

# Sitaram “Bobby” Naidoo

August 18, 1935 ~ February 1, 2012



It is with great sadness that we share the passing of this incredible gentleman with you. Bobby was born and raised in Pietermaritzburg, South Africa. It is here that he met and married his wife, Mummitha. Together with their daughter, Suraiya, they moved to Lusaka, Zambia in 1968. Here, Bobby began his career in construction. His first project was the building of a major hotel/casino resort. He also had a career in the steel mill industry. In 1974,

Mummitha's brother sponsored them, and they emigrated to The Pas, Manitoba. Here, Bobby worked in the Pulp and Paper mill until moving to Calgary, Alberta in 1977. Here he worked in construction until 1986 when they moved to Yellowknife, NT. It is here that Bobby spent the remainder of his “golden” years. In those years he worked for Diamond D Construction, Bellanca Developments, the Yellowknife Co-op, and Chrysler Motors. It is also here in Yellowknife that he was able to share in the birth of the two most treasured people in his life... his grandchildren, Eshana and Nikhilesh Gohil.

A few of Suraiya's reflections about her father: “My dad was a genuine soul. He was a proud man, but there were no airs about him. What you saw was what you got. He was a man of few words, but when he spoke, it was always thought provoking, with a message to be had. He believed that charity began at home and he gave: he gave of his time, of his love, and of his labour, but mostly, he gave of himself... whether he knew you or not, it was easy for him to do this, for whomever, whenever and whatever the need. He never shied away from hard work, moreover, he always gave 110% to everything he did. He was a perfectionist, no matter how big or small the task at hand. But his smile and his laughter are the two things I will miss most about him. His smile could light up any room and his laughter

could fill it. I will also miss that twinkle in his eye.

Dad, my heart aches for you. I know you felt you had a good life, but you weren't here long enough for me! You were an amazing gentleman. It is an honour

and a privilege to be your daughter. One day we will be together again, but until then... thank you for the memories. I love you.”

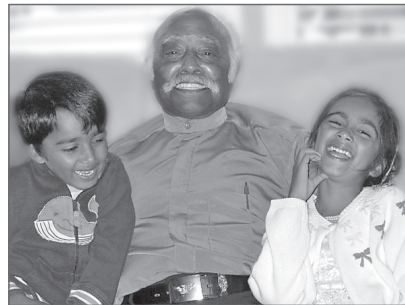
Bobby is survived by Mummitha, his wife of 46 years, his only child, Suraiya, his son-in-law, Nittin Gohil and the lights of his life, his granddaughter, Eshana and grandson, Nikhilesh. Also here in Yellowknife, are his niece (Kay, M.S., Mahen & Nalini Naidoo) and nephew (John, Neela, Neshalia, & Dashendra Naidoo).

A celebration of life was held for Bobby in Yellowknife, NT on February 4, 2012, this was followed by a cremation ceremony in Edmonton, AB on February 6, 2012. His ashes were then taken to South Africa by his immediate family and Bobby was laid to rest in the Indian Ocean on February 9, 2012.

Bobby's family would like to thank each and every one of you who either phoned, emailed, sent cards/flowers/food, made donations on Bobby's behalf and/or shared in his Celebration of Life with us. Your outpouring of love, thoughts, prayers, and support was truly touching. We would also like to say a special thank you to the Yellowknife Co-op and the downtown Subway location for your so very generous catering of this celebration.

In his passing, we are just beginning to see and understand the magnitude of the many lives Bobby touched. We are also aware that there are many of you who are still coming to learn of this great loss. Please feel free to get in touch with us, we would love for you to share your memories of Bobby with us.

For those of you wanting to honour Bobby, we ask that you do so by donating to a children's charity of your choice.



*You can easily judge the character of a man by how he treats those who can do nothing for him. ~James D. Miles*