



Dr. Srinivasa Leelamma

May 11, 1936 - October 20, 2024

Dr. Srinivasa G. Leelamma (affectionately known as Leela), peacefully passed away on Sunday, October 20, 2024 in Orlando, FL at the age of 88.

Leela is survived by her three brothers and three sisters, residing between India and the United States. She was preceded in death by two of her brothers and one sister.

Leela was born on May 11, 1936 in T. Narsipur, Karnataka, India to G. Sreenivasa Gopalachar & Alamelamma. After earning her bachelor's and Masters of Science degrees in Hyderabad, India, she moved to Canada in 1965 to pursue her PhD. While residing in Canada, Leela earned her doctorate degree from Marathwada University in Aurangabad, Maharashtra, India. In 1968, Leela joined the State University of New York (SUNY) in Geneseo, where she educated a countless number of students for 35 years before retiring in 2003. In addition to her day to day work as a professor, Leela was also very active in the academic community, traveling the world to both attend & give lectures. Leela was honored with the excellence in teaching award by the SUNY school system.

Leela was an incredibly loving, supportive and charitable person. She was a pillar of strength and support for her family members, never hesitated to help someone in need, and was a passionate advocate for the transformative

power of education. In her retirement, she established multiple scholarships to continue providing opportunities to deserving students.

Her cremation is scheduled for 9 AM EST on Friday, October, 25, 2024 at DeGusipe Funeral Home in Maitland, FL. All are welcome to attend and celebrate Leela's life.

Previous Events

Public Viewing

OCT **25.** 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

DeGusipe Funeral Home & Crematory
9001 N. Orlando Avenue
Maitland, FL 32751
<https://www.facebook.com/DeGusipeFH/>

Hindu Service

OCT **25.** 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dr. Srinivasa Leelamma.*



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“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Dr. Srinivasa Leelamma.

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“ Leela used to visit my grandfather’s home at Mysore when Sundarramu was studying at that place. Later she visited Hampi with a colleague from USA to study mathematical formulae sculpted on stone pillars there. She came to our home also at Chennai. When it was time for leave for USA, I engaged a taxi and we left home. As gas for cars was rationed during the late ‘80s, the taxi driver drove in the opposite direction to find a petrol bunk to fill up his car tank. This caused some delay, but not too much. I left her at the airport and returned home at night. Next morning, Parthu rang me up to tell me that Leela’s seat had been allocated to a wait listed passenger ! After her protest, the airline’s accommodated her in the next morning’s flight. Then I rushed to the airport and met her there. She had slept on some table top, as possibly she was not aware that the airlines are supposed to provide free accommodation for such passengers.

The last time I met her was on the 22nd and the 23rd May 2014 during my son’s marriage there. She with Sheshadri helped us in many to conduct the marriage properly ! This is just a gist of our memories of Leela and thought of sharing with all family members.

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