



## Nikhil Kishore Kothari

May 25, 1956 - February 21, 2021

Nikhil Kishore Kothari, born May 25, 1956 in Rajkot, India, passed on Sunday, February 21, 2021 in Mission Viejo, CA. Born to Kishore and Rama Kothari, he has four siblings: Jatin Kothari, Punita Bhatia, Kaumudi Mehta, and Mukund Kothari. Although born in Rajkot, he spent the first 13 years of his life in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. The Kothari family moved to Bombay in 1969 where they ultimately established their home in Khar and created many beautiful memories.

In 1982, Nikhil married Rashmi Vakharia and soon after had two sons, Abhay and Vishaal. The family moved to Mission Viejo, California in 2002, which was very difficult given the close relationship he had with Bapuji and Ba. He was a very devoted son and traveled back to India as frequently as he could to spend time with family, especially Ba and his little bird Devika. Even after Bapuji's passing, he never failed to call Ba at their regularly scheduled time. His heart was constantly in both places- Bombay and Southern California. He shared a special connection with Rashmi's sister, Hema and her husband Manu, who lovingly referred to him as N-Bhai.

Nikhil was a gentle soul; selfless, kind, dependable, and generous; qualities that allowed him to create lasting friendships with everyone who crossed his path. Nikhil was known to be the comedian of the family, never short of a joke or witty response. He always sought to make people smile wherever he went and the sound of his laughter will never be forgotten.

Happy hour with Nikhil was always comprised of watered down whiskey, cheez-its, cashews, and peanuts, now a family tradition that will fondly continue at 6pm. Most recently, Nikhil enjoyed singing on the karaoke app Smule, recording Hindi, English, Spanish, and Italian songs on a daily basis. He called it his "homework" after his afternoon walk. Hearing the pure joy in his voice filled our hearts with love. Above all Nikhil cherished time spent with his family.

He is survived by his wife, Rashmi Kothari, two sons, Abhay and Vishaal, and daughters, Jaquelyn, Afshawn, and Janielle.

Services will be held Thursday, February 24, 2021, 9:00 a.m. at McCormick & Sons Mortuary 1795 Laguna Canyon Road, Laguna Beach, CA 92651. A livestream of the service will be available on Zoom via the following link:

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# Events

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**FEB** **Funeral Service**

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McCormick & Son Mortuaries and Crematory

1795 Laguna Canyon Road, Laguna Beach, CA, US, 92651

# Comments

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“ A tribute video has been added.



**McCormick & Son** - April 01 at 03:44 PM

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“ Our deepest sympathy and condolences to Kothari family. Nikhil's sudden passing away was a shock to us. My dad Dr. Varia and my mom Kanta Varia were very close to Kothari family in Ethiopia. I have very fond and happy memories of the time I got to spend with Kothari family whenever i visited Ethiopia. Nikhil was the most funny and sweetest among all five siblings. His smile was infectious. Our prayers and thoughts are with Kothari family. May his soul rest in peace. May God give you all strength and courage to bear this terrible loss and pain.  
Sincerely, Kalpana Doshi (Varia)

**Kalpana Doshi** - February 28 at 09:33 PM

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“ Dearest Rashmi,  
Devastated to hear the sad news of nikhil. I have the fondest of memories when we first went to Oberoi Samarkand to meet Nikhil and the beginning of a your lifelong journey to togetherness. Always soft spoken , loving and caring . I have no words for your great loss. May his memory be a blessing and you find solace in the wonderful memories created over a lifetime. Our thoughts and prayers are with you Abhay and vishal during these difficult times. Lots of hugs and love  
talk to you soon.  
Ketu

**ketki mody** - February 27 at 06:52 PM

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“ This news of sudden passing of Nikhil has still not sunk in we are very sad and are in shock. He was a special person and was taken away too soon. I have known Nikhil since our childhood days in Ethiopia. I have a lot of fond memories of us playing together – I have known Nikhil as a very calm and composed individual. Since I moved to US, we met periodically on my visits to India but we reconnected when he immigrated to the USA, We talked several times but obviously not enough. Our last conversation was during the covid phase a few months ago – he talked about his family and how proud he was of Rashmi and his two sons and their accomplishments. I will miss him dearly; may his soul rest in peace. Good souls are called away early, we pray for healing and strength to endure this loss.

