



Paravila Jacob

October 15, 1950 - June 17, 2023

I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the LORD will award to me on that day. 2nd Timothy 4:7-8

Dr. Paravila Oonnoony Jacob, lovingly known as Achenkunju, was born on October 15, 1950 to Late Mr. Chacko Oonnoony and Late Mrs. Saramma Mathew. He was the fourth of five children from Grace Bungalow, Pavithreswaram, Kottarakara (Kerala).

Achenkunju was married to Susamma Jacob (Ammini) in 1976 and they immigrated from India to the United States in 1977. They lived in New York for a short period of time and then moved to Detroit, Michigan. They were blessed with two children, Jessy and Jaison. The family of four briefly lived in Sandusky, Ohio before settling back in Michigan. Achenkunju deeply loved his family and dedicated his life to working hard for them to ensure they would always be well taken care of.

Achenkunju was passionate about learning and always seeking to improve himself. He was committed to furthering his education and was a dedicated lifelong learner. He had a great way of connecting with people, and possessed a wonderful ability to discuss and debate on many topics. He completed a BS in Electrical Engineering from Wayne State University, a Masters in Business Administration from Central Michigan University, and finally, a PhD in Information Systems from Nova Southeastern University. He had a successful career in engineering and retired from General Motors after more than 25

years of service in various senior leadership roles. Due to his passion for learning new things, Achenkunju could not stay retired and resumed employment in various teaching and consulting roles. Achenkunju finally decided to retire again in June 2023 – just a few weeks ago. His talents led him to earn 3 US patents

Achenkunju was a man of many talents. He was an artistic craftsman who engaged in woodwork, painting and even stain-glass creations. He also oversaw the installation of the church altar at the St. Thomas Orthodox Church of India in Warren, MI. Achenkunju held various leadership roles at his church and the Detroit Malayalee Association and was emphatically dedicated to his community. He was also an avid gardener with an interest in hydroponics and loved the great outdoors. One of his most beloved characteristics was his unique sense of humor. He loved to joke with those around him and was always looking to make his family and friends laugh. Despite his success and humorous outlook, he experienced significant unexpected family loss. He prematurely laid his son, Jaison, to rest in 2012, and with additional sorrow, his dear wife, Ammini, in 2020.

Achenkunju is survived by his daughter Jessy, son-in-law Jobin, grandchildren: Anjali, Xavier and Liya, his sisters Sumathy, Annakutty and brother Rajukuttan, Ammini's family, many nieces and nephews; grand-nieces and nephews, Annamma, and his beloved dog, Charlie.

May he rest in eternal peace.

Cemetery Details

White Chapel Cemetery

621 West Long Lake Road
Troy, MI 48098

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **23**. 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

St. Thomas Orthodox Church of India
2850 Parent Avenue
Warren, MI 48092

Funeral Service

JUN **24**. 8:00 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

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2850 Parent Avenue
Warren, MI 48092

Tribute Wall



“ *Paravila Jacob*

October 23, 2023 at 04:00 AM



“ *Paravila was highly knowledgeable, kind, and a very understanding person. It was a pleasure working together with him in the past. He will be missed dearly. My sincere condolences to his family.*

Uma Ghantasala - July 11, 2023 at 08:15 AM



“ *It was a much appreciated pleasure and honor to work with Paravila. So sad to hear of his passing just after his retirement from our team.*

Stephan Scheider - June 28, 2023 at 07:52 AM



“ *It is very sad to hear of Paravila passing away mere weeks after his retirement from our department - his experience and kindness will be missed!*

When I heard about his death, I was since a few days in the process of writing a short piece of orchestral music - I've decided to dedicate it to his memory: <https://soundcloud.com/joachim-fox/orchestral-sket-ch-no-1-funeral-march>

Joachim Fox - June 28, 2023 at 02:54 AM

ZO

“ ZF & DIQ Organization purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Paravila Jacob.



ZF & DIQ Organization - June 23, 2023 at 09:20 AM



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

June 22, 2023 at 09:05 PM



“ Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Paravila Jacob.



June 22, 2023 at 09:05 PM

DM

“ We live next door to Jacob and his little dog Charlie. Such a nice man and great neighbor. He will be missed.

Darlene and Ron Mitchell - June 22, 2023 at 07:14 PM

WF

“ It was such a honour working with Paravila. So sad o hear of his passing.

William Forbes - June 22, 2023 at 04:08 PM



“ A grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Paravila Jacob.

June 22, 2023 at 01:29 PM



“ It was an honor to work with Paravila. He was respected by all.

Joseph Miller - June 22, 2023 at 08:15 AM



“ he is a very good person and caring. Helps people around him in whichever way possible. Sad to hear this.

Manohar Chenekala - June 22, 2023 at 08:01 AM