



## Nirmala Rangel

February 6, 1953 - July 29, 2022

Nirmala (“Nim”) Rangel (nee Fernandes), 69, passed away July 29, 2022 after a nearly three year battle with metastatic breast cancer.

Nim was born on February 6, 1953 in Poona, India, to the late Dr. Victor and Olinda Fernandes. She was the youngest of six children and grew up in a close-knit family, deeply rooted in the Catholic faith. Like all her siblings, she grew up with a love for music. Singing and making music together made every family reunion a celebration of life and love. She was a loving and binding force for all her brothers and sisters and their spouses throughout her life. Even in childhood, Nim made lasting friendships. Her friends remember her kindness, cheerful smile and optimism. With her around, there was always warmth and sunshine.

After graduating with degrees in Psychology and Education, Nim began her career in 1973 as an English and French teacher at St. Anne’s High School in Poona. Her pupils loved her for the personal attention, motivation and encouragement she gave them.

On her 24th birthday, February 6, 1977, she met Vincent, her beloved husband, with whom she would go on to spend 40 years of togetherness. Their marriage was a union of true soulmates who loved each other deeply. It was filled with laughter, joy, and faith, with faith being most paramount. Nim lived the adage that it was not just two people, a husband and wife, that made up a marriage; rather, it was three, with the Lord that mattered most.

Nim and Vincent immigrated to America in 1992 and eventually settled in Strongsville, Ohio in 1995, where they would continue to raise their two sons, Rohan and Ashwin. In addition to being a devoted wife, Nim was a loving, doting mother to her two children. Being a teacher by profession, she passionately supported them in their education and her love for music influenced their extracurricular activities. She was the glue of her family and her nurturing personality, patience and understanding were some of the core values that she passed on to her sons and their families.

As her sons became independent and eventually left home for college, she took on an administrative assistant role in the Radiology department at Southwest General Hospital. Nim and Vincent also had the opportunity to travel to some beautiful places, including Alaska with its spectacular glaciers, Banff National Park in Canada, Tulum Beach in Mexico, and the souks in Abu Dhabi and Dubai. She eventually retired in 2019 and took this opportunity to focus on other interests such as being Vincent's editor-in-chief, especially for the celebratory videos he created for friends and family. Most importantly, she was elated to become a grandmother in 2021 with the birth of her grandson, Lucas. She deeply cherished her time with him and they brought so much love and joy to each other's lives.

In 2012, Nim was diagnosed with breast cancer. She spent 2 years bravely fighting the disease and in 2014 was in remission. Sadly, in 2019, she was re-diagnosed with metastatic breast cancer. She showed grace, courage, strength and determination in her renewed battle over the last three years. She remained positive and unwavering in her faith in God and His plan for her.

Nim was a beautiful person both inside and out. She was patient, kind, caring and always with a ready smile, infectious laugh, and cheerful demeanor with all those she encountered. She played the piano and guitar and sang beautifully, including in the choir at St. John Neumann's for 25 years. She also made numerous audio recordings of her favorite songs for her loved ones to hold onto as cherished memories. Through art therapy, she rediscovered her passion for crafts and created many beautiful keepsakes for her family. Nim also designed a t-shirt for the VeloSano cancer fundraising initiative, "Bike to Cure."

She is survived by her beloved husband Vincent Rangel, children Rohan Rangel (Jasmine Panchal) and Ashwin Rangel (Ashley), siblings Dr. Yvette Pande (the late Dr. Jitendra), Christopher Fernandes (Marie), Fr. Stan Fernandes, S.J., Dr. Vijay Fernandes (Dr. Lilian) and Patricia Fernandes, and her dear grandson Lucas.

VISITATION FRIDAY AUGUST 5, 2022 4PM-8PM at JARDINE FUNERAL HOME, 15822 PEARL RD, STRONGSVILLE. Mass of Christian Burial SATURDAY 10AM at St. John Neumann Catholic Church. Interment St. Joseph Cemetery, Avon.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to VeloSano (<https://give.velosano.org/Jame-Abraham>).

If you're unable to attend Nirmala's Mass of Christian Burial on Saturday, please click on the link pasted below to attend virtually.

[https://youtu.be/g5\\_rLrGByAk](https://youtu.be/g5_rLrGByAk)

# Cemetery Details

## St. Joseph Cemetery - Avon

32789 Detroit Road  
Avon, OH 44011

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**AUG 5.** 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Jardine Funeral Home  
15822 Pearl Road  
Strongsville, OH 44136  
jardinefuneralcare@gmail.com  
<https://www.jardinefh.com>

## Mass of Christian Burial

**AUG 6.** 10:00 AM (ET)

St. John Neumann  
16271 Pearl Road  
Strongsville, OH  
<http://sjnohio.com>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Jardine Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Nirmala Rangel*



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**Jardine Funeral Home** - August 02 at 10:40 AM

TK

*Dear Vincent, Rohan, Ashwin & family,*

*Please accept our heartfelt sympathies for the loss of our loved one. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this sad time.*

*Nimmu was a very special human being; sweet, beautiful, talented, intelligent and courageous during her battle with Cancer. I am blessed to have had her in my life.*

