



Philip P. Benjamin

September 5, 1932 - July 1, 2023

Philip Palamootil Benjamin, son of Chacko Philip and Annamma Chacko. Married to Ivy (Thomas) Benjamin, M.D., 42 years. Children: Ivan Benjamin of St. Louis, MO; Evan Benjamin of New York, NY; Bevan Benjamin of Fairfax, VA; Cyril Benjamin of Covington, KY. Grandchildren: James Thomas and Lisa Benjamin. Dearest brother of Mrs Kunjamma Samuel, George Philip, Rosamma Philipose, Annie Daniel, and Alice Korula.

Dr. Benjamin was known as an academic and a businessman. He had careers as a Chemistry Professor, Laboratory Director, and small business owner. Education includes: Bachelor of Science Madras University, India, 1952; Master of Science, St. John's University, India, 1955; PhD, McGill University, Montreal, Canada, 1965, Dissertation on Electrolytic Complexation of Technetium; Master of Arts, Liberty University, VA, 1997. Assistant Professor of Chemistry, Allahabad University 1955-60. Assistant Professor of Nuclear Chemistry, Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, OH, 1966-72. Director, Medi-Nuclear Laboratory, St. Louis, MO, 1974-90, specializing in radioimmunoassay (RIA) and other techniques for medical nuclear testing. Professor of Chemistry, Missouri Baptist University, St. Louis, 1990-92. Director, Noetic Center, St. Louis, 1992-1997. Consultant for Squibb Institute of Medical Research, New Brunswick, NJ, and Abbott Labs, Chicago, IL;

Senior Research Associate, Malinckrodt Nuclear, St. Louis. Achievements include patents for electrolytic complexation, dark matter chemistry, research in periodic table of personality types, author of "Spiritual Body Physical Spirit" (2013).

Cemetery Details

Bellerive Garden's Cemetery

740 N. Mason Rd
Creve Coeur, MO 63141

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 7. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Bellerive Garden Indoor Mausoleum Chapel
740 North Mason Road
Creve Coeur, MO 63141

Funeral Ceremony

JUL 7. 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

NO

“ 19 files added to the album *Life of Philip Benjamin*



Noriko - July 07, 2023 at 09:39 AM

JG

“ My mother, Kunjamma Samuel, is the younger sister of Kunjankuttychayan which is how she called Uncle Benjamin. I remember hearing about him from my mother since my childhood days. I was always curious and in awe of this Uncle, I had never met at that time, who was, as my mother described ‘a scientist’ with discoveries of his own and awards. She also narrated many stories of their childhood days together and the antics and peculiar pranks of this particular brother who was, at the same time, brilliant academically from a young age. I suppress laughter even now as I recall her colourful stories about him.

I met him for the first time only after I was married, when he visited us in Singapore and again in USA. I found him a warm and chatty person who enquired about my affairs and family with much interest. His genuine faith in the Lord Jesus and knowledge of the Bible were evident in his conversations and emails. For years to come, I would receive his general as well as personal emails. He always replied my emails almost immediately with an encouraging message of blessing. I will miss that. He was very proud of his dear grandchildren and kept the family updated on their activities and sent photos on email.

I am saddened on the home call of Uncle but at the same time, I am encouraged in knowing he was strong in his faith in our Lord Jesus and he always encouraged others in that faith. Because of that, we have the blessed hope of meeting him and Kochamma (Ivy Aunty) again in glorious times of rejoicing in God’s presence. With this, I extend my sincere condolences to Ivan, Evan, Bevan and Cyril and all bereaved in our extended family.

Jane
From Singapore

Jane Mary George - July 07, 2023 at 03:45 AM

BB

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Bevan Benjamin - July 06, 2023 at 11:37 AM



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Rohin Mathews - July 06, 2023 at 09:53 AM



The above tribute was shared by Renny Mathews & fly.