**Sailesh Varia** - February 26 at 06:45 PM

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“ I simply can't get over the early morning call from Nikhil's home that he is no more and now it's your sacred duty to go to Mukund's residence personally and give this shocking and devastating news as gently as possible to Ba and Mukund's family. I will eternally be grateful to Nikhil's family that they trusted me to give this extremely sad news to a mother and a brother for whom Nikhil's and his family's wellbeing was always foremost in their mind.

To what extent I succeeded, I don't know, only time will heal such a wound.

My introduction to Nikhil and to whole Kothari family started when Mukund joined Reliance head office in my division and we started working together.

Gradually I came closer and Mukund introduced me to a happy joint family and to famous Kothari hospitality. It was just a matter of time for the family to embrace me and make me part of their household.

Years passed we all grew up professionally.

I was now witnessing first hand Nikhil's devotion and love to his parents. If any of them fell sick then it was Nikhil's duty to give medicines without fail.

That is the time I started noticing loving simple and straight forward nature of Nikhil and his infectious laugh.

It was a morning ritual to go to Kothari residence, meet Bapuji and Baa, pick up Mukund and go to office together. Even though Nikhil was also working in Reliance his office location used to be different and I didn't get the opportunity to give him the lift.

In this journey called life there comes a time when you have to take some difficult decisions. Nikhil took the difficult decision of emigrating to US solely for the sake of better future for his children. He was a complete family man prioritising family over himself.

Years passed, my children went to US for higher studies and my elder son who was studying in LA got great support from Nikhil and Bhabhi.

Every Thanksgiving he used to be invited for fun frolic and wholesome meal and never returned empty handed.

And we used to visit him whenever we came to LA and enjoy his humour and twinkle in his eyes and his and Bhabhi's hospitality.

Our visits stopped when my both sons settled in San Jose but we remained in touch.

During his last visit to India he was looking thinner and older but not without his mischievous smile and his sense of humour came with Baa and family to our home and it was a delight to feed him his favourite home made dish, Idli Sambhar.

Alas, those happy days of Nikhil's company are gone and won't ever come again.

I hope and pray, wherever he is now, is at peace and happy and relaxed.

Good bye my friend.

Nandu bhayya.



“ The news of Nikhilbhai has left us all surprised as we can't believe it that he is gone. I really got to spend time with Nikhilbhai, bhabhi, and Mukundbhai during the time when my father Pujya Chandubhai Kothari was scheduled for a hip replacement surgery at Ram Krishna Mission hospital. I stayed for two weeks with everyone in Khar and got to really know Nikhilbhai's cheerful nature. He would return from work and we all would enjoy some fun banter with one another. His laughter still echoes in my ear.

Then we met in NY at Vipulbhai's house in 2013 or so where we spent some nice time together.

These memories will remain with us forever. We will never forget you Nikhilbhai!

Our prayers are with the entire family. Bhagwan temna atma ne shanti ape!

Jai Shree Krishna

Rushesh, Pallavi, Sanket and Priyanka



**Pallavi Gadhia** - February 25 at 09:38 PM

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“ Although my get-togethers with Nikhil and Rashmi were few and far between, each one of these encounters created a fond and happy memory that I will always cherish. Nikhil was a kind, thoughtful, and jovial man with an infectious laugh. I am blessed to have meant him. May he Rest In Peace.

To the Kothari Family: Thank you for making me a part of a poignant and beautiful memorial service.

**Olivia "Ninang" Parungao** - February 25 at 09:38 PM

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“ First off all, Nikhilbhai, we are distraught that these are memories - we should still be sitting together talking and laughing. But you have left us, so will say this of you - it was a pleasure knowing you, you are and always will be sorely missed. Remember the time we all got lost walking around Palos Verdes? It started wonderfully, we had bought houses next to each other, the kids, very young, all five of them, running around and laughing and racing each other, 4 hours later all exhausted, we struggled home - you carried Nisha on your shoulders. Your unfailing kindness, your pleasure in our families and our company will always stay with us. Farewell dear friend, hope to see you another time, another place.

