



Sundaresh Somaskandan

June 6, 1969 - February 17, 2025

No obituary found for this tribute.

Previous Events

Funeral Service

FEB **25**. 10:00 AM (PT)

Twin Chapels Mortuary
1100 Tennessee Street
Vallejo, CA 94510

Tribute Wall

NT

“ *Tragic loss, I'm still at a loss for words, he was a great friend and someone I could always call to have a chat with. We reconnected last year after many years of not speaking as he moved abroad and it was just like old times. He was a loyal friend and someone i will always remember with fond memories.*

Nev Tham - March 02, 2025 at 06:38 PM

LR

“ *I had the privilege of having Sanj train me when we worked at Hotel Dynamics. He very quickly became someone who inspired and motivated me, and a friendship blossomed. Sanj always presented himself impeccably, and with the brightest of smiles and twinkle in his eyes. Fondly recall us seeing Depeche mode at Crown in Melbourne, together. My heartfelt condolences to Sanjay's family and loved ones. A great person we have lost along the way.*

Louize Rose - February 27, 2025 at 08:36 PM

JT

“ I met Sanjay when I was 16. I came from Germany to NZ to practice with Troy Tipene. We went on a road trip in an old Toyota Camry, myself, Sanjay, Troy and James McCondack, playing some money tournaments in some backwater towns. It was great fun (thank god for instant noodles). Sanjay came to Germany the following year to play some club tennis and we hung out a lot. Life catapulted me to NZ in my late twenties where I rekindled my friendship with Sanjay. I actually met my wife at his wedding!!! We lost touch for while when he moved to the US, but re-connected 5 years. We spoke on a regular basis, the last time 4 weeks before his passing. I will remember him as a very kind, warm and jovial guy, very loyal and good hearted. I have lost a great friend, I will miss him dearly. to Suraj, Sahan, Meena and Sanjay's dad, my heartfelt condolences, I am so sorry for your loss

Jens Tonn - February 27, 2025 at 05:18 AM

TT

“ Sanj and I met on the tennis court and while Fierce competitors back in our junior days we knew straightaway we would be friends for life off the court. We spent many years travelling chasing the dream. We both lost contact for many years as I started my own family and Sanj moved overseas but I commend Sanj in reaching out a few years back and we would reminisce old times on the court. His knowledge of tennis past and present was unreal and I really enjoyed our monthly chats. Going to miss old mate and look forward to meeting the boys on there return because if they are anything like there dad they must be truely great kids.

Lots of love Troy Tipene New Zealand

Troy Tipene - February 26, 2025 at 05:01 PM

DF

“ I met Sanj through a mutual friend in the early 90s in Hamilton, New Zealand. Through music we bonded. Whilst not strictly friends at first our similar musical tastes still allowed us enjoyable conversations.

When I started writing this I believed we didn't really see each other much face to face. Always just chats on the phone or email. But now I recall catching up when you were living on K road in Auckland above Subway. And how you ate Subway for dinner every day, and the Subway staff would prepare your order the moment you walked in the door! I remember visiting you in your new houses on North Shore and Rototuna. Seeing you playing tennis in Tauranga. And you visiting me at my dad's house.

As adult lives kept us occupied we went quiet then reconnected every few years.

I thought we reconnected during Covid, yet I find emails from 2012 and then onwards. This was after you had called my dad's house trying to track me down when you were visiting New Zealand. When we moved to WhatsApp I can see we started in 2017 !

I would cheekily say that we just talked about music 99.9% of the time, but of course we did share happy/sad/family/life/personal moments.

Sanj, thanks for being a constant in my life for 30+ years. I'll never know anyone else who can talk so deeply on just one genre of music ! It was a pleasure and a honour to be the person you could share it with!

I've enjoyed our video chats these past few years and will miss you calling me at the oddest hours !

You sent me so many musical recommendations I could never catch up, I'll make a start on them on this day finally !

My thoughts and condolences to Suraj, Suran, Meena, Dr Somas and the rest of the family.

Darryl Fong (Hamilton, New Zealand)

Darryl Fong - February 25, 2025 at 04:51 AM

DF

“ *Darryl F. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sundaresh Somaskandan.*

Darryl F. - February 24, 2025 at 05:30 PM

GJ

“ I met Sanjay in Sydney in 1996. I was just starting out in management and part of the same company Sanjay was already managing teams for. Sanj was accomodating as was his nature, and as we both had long hair tied back, both have family history in the sub continent and both grew up in Australasia, we seemed to form an easy affinity with each other.

We worked together for 5-6 years and though not always in the same city or country, we maintained regular communication. Sanj was always so good at keeping in touch and in those early leadership days for me was definitely a mentor and the big brother I never had.

We both were quite competitive people in careers- but Sanj was always in my corner encouraging, motivating and sharing laughs pretty much daily when he's call to check in. That was Sanj. We shared a live for sports, music - particularly electronic music, and fitness.

Our lives moved in different directions after we left Hotel Dynamics and Sanj became a Dad of Suraj and Sahun - two sons who clearly filled his heart with joy and pride.

We talked fairly regularly as the boys grew and Sanj moved from NZ, to Singapore and then to the States.

Sanj was an articulate guy, a “clothes horse” as he described himself who liked nice clothes and watches as well. I have three lovely watches that Sanj sold me still as my own proud collection.

He also was an abuse mix tape producer- making me tapes that would be gratefully played on road trips long and short.

Sanj was gregarious and open hearted, willing to strike up a chat about almost anything. He was a keen observer of people and the

world around him. He also had a great laugh that was so full - and a sharp sense of humour.

My thoughts are with you Suraj and Sahun as well as Ms Somas and Sanj's sister. It's a difficult time but take solace in each other and the love and care you Sanj had for you all.

*Thank you Sanj for being such a great mate. I'll miss you buddy.
Gav*

Gavin Josef - February 24, 2025 at 06:09 AM



“ *A terrible and untimely loss , you have been great friend to me since 1994 . John Cooper Australia*

John Cooper - February 24, 2025 at 04:30 AM

PF

“ *Prasoody Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Sundaresh Somaskandan.*



Prasoody Family - February 23, 2025 at 12:31 PM

SF

“ *Sivanathan Family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Sundaresh Somaskandan.*



Sivanathan Family - February 23, 2025 at 12:25 PM