



Shamala S. Tonapi

September 7, 1939 - November 12, 2016

TONAPI

Shamala Tonapi, age 77, of Columbus, Ohio, passed away on Saturday, 12 November, 2016, at her home with both her sons, Raju Tonapi and Vijay Tonapi at her side.

Shamal was born in Sholapur, India, in September 1939. She was the 4th with of 2 brothers and 3 sisters. She earned her Bachelor of Arts in India, married Dr. Shrinivas Tonapi in 1963, and moved to New York City in 1969 with then 5 year old son, Raju. The family soon thereafter relocated to live in North Canton, Ohio, where Vijay arrived. For many years, she served as a homemaker, an accountant, and community member in the small, tight-knit Indian community. In her later years, she volunteered in a Soup Kitchen, Rose Lane Nursing Home, and gave to other causes.

Her primary passion lay in cooking, and she greatly enjoyed sharing her food with friends and family. She experimented with all sorts of dishes from appetizers to desserts, ever refining and always wanting to do better. She was happy to teach those who expressed an earnest desire to learn.

With her husband, they traveled all over the world: different parts of Europe, Canada, Egypt, Turkey, Costa Rica, Nepal, Singapore, and, of course, many times to India. She particularly enjoyed visiting family and friends throughout

the United States and India.

Mrs. Tonapi is survived by her two sons, two grandchildren, two brothers, and one sister.

Funeral services will be held at Rutherford Funeral Home located at
450 West Olentangy Street
Powell, OH 43065

On Tuesday, November 15th. Calling hours start at 1pm with Pooja at 1:30pm.
In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to: Mid-Ohio
Foodbank, 3960 Brookham Dr, Grove City, OH 43123 <http://midohiofoodbank.org>

Tribute Wall



“ *Shamala S. Tonapi*

January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ *Our heartfelt condolences dear Raju, Vijay and families. Tonapikaku, as We called her .. so so many fond memories of your visit to Hubli. Personally, I (Swati) remember asking her so many questions about USA .. and her patience in answering each and every query. It has been ages since our last meeting .. memories linger! Love to you all! Sumatai, Vidya, Gauri, Swati and Jyoti (Kishakaka's family)*

Swati Gore - December 10, 2016 at 07:26 AM



“ *I had the pleasure of chatting with Shamaladi some years ago at Toddmichael and Matt's; my clearest recollection is of a woman vivid in her interests, generous in her her openness, and humane in the best way. I am sad to hear of her death.*

Julian Halliday - November 15, 2016 at 09:29 PM



“ *Dear Vijay, Jen, and Arjun, We are saddened by your loss. You are all in our thoughts and prayers---Janet and David Swarhout, Wellington*

janet - November 14, 2016 at 08:06 PM