*Nimmu and I became immediate friends when we were teachers at St. Annes' High School Poona. After I immigrated to America, we lost touch with each other; but reconnected and continued our friendship when Nimmu immigrated to America.*

*When we spoke, Nimmu was always bursting with happiness and excitement and one would never know she had was suffering from cancer. I will miss her but I will take comfort in the fact that she is not suffering anymore and is part of the angel's orchestra in heaven.*

*With Sympathy and prayers,  
John and Theresa Keys (formerly Theresa Sequeira from Poona)*

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**Theresa and John Keys** - August 05 at 11:08 PM

TW

“ *I am often fortunate to meet some extraordinary people at Taussig. Nim was both extraordinary and unforgettable. The extent to which she valued and celebrated her life and life in general was a cornerstone of her beautiful personality. My condolences to her family, especially Vincent, whose love for Nim illuminated every room they were in together. Thank you for a lesson on living, Nim that I will always treasure with your memory. Todd*

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**Todd Walburn** - August 06 at 06:21 PM



“ Harlynn Lobo sent a virtual gift in memory of Nirmala Rangel



Harlynn Lobo - August 06 at 11:46 AM

MP

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Margaret Pereira - August 06 at 09:01 AM

VI

“ 1 file added to the album Nim



Vincy - August 06 at 08:03 AM

MP

Beautiful!

Margaret Pereira - August 06 at 09:05 AM

VI

“ Our beloved Nim passed away peacefully on July 29th, 2022 at 9:56 pm.

*I was fortunate to have a ringside seat in Nim's life, or as I would like to call her, Nimmu's life. I know I have been and I am the better for it.*

*She did not live an amazing life as we would generally know one, but to each and every one of us who knew her she was this kind, loving and an amazing person. She so generously shared her talents and her life's skills in her own beautiful way, for which we cannot be more grateful.*

*Adieu my beautiful Nimmu, my friend and my love.*

*You have won your battle with cancer by LIVING with it and now your journey free of trials continues as you sing with the angels.*

*Your ever loving,  
Vincy*

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**Vincy** - August 06 at 07:56 AM



“ Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Nirmala Rangel.



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August 05 at 08:33 AM

LN

“ Vincent, Rohan, Ashwin,  
*My sincere sympathies on the loss of your loving wife and mom. Praying for strength and comfort in this difficult time.*  
*Much Love, Lori Neitzel and Family*

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**Lori Neitzel** - August 04 at 11:15 PM

LN

“ Lori Neitzel sent a virtual gift in memory of Nirmala Rangel



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**Lori Neitzel** - August 04 at 11:06 PM

LN

“ *Lori Neitzel lit a candle in memory of Nirmala Rangel*



Lori Neitzel - August 04 at 11:00 PM

RL

“ *Dear Vincent,*

*Marguerita and I were very sad to learn of the passing away of dear Nim. We have had her in our daily prayers and she has been a great support to Marguerita when she was diagnosed with colon cancer in August 2020. She provided that long distance support and shared her own experiences for Marguerita's benefit.*

*We often think of May 1982 when we were a newly married couple and Nim drove down from Pune(Poona) to Mumbai(Bombay) with us in a cab with her wedding dress on the carrier of the cab. We were fortunate to be able to attend your wedding and danced our feet off at the reception at the Catholic Gym.*

*Our condolences to you and the family and may her soul rest in peace.*

*With you in your hour of grief, Marguerita and Ryan.*

Ryan Lobo - August 04 at 10:37 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Nirmala Rangel.*



August 04 at 05:25 PM

DB

“ *Vincent, Our condolences to your family. Our Lord Jesus comfort and give you strength. May Nirmala's soul rest in peace. from Deanna & Delyse Braganza (London, Ont. Canada).*

Deanna & Delyse Braganza - August 03 at 06:58 PM

CB

“ In loving memory of a dear friend and Sister in Christ. We were blessed and enriched to call Nim our friend and will carry her spirit in our hearts. Deepest condolences to her beloved husband, Vincent and to her children and family.  
Love and Christs Peace, Bob and Chris Blagojevic

Christine Blagojevic - August 03 at 10:32 AM

HA

“ So so sorry Vincent and the family. Our sincere condolences. All of you will be in our thoughts and prayers as you grieve this tremendous loss to you all.  
Sympathies Felix and Harriet D' Mello and family

Harriet - August 03 at 10:30 AM

LT

“ Love - Rich, Erina and Samantha Todd purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Nirmala Rangel.



Love - Rich, Erina and Samantha Todd - August 02 at 07:56 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Nirmala Rangel.



August 02 at 04:18 PM

MP

“ Mary Panchal sent a virtual gift in memory of Nirmala Rangel



Mary Panchal - August 02 at 02:15 PM

MP

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Mary Panchal - August 02 at 01:52 PM

SK

“ I'm memory of a life so Beautifully lived & in celebration of a heart so deeply loved  
My heartfelt sympathy to her devoted husband

Vincent & her children

🙏 Shirley kanakkanatt

shirley kanakkanatt - August 02 at 12:03 PM



“ Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of  
Nirmala Rangel.



August 02 at 08:08 AM