Jyoti and Adrian



Jyoti and Adrian Baker - February 25 at 11:47 AM

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“ While it's debatable on how good my home brewed beer actually was, Nikhil loved it and always asked when my next batch would be ready. He was "X-Conn's" number one fan and I'll always remember his infectious laugh and smile.

connor fagent - February 25 at 11:42 AM

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“ My conversations with Nikhil Kaka would always start with him teasing me about how he had to spend a tiring day with me at Disneyland :) Kaka was someone who could get along with any age group. I've never had a single conversation with him that didn't end in a laugh or smile. I spent a week with Kaka, Kaki, and Vishal at their home in LA in summer of 2005 and had a wonderful time with them. Kaka was always very warm and welcoming, it's his laughter that brought life to the room! I will miss you dearly Kaka. I'm so grateful to have some beautiful memories with you.

Dhwani Kothari - February 25 at 11:40 AM

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“ I had the pleasure of working with Nikhilbhai, - NKK at Reliance (as most of were known by our initials there). He was always great ‘company’, and he welcomed and attracted people to hang around at his desk to take our coffee breaks, share jokes and office gossip. Many of us loved his accommodating attitude and often played the odd computer game (Prince of Persia, Tetris) on his PC. Computers were a rare commodity back then, but Nikhilbhai was already ahead of most of us in using it. I recall he was one of the few even having a laser printer attached to his PC. It was a ‘marvel’, to watch him print a foreign contract or those dreaded ‘Annexure D, D1’, from his PC. Such were small pleasures we all enjoyed decades ago.

The best times with him were outside work, at the weekly catchup at Tiffany’s, a local drinking hole at Santacruz station or at the Khar Gymkhana. He had great way of treating people and was sought after for any party conversation. Even accompanying him to Hariza (our site in Gujarat) ensured a dreamy experience of getting catered like an expat and enjoy life beyond those dreaded ‘EPCO’ status reports and meetings.

I remember his infectious laughter emanating through those office partitions filled with project files. He did show a rebellious streak, by wearing cool, colour-coordinated Allen Solly trousers, defying the dreary office uniforms.

He will be missed. My deepest condolences to his family and friends.

DW

(Deepak Winston)



DW - February 25 at 11:26 AM

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“ Hope there is cheese in heaven.  
Will miss you immensely.  
Suren

Surendra Shah - February 25 at 11:00 AM

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He will be missed. My deepest condolences to his family and friends. May God provide you all with the support during this difficult period. These fond memories will help us reflect on his great life and how many people he touched.

DW  
(Deepak Winston)



DW - February 25 at 10:38 AM

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“ I'll miss the sound of NBhai's joyous laughter, which, in a family full of hearty laughers, stood out in typically gentle fashion. His laughter was never far away - he quite generously sprinkled it in all the many interactions we were lucky enough to have with him over the years.

I'll miss his generosity - he never said no to lending a helping hand, whether the favor was a small one or a big one, and he did it with typical gusto and a sense of responsibility..

I'll miss the warmth of his presence - ever the consummate host, he never let your glass or plate stay bare for too long, and this extended even to his visits to our house!

I'll miss the sheer sweat-filled joy he experienced while enduring those super spicy mirchi bhajias he loved so much.

Our shared love of old songs was a special bond between us and I'll miss enjoying the exuberance with which he'd taken to singing them lately.

But most of all, I'll dearly miss the twinkle in his eyes and the playful half-smile on his lips as he was poised to deliver one of his patented "dadjokes", as his kids lovingly called them.

So long NBhai, your songs and laughter will be with me always, as will the huge void you've left.



