



## Arosha Mendis

August 23, 1964 - July 30, 2021

On Friday, July 30, 2021, Arosha Mendis, loving wife and mother, passed away at the age of 56 after a long battle with cancer.

Arosha was born on August 23rd, 1964, in Gampaha, Sri Lanka to Gamini and Nanda Nanayakkara. She received her education at Rathnawali Balika Vidyala in Gampaha, Sri Lanka. She went on to have a career as an accountant for Thai Airways for over 2 decades. On May 29, 1985, she married Thilak Mendis, and they raised a son, Dilshan. After migrating to the USA, she worked at the Fred Meyer Apparel department. She also volunteered and worked at the Washington School for the Deaf in Vancouver, WA.

Throughout her life, Arosha was all about making wonderful memories and having a variety of experiences. She has travelled to many countries all over the world. She loved to eat and cook. The watalappan, biscuit pudding and other delicious desserts prepared by her are unrivaled in taste. She loved flowers and was an avid gardener growing a variety of flowers and vegetables in her yard every year. Most of all she was a fighter, she kept on her smile, was courageous and never complained a single day about her disease. Instead, Arosha focused on living a meaningful life as a wife, mother, and friend. As all her friends and family know, she never forgot to call, never forgot any one's birthday, and always made you feel special. She was a devout

Buddhist, and a longtime supporter of the Oregon Buddhist Vihara.

Arosha was preceded in death by her father, Gamini and mother, Nanda. She is survived by her husband Thilak, her son Dilshan, daughter-in-law Udani, her elder sister Nilima, her younger brother Chinthaka, and several cousins, nieces, and nephews.

The family would like to thank the staff of Community Home Health and Hospice for the attentive care provided in Arosha's last days. They would also like to thank everyone who prayed for or assisted Arosha during this journey.

# Tribute Wall

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“ *I am so thankful to have known Arosha. She was a wonderful friend and co-worker and I will forever hold her in my heart.* ”



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**Jessica Sydnor** - August 06, 2021 at 12:00 AM

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“ I've been working with her since 2015 and have kept weekly contact with her up until her passing. She was such a wonderful person. She always kept me laughing and loved hearing all her stories about her dinner parties, her sons wedding, Sri Lanka... she will be missed a lot. A few of my favorite memories we shared was I would always call her princess Arosha every time she got chauffeured into work, which was often 😊 she felt so special that her son or husband took her to work that day. Another one is it'd come into a topic of conversation of what we're both doing the coming weekend and she was ALWAYS attending some sort of social event with her friends; dinner, parties, plays etc. we would banter back and fourth when I would say she's just a little socialite! She had such a love for life, never complained once. She would never ask me for help when lifting or moving heavy objects, I would just glance over at her and say AROSHA WHAT ARE YOU DOING!! And I would swiftly come over and tell her to stop and I'd finish whatever it was she was trying to do. I could tell she was so grateful for the help. She always came into work looking so beautiful, and I made sure I always told her that too. There wasn't a day at work that she wasn't talking about her son. She thought the world of him, she was so so proud. She shared all his accomplishments with a twinkle in her eye. Arosha was a very special person. She is no longer suffering but will forever be missed. ❤️



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