



Juanita Naomi Koilpillai

May 11, 1963 - July 25, 2021

Juanita Naomi Koilpillai, 58, of Tracy's Landing, Maryland, died on Sunday, July 25, 2021.

Born on May 11, 1963 in Sri Lanka, Juanita was the daughter of Wilfred Koilpillai and Jean Jesudian. Both of her parents are deceased.

Juanita grew up in Chennai (Madras), India, surrounded by a large and supportive family, and had many opportunities to travel internationally. This planted a life-long love of travel, and throughout the years Juanita visited countless countries on business and pleasure.

She attended Women's Christian College (WCC) in Chennai from 1980-1983, and then attended the University of Kansas (Lawrence) from 1984-1990. There, Juanita earned dual Masters Degrees in Mathematics ('87) and in Computer Science ('90). Upon graduation, she moved to the Washington, DC area.

Juanita co-founded Mountain Wave in 1998, a cybersecurity startup, and sold the company to Symantec in 2000. Most recently, she was the Founder and CEO of Waverley Labs, a cyber risk engineering company and a pioneer in Digital Risk Management. She had 30 years' experience researching and developing systems in computer security, network management, and real-time distributed software. Juanita was a luminary in her field and broke many glass ceilings on her path to becoming founder and chief executive at two successful start-ups. In return, Juanita shared her knowledge by mentoring young women with careers in technology.

In 2001, Juanita and her former husband bought Waverley, an historic property and farm in Waterford, Va, where she became an advocate for historic preservation and land conservation. In 2018, Juanita acquired a cottage in Tracy's Landing, Md, on the Chesapeake Bay, and became an accomplished sailor. Juanita also owned residences in Leesburg and Upperville, Va.

She was beloved throughout the community and had a natural gift for radiating life, light, and love to everyone she met. Juanita was a brilliant, highly talented, and creative individual who loved her family and friends and was passionate about life. Upon entering a room, Juanita would immediately galvanize everyone with her infectious smile, her commanding presence, her amazing grace, and her vivacious

personality.

Faith and spirituality were important touchstones in Juanita's life. She attended Egmore Wesley Church and youth group with her family in India, and currently attended Catoctin Presbyterian Church in Waterford and Friendship Community Baptist Church in Dunkirk, Md. Generosity was also an important value to her. She created a philanthropic fund in memory of her father and founded MERGE, a non-profit to support local youth projects.

Juanita's lifelong love of music started at a young age, and this passion continued throughout her life. Her father, who played the accordion, gave Juanita her first keyboard, which she played, along with the guitar, with cousins, friends and her own children. She continued this love of music as a member of the Waterford Concert Series, which brings world-class musicians to audiences in Waterford, Va.

In addition to raising her two children, Juanita pursued many dreams while living in Waterford, including hosting parties and events that showcased her hospitality. Juanita was a Loudoun County Master Gardener and her extensive gardens at Waverley were breathtakingly beautiful. She was a spectacular cook, mastered many cuisines, and taught cooking classes. With indomitable energy, Juanita launched Boots and Breakfast which provided networking opportunities and career development for women in Waterford. Juanita also helped her former husband produce "Fair Play," an original live-action feature film that showcased the talents of her children and featured local teens and adults as lead actors.

Juanita is survived by her daughter Tate Beavers (21), son Andrew Beavers (23), and brother Andrew Koilpillai. She leaves behind her significant other Alex Finley, and her former husband John Beavers, as well as her sister-in-law Kim Koilpillai, niece Hana Koilpillai, two nephews Caleb and Jonah Koilpillai, many beloved cousins, uncles, and aunts across the world, and innumerable colleagues and friends. Please share online condolences with the family at www.loudounfuneralchapel.com

In lieu of flowers, please consider a memorial contribution to "A Place to Be" <http://www.apacetobeva.org> in Middleburg, Va. and the "Waterford Foundation" <https://www.waterfordfoundation.org> in Waterford, Va.

Services were held privately by the family.

