



Vijayalakshmi Challa

October 12, 1952 - August 17, 2020

Vijayalakshmi Challa, beloved wife, mother, and nāyanamma, passed away August 17th, 2020. She is survived by her husband of 53 years, Dr. Malakondayya Challa. She is also survived by her three children Dr. Pratap Challa, Dr. Prasanna K. Challa, and Dr. Shridhar V. Challa; as well as granddaughters Malli, Mia, and Maya, daughter-in-law Shellye and son-in-law Naveen.

She was the rose of her family continuously providing them with warmth and happiness. She was a kind, compassionate, and gentle soul who showered love on all those around her. One of her great loves was watching those around her enjoy her wonderful cooking. She was always feeding family and friends with her tasty dishes and her love of cooking brought her great joy. She was a constant nurturing presence to her family and friends and always served others without asking for anything in return. She selflessly gave encouragement and support to all around her and enabled all of her children to become successful in life.

She worked at Florida State University for over 40 years during which time she was bestowed the Exemplary Service Award by the Division of Academic Affairs. She took great pride in her work at the Geophysical Fluid Dynamics Institute where she tirelessly helped advance the Institute's research mission.

Her sweet, gentle, and caring nature made her beloved by all those who knew her. Her sudden loss has left a void in her family as well as the FSU and Tallahassee communities. She will be greatly missed.

FUNERAL SERVICES

Due to the current coronavirus pandemic and State of Florida restrictions, only family will be allowed at the last rites service. However, the family appreciates how much Vijaya was loved and that many would like to pay their respects. Young Fulford funeral home has arranged for in-person visitation prior to the service. For safety, the funeral home will allow visitors in small groups, one group, at a time in order to comply with social distancing guidelines. Face masks will be required as well for everyone's safety. Masks and hand sanitizer will also be available.

VIEWING 9 AM-11 AM (Open to the public with social distancing restrictions)

LAST RITES and CREMATION 1:00 PM (Only family due to social distancing requirements)

Vijaya's Last Rites ceremony will be streamed for those who wish to watch.
click here (<https://youtu.be/YMoeor7wl-E>)

The family is being assisted by Skip Young and Jackie Fulford.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG **23**. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Young ~ Fulford Funeral Home and Crematory
4948 Six Oaks Dr
Tallahassee, FL 32303
(850) 610-4444

Tribute Wall



“ Young Fulford Funeral Home and Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Vijayalakshmi Challa



Young ~ Fulford Funeral Home and Crematory - August 23, 2020 at 10:03 AM



“ Vijayalakshmi Challa

October 22, 2023 at 10:27 PM



“ Vijayalakshmi Challa

October 09, 2023 at 11:25 AM



“ Vijayalakshmi Challa

September 22, 2022 at 01:34 PM



“ I was so saddened to learn of Vijaya's passing. I often worked with her at FSU. She was one of the nicest persons I've ever met. Once years ago, she gave me a handmade set of earrings and matching necklace. I still have it today. My condolences to her family.

Diana Key

Diana Key - September 08, 2020 at 01:51 PM



“ Dear Peddamma, although I have met you only a few times, you have left a very good impression of how a caring mother looks like. In your recent trip to India I have had the chance to meet you again after a long time and have also had the chance to learn more about you. The more I learnt about you the more the respect towards you have increased. The news of your demise is really a saddening and shocking news to me. Your gracious smile and presence will be missed peddamma. Om Shanti.



Sravan Challa - August 23, 2020 at 11:19 AM

CK

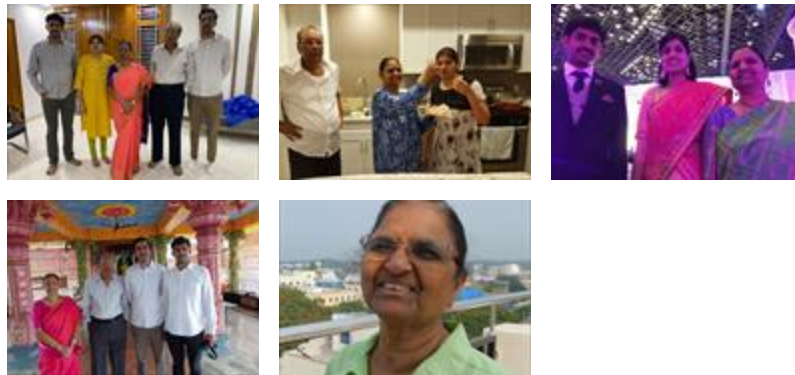
“ All that we love deeply becomes part of us. This is the miracle that happens every time to those who really love; the more they give, the more they possess. I still don't know how to be in our life without seeing an inescapable absence of you pedamma 🥺🥺🙏.



CHALLA SYAM KUMAR - August 23, 2020 at 07:05 AM

CK

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CHALLA SYAM KUMAR - August 23, 2020 at 06:45 AM

VI

“ *Vijayalaxmi was my aunty with whom we had many memorable events to share. She dedicated her entire life for the well being of all the relatives and family. She was the coolest person, mother of patience, no selfishness and no anger and egoism. I would like share the words of my late Grandfather & mother (Vijay's father-in-law & mother in law) that she cared them with feeding, bathing, clothing and comforting them with all personal care. She looked after them somuch that they called her a Goddess and we should keep a photo of her next to god and prey her like a Devatha. True to their words, We really lost a Devatha from my family and we all join from India in mourning the sad loss of her at this time. We pray god to rest her soul in peace with him.*



VENKATESWARLU IRUVURU - August 23, 2020 at 02:05 AM

SG

“ *Srinivas & Vani Guduri purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Vijayalakshmi Challa.*



Srinivas & Vani Guduri - August 22, 2020 at 09:15 PM

JC

“ *Jan Campbell lit a candle in memory of Vijayalakshmi Challa*



Jan Campbell - August 22, 2020 at 05:53 PM

JC

“ *Vijaya was my supervisor at FSU for 3 years. She worked at GFDI as a technician, grants specialist and office supervisor. She knew everything about how to get things done. She raised 3 humans to be medical doctors, sacrificing herself and her education to support them as they grew. Vijaya never lost her Indian roots. She was an anchor to all. God bless Vijaya and her family.*

Janeth

Jan Campbell - August 22, 2020 at 05:45 PM

CR

She is the motherGoddess to us. She represents a great mine of peace and soberness. We pray that the Almighty bless her with eternal abode Ganapathi

C.Ganapathi Rao - August 22, 2020 at 09:38 PM

JA

I find myself thinking so much about Vijaya...I was interrupted while watching the funeral proceedings. Is there anyway I could see the remainder? She is missed greatly.

Jan - August 27, 2020 at 01:32 AM

CA

“ *Vijaya was one of the most wonderful people I've ever met. She held all of the students at GFDI together and gave a heart to the place that made all of us feel welcomed and cared for. I can't count how many times she helped me. I want her family to know how much she meant to all of us and to me personally. Sincerest condolences*

Carlowen - August 21, 2020 at 05:09 PM

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HD

Desai family's prayers are with your families. We pray for the strength to GOD to bear the loss. 🙏 Shanti 🙏
Harshad & Amita Desai

Harshad Desai - August 23, 2020 at 09:41 AM

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