



## Jyantkumar Shankerlal Pandya

March 3, 1943 - March 22, 2020

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Jayantkumar Shankerlal Pandya on March 22, 2020, at the age of 77 years.

Jay was a native of Rajkot, India where he spent his childhood years. He received a degree in Civil Engineering from IIT Madras (now Chennai). He went on to get his MBA and move to the United States. He lived in Mt. Laurel, NJ for much of his life and then retired in Ormond Beach, Florida to be close to his children and grandchildren.

Throughout his career, he became involved (and later become an Expert in Project Management) in some of the world's largest civil engineering projects such as the Channel Tunnel between France and England and Boston's Big Dig. He was involved and was key to the start of the of Construction Litigation practice at Deloitte. He retired as a partner from Deloitte.

In his free time, Jay enjoyed watching all sports and enjoyed playing golf and tennis. Recently, his favorite sport to watch was his grandson's soccer games.

Jay is survived by his loving wife of 50 years, Aruna, sons Mehul (Neha) and Nirav (Simoli), grandson Neil, and granddaughter Riana.

Service will be private due to travel restrictions.

# Comments

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“ Dear Aruna:

I just heard this sad news this evening. I have regarded Jay as both a mentor and a friend. We had multiple meals together and he also presented a wonderful lecture to my students. We lost a wonderful and gentle human being.

May the Almighty bless his soul and support you and the family.

**Amr Oloufa** - April 14 at 09:18 PM

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“ Dear Aruna, Mehul and Nirav,

I am so very sorry to hear that Jay has passed. He will surely be remembered for his gentle, giving nature. I remember well one day both of you came down your driveway and walked towards my house. We talked and Jay grabbed Aruna's hand and held it close. Two beautiful people glad to have each other. They both made you feel like you were their best friend. It's been many years but the impression they left me with is not forgotten. And they raised two extremely kind sons.

God bless this wonderful family.

**Marie Wilson** - April 07 at 10:13 PM

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“ I cannot imagine having better neighbors than the entire Pandya family, and my family was fortunate to grow up next door to them through the 80s and 90s. Mr. Pandya was such a sweet man who clearly cared deeply for his family and was always supportive of Mehul, Nirav, and the entire crew of kids in the neighborhood. He and Mrs. Pandya were also great friends of my parents which continued after my family moved out of state. He was definitely one of the great role models for being a father and a friend, and I feel fortunate to have known him.

Our deepest condolences.

MN Wilson Family (Jim, Amy, Zander, and Kiana)

**Jim Wilson** - April 01 at 11:03 AM

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“ Jayenth Uncle was our advisor in life who will forever live in our heart and memories. I will cherish our conversations about our Phillies. He will be deeply missed

**Alpa Shah** - March 31 at 09:44 AM



“ I am deeply saddened by Jayanth bhai’s loss. I have lost a younger brother who was my guidance in life. He brought so much to mine and Kapil’s life. I now have both of my strong pillars looking down on me. My deepest sympathy and love to Aruna, Mehul, Nirav and family.

**Sheela Shah** - March 31 at 09:40 AM

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“ Jayenth uncle will be greatly missed. He was our advisor in so much of our daily lives. I will miss our Phillies talks.

**Alpa** - March 30 at 05:15 PM

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“ Jay was also one of my mentors while I worked in Deloitte’s Construction Practice in Philadelphia from 2000 to 2007 when I transferred to the LA office. Those really were the good old days in the Philly office. After I moved, I still stayed in touch with Jay and worked on a couple projects with him but it was never really the same. I miss those Philly days and I miss the team work that went into everything we did in which Jay was such a huge part. He helped build the team and helped mentor and teach many of us. He was great to work with and I learned a lot of things from Jay that have continued to help me in my consulting career even today. I will miss Jay and I will always remember him. My sincere condolences to Aruna and family.

