

## *Celebration of the life of* **John & Sany Abraham**



Sany and John Abraham passed away within 56 hours of each other on September 18<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> in Austin, Texas. 56 also happened to be their favorite card game. As they were together in life for the past 65 years, they are now together in death. John was born on January 25, 1933 at home in Vengola, Kerala and Sany was born on September 17, 1933 in Vaikom, Kerala. They met at a mutual relative's house in Trivandrum in 1956. What followed was a 5-year courtship that ended up in marriage in 1961, a "love" marriage that was extremely unusual for their time.

They are survived by their son Jay Abraham (Anne Mathew) of Chicago, daughter Dr. Ann Abraham of Austin, and son, Lisbi Abraham (Karen) of Cary, NC; and five grandchildren Summer, Devin, Silas, Leila and Kira.

After marriage, they moved to Canada for John's graduate studies and then in 1970, they immigrated to the United States, settling in Cranston, Rhode Island. After raising their kids, they retired to Austin, TX in 1998, first living in River Place, then moving to Lake Pointe before becoming founding members of Longhorn Village in Steiner Ranch.

They were both deeply religious and spent time welcoming newcomers from Kerala to the RI area, helping them get settled and introduced to US life. They enjoyed spending time with friends, exercising and playing the card game 56. Sany became well known for creating and sharing origami butterflies and flowers, which by now have spread around the world. After she moved to Longhorn Village, she broadened her creative skills by learning acrylic and oil painting, giving many of her loved ones a painting which now decorates their homes. John enjoyed watching all sports, particularly football, and following politics, both national and church. He and Sany enjoyed welcoming newcomers to the Austin area and became respected elders of the community that people came to for guidance and advice.

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