**Manu** - February 25 at 10:14 AM

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“ Nikhil masa was always such lifeline for me at so many US family gatherings when I was younger and I felt like I couldn't remember everyone's names or couldn't understand the language. He would always watch for me in the room and if he saw me struggling to make conversation or if I looked worried he would cut into that conversation, make a joke and then pat the sofa next to him where he and I would just laugh about anything. He never said anything about it or made it noticeable. But he always had my back. Will miss your infectious smile and amazing heart always  
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**Nisha** - February 25 at 08:10 AM



“ I was so lucky to share many memories with Papa, but the one I will never forget is the very first time I ever met him. When I first saw him, I was in complete shock. I literally couldn't speak. He looked EXACTLY like my dad, but just a giant India version of my dad. I stared at him in total disbelief, while he kept giggling, smiling and asking what was wrong.

Papa was such a special man. His laughter and smile were so contagious. Connie and I were so fortunate to spend the weekend with him and the family before he passed. He gave Diego 17404849404 treats and told us a bajillion dad jokes. He always made me feel so incredibly loved and treated me like I was his own daughter. I am so thankful to have had him in my life. I'll miss him so much and he will forever be in my heart



**Janielle Fagent** - February 25 at 04:10 AM

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“ Simply cannot wrap my head around this sudden, devastating loss! Brings back so many memories of my visit to Khar home since childhood right up to Nikhilbhai's last visit to Baroda. Can never forget the ever-joking, every-cheerful and most importantly absolutely SIMPLE and uncomplicated presence of Nikhilbhai. I feel lucky that i could meet him in Baroda couple years ago, when i witnessed that the simple person has also evolved spiritually. We spent a warm, loving day, chatting, joking through the day where he also shared some lovely pictures with me. We also planned a visit to Dwarka when he visits India next. We will visit, in your memory, Nikhilbhai. I am so thankful to God for granting me the opportunity to connect with you that day. Your simplicity, light heartedness, cheerfulness, straight forwardness, and purity literally shone through your twinkling eyes! Though God took you away a bit too early, I still want to thank God that your journey from this world to the other was not troublesome for you! Your soul is definitely at peace! Love and regards, Nikhilbhai!



**Kalpa Rachh** - February 25 at 03:44 AM

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“Nikhil and I worked together for 10 years. It was never really work we had good times. Many the times I remember when a vendor would bring a box of Candy around Nikhil was first on the scene. It was a standing joke that the box of Candy was at Nikhil's desk. My dear friend you will be missed but not forgotten. I'll see at the Sees Candy store.

Jim Stein

**james stein** - February 25 at 02:25 AM

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“ Nikhil a brother and a Friend.

“Those we love can never be more than a thought away.....For as long as there is a memory, they are in our hearts to stay!”

It is always a difficult task to express your feelings for the departed soul but I will make an attempt to share my sweet memories with Nikhil.

Nikhil was a very straight forward, simple and unassuming personality who always had a smile that lit up the room. In my 11 years of stay in Mumbai during my formative years, my cousins were my best and closest friends. Jatin and I were almost the same age so we were very close, but the three of us Jatin, Nikhil and I would normally be seen together in those days.

We were the three stooges who would be together many evenings. I remember, the three of us going out for a stroll (to smoke cigarettes) after dinner. It was Nikhil who filled up the void after Jatin moved out of India to settle down abroad.

Nikhil was a fun loving person. His jibes and pranks used to be without malice and I knew that underneath the fun-loving façade, he had a very warm and clean heart.

I have always cherished the memory of my trip to Manali - the most memorable trip of my life – when Nikhil, Manoj and Kalpak decided to include me for the trip with their respective families. I knew Nikhil well but being together for days with him and all the other members of the family was an unforgettable experience. Nikhil and Rashmi decided that I stay with Nikhil, Abhay, Vishal and Rashmi shared room with Varshabhabhi and Puja. I have mentioned quite a number of times that I really started knowing a warm hearted and caring person in Rashmi in that tour.

The last time we met in Vadodara about 20/21 months back, Nikhil had talked about visiting and making a joint yatra to Dwarka. So Nikhil, we promise you, that to fulfil this wish of yours, we, the cousins here in Ahmedabad and Vadodara, shall make this yatra in your name and for you.

