

## KIRTIDA DESAI



It is with heavy hearts and profound sadness that we announce the peaceful passing of Mrs. Kirtida Desai. After a courageous battle against a terminal illness, she left this world on August 13th, 2023 surrounded by her loving family.

Kirtida lived a life filled with purpose, compassion, and joy. She was born in 1954 to Ramanlal and Nirmalaben Desai in Valsad, India. Throughout her life, she

exhibited unwavering courage, inspiring everyone around her with her grace and positivity, even in the face of adversity. Her love and devotion to her family were boundless, and her legacy will forever remain in our hearts. Her passion for dance was evident as she graced the stages, with her South Hills Sunday School friends, at the Pittsburgh convention center, PPG Plaza, and various social events. Her love for her cultural heritage also led her to serve as the President of Pittsburgh Gujarati Samaj, fostering unity and celebrating the vibrant Gujarati community. In addition to her numerous accomplishments, Kirtida loved reading and knitting. She found peace in knitting, creating beautiful and intricate pieces that showcased her creativity and attention to detail. Alongside her devoted husband, they had extraordinary adventures, exploring over 50 countries across the world, creating a lifetime of cherished memories.

Kirtida also leaves behind a profound legacy as an entrepreneur. Starting from scratch, she built a successful and highly regarded business that served so many. Kirtida's infectious smile and sharp-witted humor brought warmth and joy to those around her. She had a way of making everyone she met feel special and loved. Her memory will forever be etched in the hearts of all who were fortunate enough to have known her. Kirtida leaves behind her devoted husband of 46 years, Dilip Desai, whose unwavering support and love were the pillars of their marriage. She was a loving mother to her son, Anand; and cherished daughter-in-law, Swaroopa; whose lives were enriched by her unconditional love and guidance. Anand and Kirtida loved cracking jokes and one-liners together. Kirtida was a doting grandmother to Arjun and Ishani, whose laughter and joy brought immense happiness to her heart. Her Dadi'sisms always brought laughter to her grandkids. Kirtida was the last of her immediate family, after her parents and sister, Ashaben, passed. Strength and courage were hallmark traits both her and Ashaben shared. During this difficult time, we find comfort in the memories we shared with Kirtida.

We invite you to join us in celebrating her remarkable life and the impact she had on all of us. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all our friends and family for your love, support, and prayers during this difficult time. Your presence and comforting words have provided us strength throughout this journey.

Kirtida, you will forever remain in our hearts as a guiding light and a beacon of love. Your memory will continue to inspire us to live each day with laughter, resilience, and unwavering love. May her soul rest in eternal peace.

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