**Mike Kling** - March 28 at 11:26 PM

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**RICHARD W. AMMAN** - March 28 at 03:06 PM

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“ Aruna, Mehul, Nirav,

Trish and I are saddened by the news of Jayant’s passing and want to offer you and your families our deepest sympathy. As neighbors on Chalmers Court we valued his warmth and friendship. He was always ready with a smile and willing to share stories

about your growing family. Yes, Jay was successful in the business world. But he was most successful as a husband and father. His love and pride for you always came through in all he said and did. Please know that we are praying for you at this time of loss and will always remember Jay and the friendship we shared.

Rich and Trish Amman

**RICHARD W. AMMAN** - March 28 at 02:58 PM

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“ One of my favorite country songs is Humble and Kind, this song is a perfect description of Jay. He was one of the kindest people I have ever met. His role of a Father is a model all of us Fathers should try to simulate.

I am a better person for knowing Jay.

**Seth D Ellis** - March 26 at 10:39 AM

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“ Aruna:  
Jay was one of my mentors at MDC in 1981. He was always the perfect gentleman. He had a lot of patience and was highly respected for his technical expertise by his peers.

Years later, Jay was the Expert Witness on a litigation claim involving the production and manufacture of chemical protection suits and we, on the defense side, thought he had won the case for his client because of his excellent presentation. However, it was not to be. But Jay took the judge's decision in stride and we spoke about it often - even as late as last year. In this loss he really showed his gracefulness.

In our calls he would always update me on your well-being, and how both Neha and Nirav, were progressing in their respective careers. Recently, he spoke more about his grand-children which he would always speak about with pride and end in a chuckle.

Nancy and I send you our condolences, and in these hard times, hope you find comfort and support from one another and especially from his grand-children.

With Sympathy, Chris and Nancy Mather.

**Chris Mather** - March 26 at 10:26 AM

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“ Dear Aruna, Mehul, Nirav and family,  
Nothing can be said that would soften the blow of losing the kind and gentle man that we all knew Jay to be.  
I first met Jay in 1980 when I was hired at MDC Systems. My first day on the job I hadn't a clue about what I was doing there, but Jay had faith in me and got me up and running in short order. Still, it took several years before I appreciated his sense of humor.  
In 1985 we worked together in Saudi Arabia at a dusty, desert bound construction site that didn't have much going for it. Every morning we would brush away the fine dust that had seeped into the trailer overnight so that we could share tea together as we worked. And every day we bolted through the blazing mid-day heat to the mess hall for lunch. We spent nearly all our waking hours together.  
On these projects, Jay was a “big picture” thinker but I was constantly vexed by the details that didn't always fit his big picture. Consequently, Jay and I were often at loggerheads over an analysis. We had many a spirited discussion that probably alarmed the staff but we always managed to produce a meaningful report, thanks to Jay's insights.  
Jay was very important to the arc of my professional life. I had left the construction analysis business in the early 1990s to “do my own thing”: things like sailing and house carpentry, and I more or less forgot about my days at MDC Systems. But Jay didn't forget about me.  
In the late 1990s, when Jay and Peter Wallace were putting together a construction management and claims analysis department at Deloitte, Jay gave me a call and asked if I was interested in joining them. I was completely tied up as executor of my mother's estate and had to turn down Jay's offer.  
But Jay persisted. He called again just as I was wrapping up the estate work, so I agreed to give it a try. It was the best decision I could have made. In conjunction with Jay, I did my best work at Deloitte. I was never sure that was the case. But Jay would often say to me: “Oh Keet, I have more confidence in you than you have in yourself.” He could always raise a smile.  
After Jay retired from Deloitte he and I worked freelance on several projects that Jay somehow managed to shake out of the bushes. We didn't have an office; we worked out of the Pandya kitchen in Mt. Laurel, NJ. It was pretty much the same as before: Jay would have an insight as to what the final answer was then we'd spend days fighting about how to prove it.  
There was one perk to working that way that I didn't have at any other time in my professional career: every day Aruna prepared some fantastic combination of Indian dishes for Jay and me to enjoy at lunch time. Flavors available nowhere else!  
These and many, many other remembrances of Jay are firmly woven into the fabric of my life. I miss him but never will forget him.  
With Sympathy,  
Kit Leary

Kit Leary - March 25 at 11:59 PM

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“ Our deepest condolences to Nirav and family.

