



Elizabeth Johnnie

June 25, 1949 - March 21, 2025

Dr. Elizabeth Johnnie, 75, of Pearland, TX, passed away peacefully on March 21, 2025, with her husband and son by her side.

Born on June 25, 1949, in Chempu, Kerala, India, to Varghese and Mariakutty Kandathil, she is survived by her steadfast husband and committed caregiver, Johnnie Nedungattu; her beloved son, Joseph Johnnie (Jennifer); her cherished grandchildren, Jude and Aurora; her brother, Tom; and her sister, Susan (George).

Elizabeth's life was defined by her love, humility, and resilience. As a young woman, she left India, embracing the unknown to teach chemistry, biology, and physical sciences in Kenya and Zambia. With that same determination,

she later immigrated to the United States, where she continued teaching at the high school level in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Midway through her career, recognizing that students' success was often shaped more by their home environments and support systems than by individual abilities, she pursued a Ph.D. in Education at Marquette University while transitioning into guidance counseling, where she mentored students and helped them pursue higher education and professional opportunities.

Elizabeth retired in the early 2000s to a tranquil setting in rural Montgomery, Texas, before relocating to Pearland in 2022 to be closer to family and medical care.

Beyond her career, Elizabeth was deeply devoted to her family and Catholic faith. In her final years, she faced dementia and many health challenges with the same resilience that carried her across continents, the same humility that embraced lifelong learning, and the same love that was reflected back in her family's care for her.

Visitation with the family will begin at 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 27, 2025, at Joseph Earthman Generations, 234 Westcott Street, Houston, Texas.

A Funeral Mass will begin at 9:30 a.m. on Friday, March 28, 2025, at Holy Rosary Catholic Church, 3617 Milam Street, Houston, Texas, with a reception to immediately follow the Mass at Brennan's of Houston, 3300 Smith Street, Houston, Texas.

Tribute Wall

LC

“ We shared 60 years of warm friendship, from our early days in India to building new lives in America. Through good times and challenges, our heart-to-heart talks and shared memories brought comfort and connection that I will always treasure.

Lissy Chacko - March 29, 2025 at 05:31 PM

MD

“ I am saddened her hear of her passing. She was a woman of faith and kindness. Having met her family at the Gesu, seeing her each Sunday was a joy. No doubt her family accompanied her on this final journey, which would have brought her great peace. Surely she is surrounded by a company of angels to bring her home. My deepest condolences to Johnnie, Joseph and the family. Marianne Dunn

Marianne Dunn - March 28, 2025 at 02:28 PM

CJ

“ Rest in peace dear Aleykutty 🙏
Our heartfelt condolences to Johnnie, Joe and family!
Celine & Joyce

Celine Joyce - March 26, 2025 at 10:55 AM

LG

“ Aleykutty, your 'Sayanora' song with which you mesmerized the audience, is still reverberating in our ears and will continue. You were always there for us in our time of need. We will miss you. Rest in peace dear friend . Lilly & Joe

Lilly George - March 25, 2025 at 10:26 PM

JA

“ Dear Chechi..My earliest memory of you is hearing you sing "Pata Pata" - Miriam Makeba's song from the 70's back in Ibenga. Of late we've only spoken on the phone and I remember how you'd laugh whenever I cribbed and it was so nice to just speak freely with you and Chettai. I'll always remember your liveliness and your unwavering support. I hope you're in peace and singing somewhere in heaven. Till we meet again. .Lots of love and prayers from all of us at home. RIP.

*Heartfelt condolences to Chettai and Jojo and Jennifer. God Bless.
Jaissy John Nedungatt*

Jaissy - March 25, 2025 at 07:19 PM

FJ

“ I saw the announcement of Dr.Elizabeth's sad demise a little while ago. It is definitely a big loss. But everyone close to her including Johnnie, her dear son and grandchildren should be proud of the person she was. We are more or less the same age and underwent the same kind of education prevalent in Kerala at the time. So, I , her colleague at Ibenga,Zambia know her as an intelligent, well-read, confident woman smart enough to be labelled as "much ahead of her times". But I miss her as a loving friend who shared her emotions and thoughts with me. I felt honoured by her love and trust in me. So I know how she cherished the love,care and trust that Johnnie gave her. She was overwhelmed by that and quite sincerely said she almost felt unworthy. That is the kind of gratitude that she felt for genuine love. She was a quick learner in pursuit of knowledge.Yet was willing to seek that from anyone with no trace of vanity. I loved her for her forthright opinion on happenings around the world. Since she left Zambia we corresponded occasionally and the last we met was in 2013. I thank you Johnnie for making that effort. Then last May when I knew of the ill health both of you were under I wanted to meet you. Though we talked at length on the phone you informed me that the health condition wouldn't allow a visit. But Ellen, as we used to call her at Ibenga, I am sure is with her sweet Saviour and from there can see and hear us even better. May God let you, Ellen, have your vigour,cheer and genuine love in heavenly measures.

Your loving friend,
Fincy.

Fincy Joseph - March 25, 2025 at 10:24 AM

RV

“ Dear Elamma,
We cherish the wonderful memories we had in meeting you on several occasions at your home and ours.
You had been so nice , friendly and always with a smile on your face.
The very first time we met you at your house my mother and Kamalam 's mom and dad were with us. And they kept talking about what a wonderful host you had been.
So long,with prayers,
Venu and Kamalam.

R. Venu - March 24, 2025 at 04:06 PM

SJ

“ A Loving Tribute to Our Beloved Elamma Cheichy

Dear Elamma Cheichy,

There are some people in life who make the world a better, brighter place just by being in it. A rare kind of soul—one who gives endlessly love wholeheartedly, and uplifts everyone around them. And you, my dear Elamma Cheichy, you were one of those extraordinary person.

Though your presence is no longer with us in this world, your love, kindness, and beautiful spirit remain forever in our hearts. You were a shining light—a sister, a friend, and a blessing to all who knew you. Your warmth, your laughter, and your caring nature made the world a better place, and though we grieve your absence, we find comfort in the memories we shared.

You may have departed from this earthly life, but your love continues to live on in every heart you touched. We hold onto the moments, the lessons, and the joy you brought into our lives. Your legacy of love and kindness will never fade.

Adieu, dear Elamma Cheichy, until we meet again in our heavenly abode. Rest in eternal peace.

Stanley

Nedungatt family

Stanley Joseph - March 24, 2025 at 02:55 PM