

Satish Pitamber
June 11, 1936 – June 7, 2018

Satish Pitamber was born on June 11, 1936, in Mussoorie, India, the first child of Dr. Samuel and Alice Pitamber. His younger sister, Suzana, and brother Prem, were both born there as well. In 1942, the family moved to Banu, in the Northwest Frontier Province, where Suresh was born in 1943, and later to Peshawar, Pakistan where their second daughter, Juliana, was born in 1950.

Satish attended the University of Peshawar, graduating with a Master of Science in Botany in 1967, and began working in the department of agriculture in Dera Ismail Khan, Pakistan, a research office studying disease resistant wheat funded by UNESCO.

His sister, Suzana, introduced Satish to his future wife, Mahmooda, and they were married on July 17, 1971, in Gujranwala, Pakistan. Mahmooda worked in the home and bore Elmer Aneil Pitamber, their first son, on June 2, 1972.

The family came to the United States with his sister Suzana in February of 1973, staying briefly with their brother Suresh in San Antonio, Texas, eventually settling in Indianapolis, Indiana, later that same year and where they have made their home to this day. Satish acquired a neurotechnology degree and began working at the VA hospital.

They welcomed their daughter, Kirn Pitamber, on October 24, 1976, and their third child, a son, Sosheil Pitamber, on April 26, 1979.

Satish retired from the VA hospital in 2010 after 35 years of service. Soon after this, tragedy struck their family, upon the loss of their eldest son, Aneil, known to his family as Titu, on April 9, 2011.

Satish was a voracious reader and spent much of his retirement reading poetry and history, especially that of the Second World War. He also loved old Indian movies and music and fishing from his boat with his grandchildren at Eagle Creek. He also enjoyed cooking and eating with his family. He was a true handyman, as he enjoyed fixing things that were broken, and teaching his family those skills. He was curious about the world, traveling to Pakistan, India, Western Europe and Dubai.

Satish Pitamber died at the age of 81, three days shy of his 82nd birthday, and is survived by his wife of forty-six years, Mahmooda; five grandchildren by their eldest son, Jasmine (24), Rameil (22), Nadeem (21), Antwan (18), and Michael (11); their daughter Kirn Pitamber and her husband Benjamin Fry and their three children, Sitara (9), Solomon (8), and Aneil (4); and their son Sosheil and his children, Shaheen (19), Suneel (14), and Saniya (12), and numerous friends and family.