beautiful family he created and feel in my heart how proud he was of his family and the love he had for his family. Praying for strength during the most difficult time in your live. God Bless.

**LILLIAN ULLOA** - September 09, 2022 at 04:47 PM



“ Valerie Rawitch retired coworker purchased the Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- All White for the family of Dr. Venu Gopal M.D..



**Valerie Rawitch retired coworker** - September 09, 2022 at 12:17 AM



“ Fresno PD CSI purchased the Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket for the family of Dr. Venu Gopal M.D..



**Fresno PD CSI** - September 08, 2022 at 08:58 PM

KP

“ I loved working with Dr. Gopal through the CCEMS Trauma Audit Committee and the Fresno County Child Death Review Team. Dr. Gopal was an incredibly kind person and always had a smile on his face. I loved working together to think of solutions to help keep Fresno County children safe from preventable injury. He will absolutely be missed. Sending my deepest sympathies and love to his family and colleagues.

-Kristina Pasma

Valley Children's Hospital and Safe Kids Central California

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**Kristina Pasma** - September 08, 2022 at 02:51 PM

KS

“ Dr. Gopal successfully played one of the best pranks on me during my first visit to the Coroner's Office. He was always positive, willing to help, funny, and truly loved teaching us about the science of pathology and its day-to-day operations. He could always be counted on to simplify our queries down to the essence of what it was we, and the jury, needed to know. He made this job better on its darkest days, and I will miss him for it.

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**Kelly Smith** - September 02, 2022 at 02:18 PM

BN

Dr Venu as we knew him was a kind of person who was always helpful and cheerful . I remember him attending most of friend's gatherings whether the marriages of their children or any other functions . May his soul Rest In Peace . Om Shanthi  
Nirgunarthy

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**brahm Nirgunarthy** - September 03, 2022 at 03:50 PM

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“ *The Franco Family purchased the Red & White Sympathy Floor Basket for the family of Dr. Venu Gopal M.D..*



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**The Franco Family** - September 02, 2022 at 01:47 PM

GF

“ *1 file added to the album Tribute Wall*



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**George J Franco** - September 02, 2022 at 01:32 PM

GF

*I will miss you my friend*

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**George J Franco** - September 02, 2022 at 06:57 PM

SV

*Miss him alot. Do not have words to describe his kindness to anyone who approached him. The community will miss his presence. Pray for his wife and two children. A beautiful family suffered a great loss. Mahanty.*

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**Satya Mahanty, a friend of Dr. Venugopal** - September 03, 2022 at 10:23 PM

GF

“ *I worked with Dr. Gopal for 9 years and he would introduce us to Detectives or Upper Management as The A Team. I have included a picture. I will miss you constantly teaching me about Forensics Good-by my Friend and Brother.*

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**George J Franco** - September 02, 2022 at 01:14 PM



“ *Healing Tears - Lavender and White was purchased for the family of Dr. Venu Gopal M.D..*



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September 01, 2022 at 07:41 PM



“ *Dr. Gopal, your human kindness for those you met including me. I had the pleasure of working near you. Thank you sir for a life well lived.*



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**Tamra Coates** - September 01, 2022 at 08:58 AM