



Soman Thomas Koshy

February 15, 1961 - January 25, 2018

Soman Thomas Koshy, 56, of Des Moines, Iowa passed away on Thursday, January 25, 2018.

A memorial service to respect and remember Soman's life will be held at Sunset Memorial Gardens Chapel 7601 Fleur Dr. Des Moines, IA 50321 at 11:00 am on Saturday, February 3, 2018 with a reception immediately following the service.

Soman was born in Kuwait, Kuwait to Akanad & Mary Koshy. He was raised in Kerala, India until the age of 9 when he, his parents and younger brother, Sunny, moved to Easton, Pennsylvania. Soman graduated from Wilson Area High School in 1978. He went on to study Engineering briefly at Penn State and later Iowa State. In 1983, Soman relocated to Des Moines, Iowa where he remained for the balance of his life. For the first ten years in Des Moines, Soman was a proud and active member of the South Des Moines Jaycees where he met and kept some of the best friends and memories he ever made. Soman was also involved in Real Estate but always claimed he was better at talking with people than selling them things. In 1997, Soman took up the hour long one-way commute to Pella to become a Data Security Analyst for Vermeer Manufacturing where he worked for nine years.

Soman enjoyed the simplicity of life. A deep conversation, an emotional

movie, road trips and cooking - especially a good steak. When it came to his steak, he always said, "knock its horns off, wipe its behind and put it on my plate". But his truest love, besides his kids of course, were his dogs over the years. Denny, Rosie and Whiskey, Katie and Winnie the Pooh, and most recently, Roxie. The loyalty and compassion from his dogs is how he gauged his own behavior towards others in his life. Soman may not have always had it "all" but he would give it all to anyone in need.

Soman is survived by his daughter Melissa (Nick) Strauss and their two children – Dominic (7) and Lilliana (4), and his son John Gay. Soman is also survived by his brother Sunny (Tina) Koshy and their two children Brianna (20) and Matthew (16) Soman is preceded in death by his parents and both sets of grandparents.

Memorial Contributions can be made in Soman's memory to Alcoholics Anonymous Central Office. Please make checks payable to Melissa Strauss with A.A. noted in the memo section. <http://aadesmoines.org/>

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

FEB 3. 11:00 AM (CT)

Sunset Memorial Gardens Chapel
7601 Fleur Drive
Des Moines, IA 50321

Tribute Wall

BC

“ My parents were in the Jaycees for years with Soman, and he was always wonderful to me and my sister as we grew up. A very warm person, always made us smile, we were always so excited to see him. It's a true testament of a man that he was a huge friend to a couple of kids in their early years and they still fondly remember him several decades later. My love and condolences to Soman's family and friends. Praying for all of you.

Blaine Clark - November 06, 2019 at 01:57 AM

MS

Blaine, this message brought me much comfort today on the 5 year anniversary of his passing. Thank you for sharing this memory. I'm glad to hear he positively impacted your life at one point.

Melissa A Strauss - January 25, 2023 at 10:40 PM



“ I love and miss you Daddy-O!! I didn't know what loss was until I no longer had you!! You will always be in my heart and on my mind. I would give anything to have you back just to have one more conversation or one more hug. One day this will be easier I hope because life has not been the same without you.

John Gay - May 31, 2019 at 11:45 PM

BS

“ You're the first friendly face I met in the South Des Moines Jaycees. A good guy who could scare the hell out of people with his mask and chainsaw in a haunted house! Stay smiling Soman!

Barb Slater - February 03, 2018 at 02:52 PM

KB

“ My deepest sympathies go out to Melissa and her family. I met soman back in the Jaycee days and we became the best of friends. Soman always had an ear to listen and was a compassionate soul. It's sad sometimes as we travel life's path we lose touch of those good friends, but I was very happy I met Soman and am sure he will be truly missed by family and friends. Karen boyd

karen boyd - February 03, 2018 at 08:53 AM



“ Serene Reflections Bouquet was purchased for the family of Soman Thomas Koshy.



February 01, 2018 at 03:56 PM

DD

“ Mel - sorry for your loss and we're thinking about you!! Driscoll

David Driscoll - January 31, 2018 at 03:07 PM

MB

“ Soman I just want you to know how special you were. You called me a couple nights before I had my knee replacement to tell me you loved me and that you would be praying for me. You were the true definition of a friend. I could Not believe what a thoughtful man you were. You always said that you would never cheat on your hairdresser. That meant the world to me. You were taken much too soon! I love you and miss you! Rip until we meet again. Love,Michele

Michele Bales - January 31, 2018 at 12:22 AM

MV

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Mathew A Varghese - January 30, 2018 at 02:20 AM