With passage of time and with the demands of life, we took everyone's existence for granted and drifted apart in a manner that we ignored to keep in touch with one another. But Nikhil, your untimely and sudden departure has got us thinking of the necessity to keep in touch with members of our extended family.

It is a great loss for the entire family to lose Nikhil in this fashion. We pray that Parmatma takes good care and looks after his soul. We pray for Sadgati of his soul. Pujya Kaki, Punitaben, Jatin, Mukund,Rashmi, Abhay, Vishal please accept heartfelt condolences from me and all the rest of the extended members of Kothari family.

Jai Shri Krishna

Kamlesh bhai



**Kamlesh Kothari** - February 25 at 01:42 AM

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“ Nikhilbhai very calm sincere and kind hearted caring person. Whenever he visited India, he would call us. We are deeply grieved. We pray his soul rest in peace.

**Minaxi Dhiren** - February 25 at 01:14 AM

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“ Dear Rashmi

With a heavy heart we were informed of the untimely passing away of Nikhil.

Please accept our heartfelt condolences and we pray to the almighty to keep his soul in eternal peace always

May God give you, Abhay and Vishaal, the strength to bear this unbearable loss.

All that remains are sweet memories

We will miss Nikhil , lots!

Jaibala and Gopal Iyer  
Dubai, UAE

**Gopal Iyer** - February 24 at 11:25 PM

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“ My first memory is of childhood pranks in what was then Bombay. Harmless crank calls to random numbers from the phone book! Such simple past times.

Then there was a summer vacation when the Mumbai cousins visited Ahmedabad! I think we went to see Bambi. The show had started and the movie theatre was already dark. We were all filing down the row where people were already seated. In the dark Nikhil inadvertently sat on a lady's lap!! I vividly remember the lady's husband perhaps, pushing him off vigorously amidst all our giggles!!

My ever smiling serene handsome cousin, very straightforward and jovial. We spent many a summer break together so many of us in a range of ages. I marvel at how each aunt and uncle cared for such a lively bunch of kids all at a time. Feeding us must've been such a chore! I can't imagine the effort it took to juice the mangoes and roll out the chappaties. We didn't need to be entertained however, we'd cook up our own... including scaring ourselves silly with planchet!

I have spent a lot of time at Khar. After graduating college, Nikhil and I did an Export management class together at Mumbai. I remember the crowded train commutes, trying to run along to keep up with his long strides, getting coffee and pastries, fighting over the yummy juice leftover from the salad at dinner.

Nikhil - Rashmi rekindled the memory of the dinner salad the last and only time we visited with them. He had that mischievous grin on his face that will live in my memory. It was such a warm welcoming time Vinay and I spent with Rashmi- Nikhil, Abhay - Jaquelyn, Vishaal and Kaumudi that evening.

Rashmi was as much a sister to me as to Punitaben when I stayed at Khar after I was married and Ramakaki remains a mother figure even today.

There's a Nikhil shaped hole in Kishorekaka's family and the extended Kithari family. Rest In Peace my dear Nikhil, you will live in our hearts as long as we have them

**Jagrati Shah** - February 24 at 11:00 PM

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“ Nikhil has a special place in my heart. When in Khar, Nikhil was young little boy, Instead of being little brother he made me fill like he was my son. He always came to see us whenever he visited India.  
We are shocked & broken by such a devastating fact that he is no longer with us.  
He will be loved & taken care by our Shreeji  
Dhiren & I will always miss him very much  
Jai Shree Krishna  
Minaxi & Dhiren



Komal Parikh - February 24 at 11:00 PM

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“ Though words may not be enough to provide solace at this time, we hope our thoughts and prayers bring some peace to the entire family during these difficult times.

Nikhil bhai was a warm and caring soul. He always had a smile on his face and he was always so full of life.

It is so hard to believe this devastating news and come to grips with it. We were all taken aback by it.

Today and always, may the loving memories of Nikhil bhai bring us peace, comfort and strength!

He will always be treasured with love and will be truly missed with grief. May his soul Rest In Peace!