Rohin Mathews - July 06, 2023 at 09:54 AM

SP

“ *Dr.Philip Benjamin was my dad's younger brother whom we fondly called Kunjankuttychain....from a very young age I greatly admired this uncle of mine not only because he was a scientist but also because I learned from my grandmother that he had his own plane.....and since his visits to India were seldom I never got a chance to clarify this curiosity of mine until his visit in 1976 or 77....and at that time when I asked him about his plane he was very modest and simply brushed it aside saying it was only a two seater plane and that his car was more expensive than the plane... I later on got the opportunity to visit him at St.Louis and again had long chats with him and that was when I learned that he figured in 'Who's who' in America, American men of science, Missouri top 10 and so on.....An Uncle I will always be proud of... His last visit was in 2006...when he stayed with us for a few days and my wife and children also got to know him. He told us at that time that it would be his last visit to India, and we were very sad to hear that. However, I sometimes feel that among his sibling's kids I was probably the luckiest one to spend the most time with him... Since my scholarly uncle was also a spiritual man we know he has reached his eternal home ... although he will be greatly missed by the family...we are sure that he is with the lordour heartfelt condolences to Anil, Sunil, Bimal and Cyril and to all the other bereaved family members....may the lord almighty grant comfort and peace to the grieving hearts...Saji and family (Palamoottil)*

Sajan Philip - July 06, 2023 at 09:18 AM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Philip P. Benjamin.*



July 06, 2023 at 08:29 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Philip P. Benjamin.

July 06, 2023 at 08:29 AM

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“ In Kerala, it is common for one to have an official name, and another name by which they are addressed at home. The unofficial name generally starts or ends with a "kunj", "koch" or "kutty".



Growing up, it was a fun challenge me and my brothers often dared, to get the names of all our 12 "grand-uncles and aunts" in order. Imagine the combinations of kunj and koch we had to get right, to win!

Philip Benjamin, who we fondly call Kunjankutty Appachen has been someone the entire family was and always will be proud of. He was beyond doubt the smartest kid in the family, probably the smartest kid in many families back then ;) We were proud to say our granduncle was a Scientist! I had the privilege to have a regular subscription to his articles, although a lot of it went over my head.

I have met him just once in person, but have heard many stories about him from my father. His zeal to study, and how he encouraged his siblings as well to pursue studies. How making sure his mom had a washroom with modern facilities in her later years was a big priority for him.. and how he had all the trademark Palamootil emotions - the temper, the fierce love, the protective nature..

I never got to see my grand-daddy and he's the closest, by looks and otherwise, I ever got to:) He will be remembered through the many stories about him.

My heartfelt condolences to the grieving family - Children, siblings, cousins and everyone who knew and loved him. May God give you the strength to get through this difficult period.

Sherin Philips - July 06, 2023 at 03:47 AM

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Ssp - July 06, 2023 at 03:45 AM

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“ To the children of Dr. Benjamin and all his siblings and families , all of us from the family of the late Ponnammakochamma and Kochappan) send our sincere condolences.

During our growing up years at Kumbanadu, Kunjankuttychayan was a most welcome older cousin, who would drop in and spend happy times with us. We looked up to him with respect and awe for his academic prowess and spiritual maturity. Time passed fast; he moved to the US and became a celebrated scientist. Then on, we would only hear about him and his family. We still glowed with pride in his achievements; some of us used to receive those hard to understand science snippets and his dialogues with other scientists. Leela from Delhi fondly remembers Achayan 's stay with them for a few days in 1965.

We were happy to hear about the birth of each of his sons and felt sad at the home call of his dear wife, Ivy kochamma. We do not know the children; but we do share their sorrow. The older generation passed on; from those of the present generation, several Cousins/siblings who were part of our lives have gone from our midst. There is a sense of loss at the very thought of them. Today, as we affectionately remember our dear departed Achayan, may the peace of God dwell in every heart that mourns. Thanks to Kunjumol and Shoba for conveying the sad news and forwarding the tributes Loving regards from all of us in the family. In prayers, Cousins and families.

