

# ~Celebrating the Life of~



## Ravindra Hemantha Dias

Sunrise August 3, 1948 - Sunset July 13, 2016

### Remembrance Ceremony

Monday, July 18, 2016 - 7:30 p.m.

### COTTON FUNERAL SERVICE

130 Main Street • Orange, New Jersey 07050

### CREMATION

*Tuesday, July 19, 2016*

Rosedale Crematory, Orange, New Jersey

# ~OBITUARY~

**Ravindra Dias** aka “**Richard**” was born on August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1948 in Colombo, Sri Lanka. He was the son of Richard Henry Dias and Pearl Millicent Dias. He had two sisters, Lakshmi and Malsri.

He received his formal education in the Colombo, Sri Lanka Public School system. He attended the All Boys High School and went on to pursue a higher level of education at Royal College where he became a member of their Cricket team and graduated with a degree in Engineering.

In 1969, Richard migrated to the United States and eventually became a US Citizen. He met his wife, Cynthia, in 1971 at his work place, the Park Avenue Nursing Home in East Orange, New Jersey. They were married two years later and had their only baby girl, Millicent Dias.

Richard worked for PSE&G as an Electrical Engineer for eighteen years. He resigned from PSE&G to become the night club owner of Sir Richard’s in Orange, New Jersey for ten years. He then decided to open a transportation company that was successful for over ten years.

Ravi was a devout Buddhist. He had a love for music, played the organ, piano, and drums. He was especially fond of Sinhalese and Caribbean music. He enjoyed listening to the songs of Elvis Presley, Mahalia Jackson and Jim Reeves. He loved to eat food from his native land, the spicier the better. He had an appreciation for the Arts, loved to watch CNN and old TV shows like “All In the Family” and “Three’s Company”. “Richard” as he was often called loved the night life. He could often be seen at the end of a long day sitting at the kitchen table smoking a cigarette and drinking a beer. He loved his family and was especially proud of his grandchildren. He liked to entertain company with good conversation, food and drinks. He was dedicated to being successful and would work seven days a week.

Most often than not, he was a very difficult person to get along with, but he had a special charming quality about him that allowed people to be able to dismiss his outlandish behavior and attributed it to “Just Richard Being Richard.” Ravindra was a creative man with a definite vision. He knew what he wanted out of life and passionately pursued his goals until they were accomplished.

He was survived by his wife, Cynthia; his daughter, Millicent; his son-in-law, Marcellus; his grandchildren, Sierra, Hailey, Tyler and Marcellai. He is also survived by other family members and many many friends.

He will be truly missed, loved and forever remembered.

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