Jai Shri Krishna

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Ila Ben - February 24 at 10:42 PM





“ When I think of Nikhil mama, all I can see is his smiling face. Every time I have met him, I have always seen him with a smile.

My childhood memory of mama was when we had stayed in Khar, when I was around 8 or 9 years old.

We spent some cherished moments with everyone, ba, dada, nikhil mama, mami, Puneeta masi, Mukund mama and Abhay during our stay.

Although I was very young, I still remember the smiling faces of mama and mami as Abhay and I played in their room.

Some other memories I have of mama is when he and mami had come to NY and we all spent some quality time at Vipul mama's place. During this visit I remember mama telling me that his birthdate was May 25th and since then I made it a point to text him on his birthday!

I last met mama when I had gone to see Abhay in April 2015. We all got together at mama's place and spent the evening together, enjoying pav bhaji along with mama's witty jokes.

Every time I have met Nikhil mama, I have always seen him so jovial and always with a smile that was very contagious.

His jovial nature and his evergreen smile will always be missed! May he always spread that smile in heaven!

I know that words will not wipe away the tears, and hugs may not ease the pain at this time, but remembering the good times and sweet memories of him will help bring some comfort.

Mami, Abhay, Vishal, Jaqueline, ba and entire family, may you find serenity and solace through the healing power of love and hope, today and always! We will keep you in our thoughts and prayers!

“Tenderly, May time heal your sorrow,  
Gently, May friends ease your pain,  
Softly, May peace replace heartaches,  
And May warmest memories remain”

Our heart felt condolences!

Sincerely,

Sweetu



**Sweetu** - February 24 at 10:35 PM

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“ I met Nikhil years ago while working at Macy’s in the furniture Dept. He always made you laugh and talked often of his family who he cherished. It will be a loss to all of us who knew him. My prayers are with his family. Dixie Hooven

**dixie Hooven** - February 24 at 09:41 PM

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“ It was shocked and saddened exit from the active life when it was most needed by the family.  
We can not challenge the almighty God for his this unjustified act - inspite of that - we have to ask and pray Him to give the hope & strength to bear and face the situation.  
No words to express except -  
OHM SHANTI OHM...  
Jsk  
Panna Anil



**Komal Parikh** - February 24 at 09:21 PM

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“ Priti Kothari lit a candle in memory of Nikhil Kishore Kothari



Priti Kothari - February 24 at 08:50 PM

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“ We are heartbroken by the loss of Nikhilbhai and sorry we cannot be there during this difficult time. Our hearts are with you. Sending love, thoughts and prayers to you and your family during this tough time. Nikhilbhai will be greatly missed. May his soul Rest In Peace.

Vipulbhai, Pritibhabhi, Ba and Seema

Priti Kothari - February 24 at 08:46 PM

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“ 18 files added to the album LifeTributes



McCormick & Son - February 24 at 08:32 PM

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“ We may not have stayed in constant touch , but we still remember Nikhil mama’s witty sense of humor & infectious smile . We will miss him very much.  
May his soul Rest In Peace. May god give strength & courage to the family to bear his loss.

Birva & Abhishek

Jason, Disha

Vaishali,Rohan

Jill, Niral

Shaily , Rujul



**Jyotin Parikh** - February 24 at 07:45 PM



“ I will always remember Nikhil for his infectious smile and laughter! He always was a spark of sunshine whenever we met. His way of talking abs laughing at the same time was precious

With love and prayers for his soul

Kavita Shah

**kavita shah** - February 25 at 07:16 AM



“ We were fortunate to have spent some quality time with Nikhil here in Chicago. Amongst some sweet memories , one was when we were house searching, he was so excited making plan for a nice bar & pool . Then coming to pharmacy & travel agency & trying to help how to get new customers & market the business. He had larger then life persona with a very contagious smile.  
He will be missed very much by all the people who knew him.  
May Shreenathji give us strength & courage to bear his loss.  
One thing for sure that his soul is resting in heaven. Hope Shreeji will grant him moksha.



