



# Dr. Ahalya Krishnan

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**D**r. Ahalya Krishnan of Tavares, Fl previously of Youngstown, Oh, passed away on May 21, 2018 at Florida Waterman Hospital, Tavares, FL after a brief illness.

She was born in Tirupur, Tamil Nadu, India, the daughter of the late, CMV Jayeendrachar and Jayalakshmi. She is survived by her husband Rama “Ram” Krishnan, her daughter Vani James (Scott), two grandsons Rajah James (Kim) and Krishna James and three great grandchildren Emma James, Neela James and Ishaan James. She is survived by three sisters, their spouses, and numerous nieces and nephews. A brother, Ragotham Achar, preceded her in death.

She received her high school diploma at the age of 14; however, because of state law was unable to attend university. She completed her Visharad in Hindi in one and a half years. She became a Hindi teacher in a convent at the age of 18 and while teaching she studied privately and earned a BA in English and Economics with Madras State ranks. She also wrote “Readers in Hindi” for 6th through 11th graders. In Washington DC she worked as an Economic assistant in the Indian Embassy, where she met Ram. From 1965 to 1967 she worked as a Statistical Assistant at the World Bank. In 1969 she graduated with High Honors from the University of Wisconsin (Platville) with a Master’s Degree in Guidance Counseling. She received her PhD from Kent State University in Educational Psychology in 1975 and became a full-time professor at Youngstown State University, teaching there from 1975 to 1996. Among many other awards and accolades, she received the Distinguished Professorship Award.

Ahalya, “Ahal,” Mom, Avva, Aiji, Auntie, best friend, religious scholar and adviser, and Indian chef were some of her many titles. For those who newly arrived in Youngstown, Ohio her home was a welcoming place that always reminded them of their families back in India. This has been a recurring theme no matter where Ahal and Ram have lived. She remains forever in the hearts and memories of all who have been in her presence. Her duty to her family was first and foremost and brought her the greatest joy. Her love of the Hindu culture and philosophy as well as her faith in God have been a grounding force throughout her life. She will be missed but remembered by all.



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Ahal and Ram enjoyed their lives together, they loved to travel, loved their grandchildren and great grandchildren and the new life they made in Florida and with the many new friends they have met.

Viewing will be at 2pm with a memorial service to follow at Page-Theus Funeral Home, 914 West Main Street, Leesburg, Fl 34748.

In lieu of flowers a donation can be made in her name to the SLN Temple, 6464 Sodom Hutchings Rd, Girard, OH 44420.



# Events

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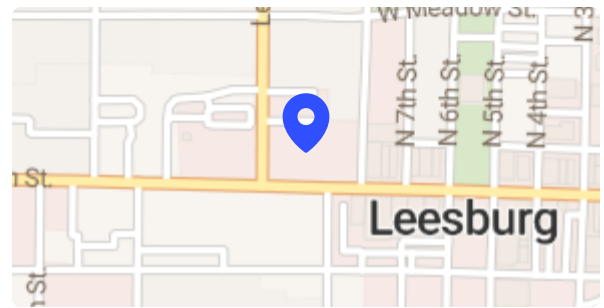
## Memorial Service

 **Wednesday**, May 23, 2018

 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM ET

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914 West Main Street, Leesburg FL 34748





## Tribute Wall

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JS

**Jordan Smith** posted:

I was so deeply saddened to hear about the passing of Ahalya Krishnan. She was such a wonderful person, and she always brought a smile to everyone around her. Her warmth and kindness will be dearly missed. My thoughts and prayers are with her family during this difficult time. Rest in peace, dear friend. Thanks to obituariesbylastname.com for helping me find this tribute for a cherished friend. special thanks to <http://obituariesbylastname.com/> for guiding me to my friend's tribute wall

May 27 at 11:11 PM

GK

**Ganesh Kudav** posted:

Dear Ram and VaniWe are deeply saddened by the passing of Ahalya. Ram, you and Ahalya were among the first colleagues who welcomed us as we relocated to Youngstown to join the faculty position at YSU. We will miss Ahalya's eternal optimism, her gentle spirit, and her affectionate nature. May she rest in peace. Rekha and Ganesh Kudav

June 6 at 9:38 AM

GL

**Glorianne Leck** posted:

Ram and family. What a terrible loss to you and all of us. Ahalya was a wonderful friend and colleague at YSU. Please accept my deepest sympathies. Glorianne Leck

