

# Yoganathan (John) Gopaul Naidoo

April 23, 1954 - April 30, 2023

John passed away peacefully at the University of Alberta Hospital with his wife and children by his side.

Born in Pietermaritzburg, South Africa, John immigrated to Yellowknife in January 1981. He was a passionate aircraft engineer with a deep connection and commitment to the North. For 35 years, John worked at First Air (NWT Air). After retiring in 2015, John assumed a role at Buffalo Airways in Quality Control, which gave him immense & lasting satisfaction.

John (or "Pop") was a man of great integrity and conviction in what he believed in, even if that meant standing alone.

His deep abiding faith in the teachings of Self Realization Fellowship, shaped his life and guided him through the years.

His enduring mentorship and great love for his children will live on forever in their spirits. He taught them to dream, and dream bigger, to always follow their heart. His granddaughters were the apple of his eye and they had many secret meetings that only he was invited to (so they could orchestrate pranks on Gran)!

John was an "incomplete sentence" without his beloved



wife, Neela. Theirs was the greatest love story, having coffee dates even after 43 years together.

Funeral Services were held May 5, 2023, at the Park Memorial Funeral Home in Edmonton, AB. John leaves his beloved wife Neela, his children Neshalia (Maneesh) and Dashen (Nadira) grandchildren Lekha and Soma, his sister Kay Naidoo and brother Thega Naidoo.

May we all be comforted and find Peace in the treasure trove of great memories and his wisdom that will endure with all of us. Rest in Peace John.

*A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date.*