(Written by our Ammachy's sister's daughter Valsammama in Bangalore)

Bevan Benjamin - July 05, 2023 at 10:10 PM

RM

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renny mathews - July 06, 2023 at 08:04 AM



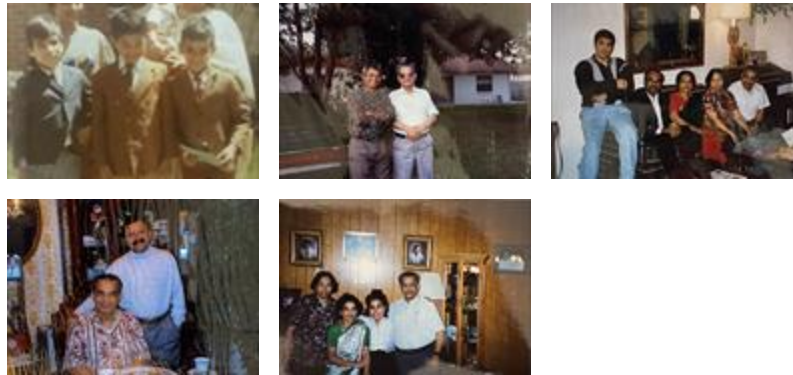
“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Philip P. Benjamin.



July 05, 2023 at 04:28 PM



“ 9 files added to the album Life of Philip Benjamin



Bevan Benjamin - July 05, 2023 at 01:47 PM



“ James and Lisa purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Philip P. Benjamin.



James and Lisa - July 05, 2023 at 09:00 AM



“ James and Lisa planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Philip P. Benjamin.

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SP

“ My memories of Achayan go back several years while we were all staying in our ancestral home at Palamootil and also at Gilead Gardens. I echo the same memories and tributes that other family members have mentioned before me, about his jest for knowledge and steadfast faith.

As a young boy, I recall playing a prank when Achayan visited our home sometime in the 60s in Kumbanad. I recall my Papa asking me to follow "Kunjankutty" as my role model. He was such an iconic figure, that many children in the family at large, are named after him. Just yesterday I met with a cousin who said he is named after Dr. Benjamin.

Achayan`s visits to India were few and far between, and several of his relatives thought they were a forgotten lot. However, it was the very opposite.

The last time that I met Achayan was when Ivy Kochamma was at home. To my surprise, a good part of our time together was spent on Achayan`s inquiries about his near and dear ones in India. He had so much love and concern for them.

He was a walking Encyclopaedia. There was hardly any subject that Achayan was not capable of handling.

He was a tall figure when it came to spirituality. He knew the Holy Bible like the back of his hand.

As an apologist, he spent his retired life propagating the Gospel through social media with a scientific twist. He found great joy and fulfillment in debating spiritual matter and dark matter chemistry to prove his case.

On the home front, he was known for his unstinting love and commitment to his family. He dotted his two grandchildren James & Liza.

Achayan`s Home call leaves a void that is difficult to fill.

SAM JACOB PHILIPS - July 05, 2023 at 05:40 AM

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“ Alice Korula, Teena & fly, Leena & fly. purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Philip P. Benjamin.



Alice Korula, Teena & fly, Leena & fly. - July 04, 2023 at 09:38 PM

AS

“ My memories.

We fondly call him Kunjankuttichayan. Being the youngest I got special favors from him. When I was a small child he used to call me "chunju mole". When I was in primary school he was teaching in Ewing Christian College, Allahabad. I still remember him bringing the black self-designed plastic sling bags to carry my books to school. Nobody carried bags to school in those days. I was proud and my friends were jealous. When appachen was hospitalized he took me to Trivandrum and Cape Comerin to make me happy. He wanted all his siblings to pursue their studies and be well placed. After my post graduation he took me to the States as a visitor in 1971. They were staying in Shaker Hts, Cleveland, Ohio. Ivy kochamma was working In Mt. Sinai hospital. Ivan, Evan, Bevan were 9,7,5 and Cyril was only 6 months old. I had wonderful times with the small boys. Achayan wanted me to continue my studies and asked me to do the TOAFL and GRE tests. I did and passed tests and got admission for PG in Case Western Reserve University where he was a professor in the Dept. of Nuclear Chemistry. Achayan resigned from there and went to St Louis to do research of his own. We all moved to St Louis and stayed in Creve Coer. While I was there he had to go to California for his research paper presentation. We all went by train to California. There we met our dear sister Kunjunjammama, achayan, Liza and Phil after 10 years. After his paper presentation we visited Disneyland, Beverly Hills, Grand Canyon etc. I stayed with them 15 months and came back to India. Years later in 2001 we migrated to the States and stayed in Florida. Ivykochamma was called to glory that year. We went for the funeral and my husband Raju met my this brother for the first time. He was so happy to meet him. Achayan came to Florida twice and spent some time with us. I saw him last in St Louis in 2019. He was loving but very very strict. I thank the Lord for his contributions to our family and people at large. Now out of 12 children 7 were called to glory and 5 of us are left. The hope of seeing all my dear ones in eternity is comforting.

