



## Kiritkumar Dhirajlal Chatatwala

December 17, 1948 - December 15, 2024

Dr. Kirit D. Chatatwala died unexpectedly at the age of 75 on December 15, 2024, at his residence in Springville, AL. He was born on December 17, 1948, in Surat, India to the late Mr. and Mrs. Dhirajlal T. Chatatwala. He came to America in 1970 as a graduate student at Mississippi State University enrolled in a medical microbiology program; he received his M.S. in 1973 and Ph.D. in 1978. He met his wife Sherry Ann Melton from Durant, Mississippi in 1972 who was also in graduate school at the same university. They married on June 11, 1977, at the Chapel of Memories on campus. Kirit was a Renaissance man. He excelled in teaching college classes and conducting research with articles published in scientific journals. He had a continued interest in broadening his already extensive knowledge and working in regard to environmental issues even after retirement. Kirit served on a school board for many years and volunteered with various agencies

and charities, sometimes even serving on their boards.

He had a lifelong interest in participating in sports such as cricket, tennis, handball, racquetball, and more recently pickleball. He preferred participating over watching sports unless his grandchildren were playing.

He is survived by his wife Sherry, their three daughters Heather (Brian) Sloss, Kendra (Adam)

Outlaw, Marah (Eric) Small and six grandchildren Mikaela Sloss, Kenna, Sawyer, and Canaan

Outlaw, Holland and Ruthie Small, his brother Mukesh (Kamini), two nieces Mansi (Vikram)

Randeri and Krishna (Yagnesh) Kikaganeshwala and one great nephew, Rishi Randeri. He

enjoyed a host of friends and family in America and abroad.

Above all, Kirit was known best for his generosity and joyful disposition. He never met a

stranger and would do anything for his friends and family. He was light in the lives of those who loved him most.

A celebration of Kirit's life will be held at 11:00 am on Saturday, December 28, 2024, at New Life

Baptist Church, 1405 Simpson Road, Odenville, AL.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to New Life Baptist Church for its many

missions and ministries to "Love God, Love Others".

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

DEC 28. 11:00 AM (CT)

New Life Baptist Church  
1405 Simpson Road  
Odenville, AL

# Tribute Wall

MC

“ *Mukesh Chatpatwala lit a candle in memory of Kiritkumar Chatpatwala*



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**Mukesh Chatpatwala** - December 28, 2024 at 12:01 PM

DC

“ *My professional colleague and best family friend for more than 35 years. We cherished his association and his friendship. Always smiling with helping nature Kirit was a great family man and community person always would like to help others. We greatly miss him. Our deepest condolences to the family. May his soul rest in peace.*

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**Dr. Chellu S Chetty** - December 28, 2024 at 09:41 AM

MC

“ Dr kirit Chapatwala was my older brother and there are lot of things i can think about him. He was very honest, very helping, very reasonable person, never get angry with any one. In his whole life he scarified a lot for everyone. As such he did his job as a good son, he did his job as brother, he did his job as husband and he did his job as wonderful father and finally he did good job towards his 6 grandchildren. Beside this he love to help people's so he was doing volunteer work for church, volunteering for food bank and try to share food for needy people. Being a brother he was very much worried for my health and at least one a week he call me and we talk about my health, his health etc. as such we never talk about money. During our phone call we had many times lot of argument, discussion but at the end of day everything back to normal. Next day morning new day new beginning. Being a husband he took so much care for his wife sherry, his wife had few health issues but he was always ready to help her for all the work. When we were in school college his desire to do charity work and many time I made comments also that you wanted to do charity work and you did your whole life charity work for parents, for me, for his family and besides these volunteers work at church, food bank, school college. Let me share few more things that in end of 2023 one of my cousins from father side passed away and I made comments also that kirit now we are the oldest persons left after that one my other cousins from my mother side in March and I made the same comment that Kirit we are the oldest people left in family. But I did not know that my comments became reality. When I see for last 6 months, now I can recollect that for last six months he started to say FINAL GOOD BYE to every one. He meet so many people. He left everybody without any notice it. For me it's shocking news that on Saturday sound he had his final birthday party with his wife and with family and Saturday midnight he left. He left so many peoples behind just tears in their eyes. As I had only one brother I will remember rest of my life every day and every second. I hope he is really in RIP. I also hope that GOD will take care of him and also hope that in heaven



*also he will be take of charity work for everyone. Last but not least  
GOD BLESSED HIM AND HIS SOUL. Love you brother and will  
miss you and your voice for rest of my life.*

**Mukesh Chapatwala** - December 28, 2024 at 08:52 AM

MA

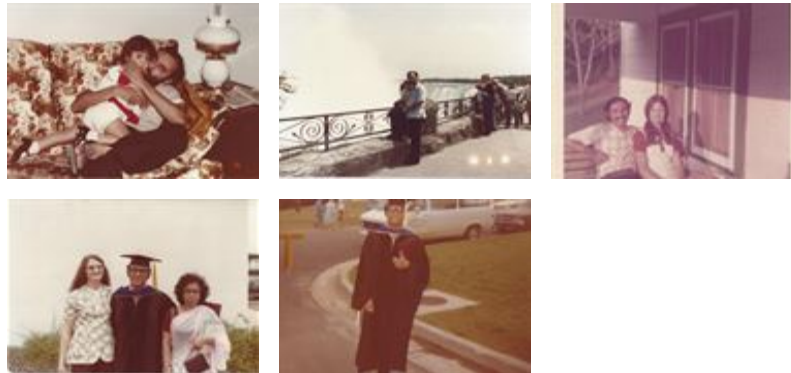
“ *Mark, Allison, Estella, and Avaline purchased the  
Lily and Rose Tribute Spray for the family of  
Kiritkumar Dhirajlal Chapatwala.*



**Mark, Allison, Estella, and Avaline** - December 27, 2024 at  
11:45 AM



“ *110 files added to the album Life Tributes*



**Deerfoot Memorial Funeral Home** - December 26, 2024 at 09:05 AM



“ *A [Memorial  
Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Kiritkumar Dhirajlal Chapatwala.*

December 25, 2024 at 09:17 AM

YF

“ Your PPM Family purchased the Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet for the family of Kiritkumar Dhirajlal Chapatwala.



Your PPM Family - December 24, 2024 at 12:03 PM

TF

“ The Wallace Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Kiritkumar Dhirajlal Chapatwala.



The Wallace Family - December 21, 2024 at 04:43 PM

KM

“ Kim M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kiritkumar Dhirajlal Chapatwala.

Kim M. - December 21, 2024 at 08:05 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Kiritkumar Dhirajlal Chapatwala.



December 20, 2024 at 10:14 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Kiritkumar Dhirajlal Chapatwala.

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December 20, 2024 at 10:14 PM