Comments



“ Approximately on July 3rd, my husband, his son and wife, and I met Juanita and Alex at Herrington Harbor North at an outdoor dinner for boat owners at the marina. Then Juanita gave a quick tour of the sailboat and she and I had a brief walk back to our car but in that short amount of time, I discovered she was a lovely Christian woman. They accepted an Evite (cards only) to my upcoming birthday party July 11.....however, Juanita blessed me with the gift of a beautiful Celtic hand-lettered illuminated manuscript of an Olde Scottish Blessing. To me, this generous act of giving to someone she barely knew, spoke volumes of her loving and kind character. I know I shall see her again in Heaven. Dianne & Frank Leone

Dianne Leone - September 01, 2021 at 05:33 PM



“ I have such fond memories of Juanita, we were good friends for the 1 year we studied in Bain School, Chennai, India and then we lost touch. I am saddened to hear of her passing, she was a good friend and will be missed.



Bina Karamjeet - August 20, 2021 at 06:01 AM



“ Deepa Coello lit a candle in memory of Juanita Naomi Koilpillai



Deepa Coello - August 11, 2021 at 02:01 AM



“ My deepest sympathy to the family. We spent a fabulous day celebrating her 58th birthday. I miss my friend of 15 years; her smile, her brilliance, her generosity, her laugh.

Lisa Donnan - August 08, 2021 at 06:23 PM



“ What can I write about a person who came into my life like a burst of sunshine and filled it with joy, true friendship and caring. I was lucky to have had her as my friend . She was young enough to be my daughter. Her laughter, her mega watt smile, her hugs and her warmth. I shall miss them terribly . Dear Juanita hope you are at peace now.

Vatsala Menon - August 08, 2021 at 01:24 AM



“ You can trace any success you have in life back to a small number of people who took a chance on you or shaped you in important ways. Juanita and Jack are two of these people in my life. Over twenty years ago they gave me my first job in cybersecurity, a career I enjoy to this day.

Juanita taught me so much in the time we worked together at Mountain Wave. She taught me to be bold, be tough, think big, and take risks in order to make your dreams a reality. She shaped my life and the lives of countless others in our industry. I will always be grateful to her for that.

Warwick Webb - August 07, 2021 at 04:38 PM



“ I wish I had the chance to meet Juanita in person. All our encounters were over the phone while we worked on marketing initiatives for Waverley Labs and RESILIAN. She was more than a client and colleague to me; she was my friend whose voice radiated with a smile over the phone. For the last 3 years, our 30 - 45 minute catch-up calls broke down like this - maybe 5 - 15 minutes was all business and the rest was getting to know each other. I learned that she was an artist of many mediums (gardening, music, and entrepreneurship), loved her children, and sought to enable their creativity. She did it all with a smile and a few laughs on top of running two growing companies. Juanita was true to her own spirit. I am grateful to have had the chance to have known such a kind person.



James Finn - August 07, 2021 at 01:51 PM



“ I am so sorry to hear of Juanita's death. We worked together on the Cloud Security Alliance. She was always a dream to work with. She was very well respected in her field and will be greatly missed. - Katie Lewin

Katie Lewin - August 07, 2021 at 11:24 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Juanita Naomi Koilpillai.



August 07, 2021 at 02:44 AM



“ I am so sorry for your loss.

I met Juanita in Jan of 2020 when we won a project in Tallahassee.

Since then she has been an amazing mentor and a guide. Whenever we spoke on the phone she constantly motivated me to grow my business and helped review proposals online even till late in the night. She will always be a role model.

Gaurav Pawar - August 06, 2021 at 10:53 PM



“ We are thinking of you all. Juanita was a beautiful and friendly women. We are so sorry for your loss.

nicole beddow - August 06, 2021 at 09:25 PM



“ The Ambuhl and Morris Families purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Juanita Naomi Koilpillai.



The Ambuhl and Morris Families - August 06, 2021 at 06:08 PM



“ Peggy and Jay purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of Juanita Naomi Koilpillai.