**Jyotin Parikh** - February 24 at 07:22 PM



“ THE DEVASTATINGLY SAD NEWS OF THE DEPARTURE OF NIKHIL HAS NUMBED MY ABILITIES TO EXPRESS. I AM AT A LOSS OF WORDS TO EXPRESS VERBALLY OR IN WRITING.

THE DEVASTATION OF THIS LOSS HAS SHATTERED OUR HAPPY AND PEACEFUL LIFE; BLANKETED US WITH ANGER, GRIEF AND SORROW.

MEMORIES OF LIVING TOGETHER AS A BONDED FAMILY IN SHANKAR DARSHAN CONSTANTLY FLASH IN MY MIND. I HAVE LOST ONE OF THE LINK OF MY UNBREAKABLE CHAIN.

LET US PRAY TO THE ALMIGHTY TO PROVIDE US STRENGTH TO BEAR THIS UNEXPECTED/UNBEARABLE LOSS AND REST THE DEPARTED SOUL IN PERPETUAL/IMMORTAL

PEACE AND HAPPINESS.

JSK FROM JITU



**Komal Parikh** - February 24 at 07:09 PM

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“ Can't believe still that Nikhil bhai is not around. Nikhil bhai as I remember was a very kind & caring soul. His smile was mesmerizing & naughty at the same time. He was always happy. He never complained about anything. Always appreciated everything & everyone. He will be missed dearly . Jason & Jill are very much in shock when they heard about Nikhil mama. They shared some good memorable time when he was in Chicago with us. They have some sweet memories of Mama's hilarious sense of humor. Now that he is with Shreeji, we know that he is in best place & in peace.ohm shanti ohm.



Komal Parikh - February 24 at 07:04 PM

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“ As his brother-in-law for 30 years, I found Nikhil to be one of the nicest, kindest, and most caring human beings I have met. In him I saw a person who was always solicitous of others and who always put the needs and comforts of others ahead of himself. Yet he also had an impish side and a keenly developed sense of humor and a booming laughter to go with it. He was a devoted husband, a loving and indulgent father, a most devoted son to his parents, a loving brother to his siblings and many cousins in the extended family, a naughty uncle who was always willing to share a laugh and warmth with his nephews and nieces..... in short, he was the quintessential family man. We shall all cherish the happy moments we shared with him and consider ourselves blessed to have been able to call him as one of our very near and dear ones. May God bless his Atman. Om Shanti, Shanti, Shanti.

Sharad Bhatia - February 24 at 06:56 PM

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McCormick & Son - February 24 at 06:27 PM



“ Nikhil was more than a coworker..he was friend a brother...always in touch with each other ...for many years we built a friendship will be hard to forget ..I will miss you my friend ....Kal berakdar ..

kal berakdar - February 24 at 06:20 PM



“ Masa and I couldnt speak to eachother seriously. There were battle lines and unwritten rules, but the aim was always who could make the other laugh. When i slipped him some of the spicy green pani puri water at hema masis was probably the best

neil - February 24 at 04:56 PM



“ Manoj Kothari lit a candle in memory of Nikhil Kishore Kothari



Manoj Kothari - February 24 at 03:07 PM



“ Nikhilbhai( Badebhai), so humble, calm, soft spoken, caring person. His mighty roaring laughter echoes around me . Will miss you my big brother. God bless your noble soul and Rest In Peace

Manoj Kothari - February 24 at 03:06 PM



“ A kind hearted person with a gentle soul is what I would term Nikhilbhai as. Remembering his cheering moments and laughter particularly at many family gatherings and his fascinating persona, will always be Missed!!

Sonali Garach - February 24 at 07:24 AM



“ I fondly remember Nikhilbhai at our family gatherings as a charming personality with witty sense of humor. At our first meeting he was intrigued with my similar appearance to film actor Peter Sellers, and ever since lovingly referred to me by that name. Nikhilbhai will be greatly missed. May his Gentle Soul Rest In Peace !!