May 30 at 3:31 PM



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DP

**David Parks** posted:

To the Krishnan Family, Having just returned to Ohio from living in Florida, by chance I was glancing through the Youngstown Vindicator to catch up on local news, when I happened to notice a name in the obituary section - Dr. Ahalya Krishnan. This name had a profound affect on me 30 years ago when I was a student at Youngstown State University. I had the honor of taking two courses that were taught by Dr. Krishnan. I will always remember her as being an exceptional professor, as well as very kind and supportive. Her classes were difficult, because she wanted her students to learn as much as possible during the quarters available at that time. I learned more about Psychology, and life in general, from her than I realized at the time. She truly was one of the finest instructors and people I have ever met. She inspired me to work hard and make learning a lifelong endeavor. I'm grateful to have had such a competent, gracious, and influential teacher during my school years - she made me a better person, she made Y.S.U. a better university, and Youngstown a better city. It's people like her that bring the world together through education. My heartfelt condolences to her family. Sincerely, David P. Parks

May 28 at 4:25 PM

AT

**Albert Tucciarone** posted:

Dear Vani, Shelley and I are saddened by your loss. Al Tucciarone YSU Williamson School of Business 1976-1982

May 27 at 7:19 AM

CS

**Chris Sweeney** posted:

Dear Ram, Vani and Family, My sincere regrets upon learning of your loss of Ahalya. One of my greatest privileges at YSU was being a colleague and friend of Ahalya. She was an honest, caring, competent, and ethical faculty member. Her memory is cherished. She is sorely missed. Sincerely, Chris Sweeney

May 26 at 4:06 PM

RL

**Raja Lalchand** sent a Springtime Wishes to the Krishnan family.



May 25 at 8:15 AM



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SK

**Suryaprabha Kolli** posted:

Dear Ram and Vani Ahalya is always remembered as best friend and mentor by me and all my kids. She did the Lakshmi puja at Veena's birth also after veena's wedding at my place. We all miss her very much. My condolences to all of you. Prabha Kolli and family

May 24 at 5:06 AM

DL

**Dr. P. R. Lakhani And Chandrika Lakhani** posted:

Dear Ram, Deeply shocked to hear about passing away of most adorable woman I have come across. It was honor to work with her as my Vice President in India association. I hope you and family get courage to bear this great loss. We pray for her soul to Rest In Peace. From Prabhu and Chandrika.

May 23 at 11:56 AM

SW

**Sapna Welsh** May 29 at 11:47 AM

Dear Ram Uncle, Vani, Scott and family, Please accept our condolences on the loss of an amazing woman. Ahalya Aunty touched the lives of so many with her kindness, intellect, traditional and modern thinking, and gentleness. She was a role model for anyone who had the privilege of knowing her. - Sapna and Bob Welsh

JS

**Jyotindra And Nirupama Shah** May 26 at 8:42 AM

Dear Ram; We are deeply saddened to hear that Ahilya is no more with us. We knew her as a very kind and loving individual, who was always ready to help others. She was an extremely knowledgeable and learned person. May her soul rest in piece. We pray God to give a lot of strength to you and your family to go through such difficult time. Please let us know if we can be of any help to you. - Jyotindra and Nirupama Shah

VK

**Vinay Kumar** posted:

Dear Ram Krishnan: Sunila and I are saddened by the news of Ahalya's passing. Please accept our heartfelt condolences. She was a very nice and talented lady. We'll miss her as an SN2 family member. Vinay and Sunila Kumar; N1

May 23 at 8:37 AM



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AK

**Alapati K Kumaran** posted:

Our memories of Ahalya began from the very interesting talk on the Tamil poet Kambar she presented in Shantiniketan 1 in the year she and Ramakrishnan moved to Tavares We cherish her friendship and we will miss her Jyoti and Krishna Kumaran

May 23 at 7:16 AM

DR

**Dr.Sudhakar V.Rao** posted:

namaskaram Ram,subhadra and i were deeply saddened to receive the news of your bereavement.Smt.Ahalya was a great teacher, musician and artist with multiple talents. She served the residents of Youngstown for several years as a spiritual leader, philosopher and teacher.You being a karma yogi and she being a philosopher, several people like me drew much spiritual inspiration from both of you. you were an ideal couple and this bereavement is a severe blow to all of us. a spiritually evolved flame has been extinguished by loss of the physical presence of Smt.Ahalya amongst our midst. But the flame continues to glow brighter in the face of her exemplary life! We should now ensure that we follow the lofty principles she stood for, mainly her nishkaama seva!We pray God to bestow on you, all the kith and kin, enough physical and mental strength to bear the grief of this immense loss, not only to you, but the entire society she was associated with.God bless all of you!Drs.Subhadra and Sudhakar Rao

May 23 at 2:26 AM



## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Ahalya by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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