Peggy and Jay - August 06, 2021 at 09:06 AM



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Sarah Elkins - August 05, 2021 at 06:36 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Juanita Naomi Koilpillai.



August 05, 2021 at 01:26 PM



“ Juanita,
Your last breath does not
Obliterate your lifetime of breaths.
It does not end your narrative.
It does not mean the race ended.
Yes, there was a cruel turn,
But the “Renaissance-you” still speaks.
A transcontinental story unfolds—
From Bain School. to WCC, to the hallways of National cyber security you took the
bull by the horn and rode a challenging trail.
A new immigrant, a transplant, but confident in the new native soil..
Your sails caught the wind, your gardens blossomed, you leaned into History, you
basked in this journey called life.
New friends, old friends, new family, old family a happy intersection.
But your love for your children means that you will say to them in Christian surety:
Death where is thy sting?

Sunithi Gnanadoss - August 05, 2021 at 09:14 AM



“ Len Brame purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Juanita Naomi Koilpillai.



Len Brame - August 04, 2021 at 01:22 PM



“ RIP Juanita. You were simply the best.



Frank Titus - August 04, 2021 at 12:08 PM



“ Our condolences to the family on the tragic news of Juanita.
As a relative, our family has known Juanita, her parents and brother for many years in Sri Lanka and India. We have wonderful memories of the times we've had together a few years ago. Pray for God's strength and comfort to the family during this time of grief. God bless.

Ravi Jacob

Ravi Jacob - August 03, 2021 at 11:43 PM



“ We will always remember Juanita for her beautiful smile, kind heart, and beloved dear friend. Donna & TJ



Donna & TJ - August 03, 2021 at 05:15 PM



“ Juanita came into our lives years ago in a business context. It did not take long to recognize that there was far more to Juanita than a business associate. Juanita was a nurturing soul; she approached everything with respect, love, and a desire to make things better. The loss of Juanita will impact all who have had the privilege to know her profoundly. We will miss her but will always have the loving-kindness she shared in our collective hearts. Rest in peace and continue to watch over the flock only you could have created.



Chuck & Nell Viator - August 03, 2021 at 03:29 PM



“ No words, and yet so many... In her own words...

"I am a grower – at our home I've planted gardens incorporating ideas from all my travels. I collect seeds, transplant to change the look and optimize the space. Growers like me seek the right balance of water, sun and soil for lush gardens and bountiful harvests. During my career as technologist and CEO, my clients and colleagues have come to know me as a grower – planting seeds of innovation, nurturing and coaxing new ideas to fruition to benefit clients."

I'm still growing ...

Marielle



Marielle Fontein D'Errico - August 02, 2021 at 06:27 PM



“ Missing the previous Tributes. What happened to them?

Peggy Marshall - August 03, 2021 at 10:44 AM



“ We knew the Koilpillai family when we were in Saudi Arabia. It was there that we came to know Juanita (Joni to us) and Andrew (Andy to us). We visited the family when we went to Kansas and again in 2012 when we had an opportunity to visit the US. They really made us feel welcome

They also visited us in Sydney. It is here that we met Jack and Drew.

Joni was always a happy positive and cheerful person. The Beavers had open door policy that made one feel welcome.

We are truly shocked and saddened by what has transpired and we pray that time will help Jack and Talia, Andy Kim and family cope with their loss

We also pray that Andrew Beaver may find an inner peace

Bill and Theresa Menezes

Sydney Australia

Bill Menezes - August 03, 2021 at 11:39 PM



“ Juanita was my Senior in Bain School, Chennai, India. I looked up to her as she was a very accomplished Sports person. What struck me most about her was her enthusiasm to get things done, she inspired and led by example. She had a lot of energy and dynamism and her smile like others say was indeed 100-mega-watts. Juanita has achieved a lot in her life and indeed many will feel the vacuum of her sudden passing. We pray to our loving Lord Jesus to comfort her family and friends at this time. Farewell dear friend. God bless your soul as you rest with him in everlasting peace.

Deepa - August 11, 2021 at 02:00 AM