Youngest sister Kunjumol (Alice Korula)

Alice Korula (youngest sister) - July 04, 2023 at 06:29 AM

“ഞാൻ വളരെ ഇഷ്ടപ്പെടുകയും അഭിമാനിക്കുകയും ചെയ്ത എന്റെ പ്രിയപ്പെട്ട സഹോദരൻ എനിക്ക് വളരെ നല്ല ഒരു സഹോദരനായിരുന്നു.

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ഒരു പ്രസ്ഥ സന്ദർശനത്തിനായി ഇന്ത്യയിലേക്ക് പോകുന്നതിന് മുമ്പ് അദ്ദേഹം ഞങ്ങളോടൊപ്പം കുറച്ച് കാലം സിംഗപ്പൂരിൽ താമസിച്ചു. ഞങ്ങൾ അവന്റെ കൂട്ടുകെട്ട് ആസ്വദിച്ചു. കണ്ടിട്ട് കുറെ നാളായി എങ്കിലും ഇടയ്ക്കിടെ ഫോണിൽ സംസാരിക്കും

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താമസിയാതെ അവൻ സ്നാനം ഏറ്റു. അർപ്പണബോധമുള്ള ഒരു ക്രിസ്ത്യാനിയായിരുന്നു അദ്ദേഹം, ജീവിതത്തിലുടനീളം നമ്മുടെ കർത്താവും രക്ഷകനുമായ യേശുക്രിസ്തുവിനോട് വിശ്വസ്തനായി തുടർന്നു.

ഒരിക്കൽ കൂടി സ്വർഗത്തിൽ വെച്ച് അവനെ കാണുമെന്നതാണ് ഞങ്ങളുടെ ആശ്വാസം. കർത്താവായ യേശുക്രിസ്തുവിനെ സ്തുതിക്കുക!

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English Translation of above:

My beloved brother, whom I loved and was very proud of, was a very good brother to me.

He was very strict with our brothers and sisters when it came to our studies.

He stayed with us for a while in Singapore before going to India for a short visit. We enjoyed his company. It's been a long time since we met, but we talked on the phone from time to time.

During one of our daily family prayer sessions, our apachan was singing a song that talked about what sinners we are and how beautiful the Lord Jesus Christ's mercy is.

Apachan sang this part of the song repeatedly. Kunjankuttychayan immediately responded, saying that he was that sinner and gave his life to Jesus Christ.

Soon he was baptized. He was a devoted Christian and remained faithful to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ throughout his life.

Our comfort is that we will see him once again in heaven. Praise the Lord!

Kunjamma Samuel - July 04, 2023 at 02:24 AM

BD

“ *My memories of him personally are few but I remember all that my mother and aunts have mentioned of him. He was a brilliant man with many accolades but never was one to flaunt it. His emails to us always indicated how proud he was of his grandchildren and kids. And also how deep-rooted he was in his faith, all the more with his scientific background. Our deepest condolences to all. Bevila, Charles, Adrian and Abigail Daniel*

Bevila Daniel - July 03, 2023 at 01:45 PM



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Kunjamma Samuel - July 04, 2023 at 02:11 AM

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. I am very touched by what ever memories my sisters have shared.He was a loving brother who loved his parents,siblings and their families. He loved his family and his love for his boys while they were growing was amazing.He encouraged us all to study well and was concerned about what we eat and our health as well.He was not only a scientist but was knowledgable about anything under the sun. He was a devout believer.very particular in praying in the morning and before going to bed. Bible was on his dining table and read the bible and prayed with family before having his breakfast and before retiring to bed. had the privilege of staying with him and his loving family in St Louis with children and could meet him twice after that... He was very well versed in Bible and once while staying with younger brother and had some doubts from the bible my sister in law Anila said"let us call kunjankutty chayan"!! That was his knowledge of the scriptures.His passing away is a great loss, he was an asset to our family. We will miss him But I thank my God for the blessed hope He has given us that we will meet him again with our other departed dear ones. and will be with all. of them for eternity where there will be no parting. May His name only be glorified

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