Colonel and Mrs Howard L. Borst  
USAF Ret.

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“ Jayant Bhai will be greatly missed. If there were a single word to describe him, it would be "honorable". He was a gentleman in the true sense of the word.

We met Jayant Bhai and Aruna Ben back in 1974 having been introduced through a mutual friend. We clicked immediately because we shared similar values and goals. Through the years there were many instances in which Jayant Bhai revealed himself to be caring, kind and above all, respectful of all faiths.

The one instance that stands out in our memories is the time that Jayant Bhai had just returned from a business trip to Jeddah in Saudi Arabia. Jeddah is in close proximity to Mecca, a city that is the site of the Hajj and revered by us as Muslims. Although a devout and observant Hindu, Jayant Bhai told us that while in Jeddah, he had prayed especially for us (without even our asking) that we may have an opportunity to complete the Hajj. The One Divine Creator who made us all, listens to the prayers of a good man and soon after we did indeed complete the Hajj.

The last time that Jayant Bhai and Aruna Ben had come to South Jersey, we were fortunate enough to spend some time with them at our home. It is a memory that we will always cherish. He was his usual pleasant self and despite some health issue, optimistic about his prognosis and looking forward to travels with Aruna Ben. He had brought with him a flowering orchid as a gift for us. That orchid sits on our garden window and is currently blooming with exquisitely colored purple and white blossoms. Jayant Bhai's memory also blooms in our hearts and fills it with beauty and sweetness. May he rest in peace.

We extend our deepest and profound sympathies to Aruna Ben and the entire Pandya family. May the Good Lord grant you comfort and strength.

Amir and Farhat Biviji



Amir and Farhat Biviji - March 25 at 08:29 PM

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“ Aruna, Mehul, Nirav and family,

The Barrett family is very sadden to hear of the passing of our friend, Jayant Pandya, your husband and father. Our hearts are broken for you as you deal with his passing. We are praying for you as you grieve and celebrate his life. We will always remember the friendship and great times that we shared.

With sympathy and love,

The Barrett's

**Wayne Barrett** - March 25 at 07:55 PM

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“ With Love, Dan, Kristen, and Camden DiVico purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Jayantkumar Shankerlal Pandya.



**With Love, Dan, Kristen, and Camden DiVico** - March 25 at 06:57 PM

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“ To Jay's family, I had the privilege of knowing Jay through a number of years of work association at Day & Zimmermann, years in which he showed us all that while he was a gentle man and always a gentleman, he had an underlying firmness to integrity that always characterized his consulting accomplishments and was highly valued by all of us who worked with him. God's love be with him now and you all as his life is celebrated. John Stetson

**John Stetson** - March 25 at 05:27 PM

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“ I'd like to say goodbye to my dear friend and mentor. You'll never be forgotten.

Mike D'Onofrio

**Michael D'Onofrio** - March 25 at 04:58 PM

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“ Dear Mrs. Pandya, Mehul, Nirav and the family,

I was very saddened to hear of Jay's passing.

Jay was a very special man and someone who will never be forgotten. He will be greatly missed but his warmth, kindness will be remembered forever. I will surely miss a truly lovable and kind person.

The principles by which he lived and the love and care he showed all the time has left a lasting impression in me. I am definitely a better person today for having known him.

Both Amanda and I send our deepest condolences and wish you immense strength to cope with this huge loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.

With Sympathy,  
Dev & Amanda

**Dev Basu** - March 24 at 06:44 AM