**Jayesh Garach - Sydney Australia** - February 24 at 07:11 AM



“ Sailesh and Smita Varia

Very sad to hear about Nikhil's passing. We are truly sorry for this sudden loss. I have known Nikhil since our childhood days in Ethiopia. I have a lot of fond memories of us playing together – I have known Nikhil as a very calm and composed individual. Since then we met periodically on my visits to India but we reconnected when he immigrated to the USA, We talked several times but obviously not enough. Our last conversation was during the covid phase a few months ago – he talked about his family and how proud he was of Rashmi and his two sons and their accomplishments. I will miss him dearly; may his soul rest in peace.

**Sailesh and Smita Varia** - February 24 at 05:50 PM



“ So sad, kikhil was such a good person, always ready to help when asked, he was a good co-worker he will be missed, my prayers our with the family!

**dede. eard** - February 24 at 08:17 PM



“ Nikhilbhai was always a gentle and cheerful presence. His infectious laughter used to brighten up the atmosphere. His last visit to India gave us a clear glimpse of how beautifully and spiritually he had evolved as a person. We will miss him but his memory will always bring warmth and togetherness in us.

**Kalpak Kothari** - February 24 at 02:42 AM

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“ Nikhil masa was always around to make us smile, laugh and help us feel part of things. His laugh was infectious and his joy at being around his family and loved ones so apparent. We miss him already.



**Amy Baker** - February 24 at 02:19 AM

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“ Hiren lit a candle in memory of Nikhil Kishore Kothari



**Hiren** - February 23 at 10:42 PM

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“ Nikhil bhaiya always keep smiling and stay blessed where you are and keep us all blessed

**Rajesh K S Bhasin** - February 23 at 10:18 PM

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“ The last time I saw Nikhil was on Rashmi's surprise bday on January of 2020. Rashmi had a makeover that day. She was so pretty and dolled up. I glanced at Nikhil and saw sparkle in his eyes and a big smile, he was so proud that he was married to this pretty lady!

**Cel Fernando** - February 23 at 09:56 PM

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“ We had opportunities to meet Dear Nikhil twice or thrice in the past and were deeply impressed by his humble nature, a gem of a personality and a thorough gentleman from head to toe. We will miss him.  
Suvarna and Hiren.

Hiren - February 23 at 09:41 PM

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“ He was such a gentle soul. In 2017 when our flight to Sta Rosa was cancelled... Nikhil, Rashmi, Andrew and I waited out at JWA for the earliest available flight. We were going to attend Janielle and Connor's wedding. We 4 had lunch at JWA, drinks at Phoenix Airport then finally at Sta Rosa by midnight. In 2016... that's when we first met Nikhil and Rashmi in Spain for Jaquelyn and Abhay's wedding. We got to tour Alhambra with them. Such sweet memories. Rest In Peace Nikhil!

Cesar & Gloria Baldemor

Baldemor Family - February 23 at 08:49 PM

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“ Baldemor Family lit a candle in memory of Nikhil Kishore Kothari



Baldemor Family - February 23 at 08:34 PM

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“ Nikhil always have a smile, a warm welcome and a joke to share whenever we get together. He is a kind and gentle soul. I'll never forget the time he told me after Abhay married Jaquelyn that he has 2 daughters now. I was puzzled and asked who the other one is. He said I claim Janielle and Jaquelyn as my daughters. And ever since then he has treated my daughters lovingly as his own and he was loved by them as well. He will surely be missed.

Jo Parungao - February 23 at 08:25 PM

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“ Juan Parungao lit a candle in memory of Nikhil Kishore Kothari



**Juan Parungao** - February 23 at 08:03 PM

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“ Juan Parungao lit a candle in memory of Nikhil Kishore Kothari



**Juan Parungao** - February 23 at 07:56 PM

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**McCormick and Son Mortuary** - February 23 at 02:45 PM



“ Met Nikhil a few times, the last meet a few years ago, remembering his serene helpful nature & smile

**Kanu Gandhi** - February 24 at 08:16 AM



“ I met Nikhil several years ago at Macy's. We worked together for a couple of years and I always looked forward to seeing him. He was always witty, charming and a little mischievous. I am saddened at his passing and wish to express my deepest condolences to his family and friends. Linda Ethridge

**Linda Ethridge** - February 24 at 08:16 PM