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IN REMEMBRANCE OF A LOST JEWEL JAGDISH KAUR RAM "JACKIE"

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It was just heart breaking to know that Ms. Jagdish (Jackie) Kaur Ram, beloved daughter of late Commissioner, Mr. Lahori Ram and Mrs. Prito Ram left for her heavenly abode unexpectedly on January 20th, 2019 in her sleep at her home in Burlingame. This harrowing tragedy of her sudden demise in the prime of her youth shocked the entire community which is still reeling from the impact of this immeasurable grief and sorrow.

An unending stream of mourners, more than one thousand, attended her funeral services held at San Francisco Scottish Rite Center on January 30th, 2019 where glowing and tearful tributes were paid by her family, friends and admirers from all walks of life, including distinguished representatives and officials from county and the state Government, in the memory of her embellished life.



HUMBLE AND INSPIRATIONAL SOUL:- I had an opportunity to work shoulder to shoulder with Jackie's distinguished father and community leader, late Commissioner Mr. Lahori Ram on various social and community issues including the foundation of Sri Guru Ravidass Sabha, Pittsburg, California and thus I knew Jackie when she was just an infant. Ms.

Jackie was well equipped educationally and gifted with a penetrating intellect to tackle any intricate issue in various spheres of her life. A detailed view of her academic accomplishments and other professional skills of her career can be seen in her life- sketch already published on last page of "Desh Doaba and Ambedkar Times" issue dated January 30th, 2019. She was always seen as an embodiment of humility and congeniality while interacting with others with a contagious smile on her blissful face.

LIFE CUT -SHORT:- Jackie , as most of us know , stepped up fast in different rungs of the ladder of her successful career, but still a lot of her cherished dreams remaining unfulfilled, while her precious life was cut short so tragically without any warning or symptoms. Jackie, also a very religiously devoted Sewadar, could cross any barrier to help others in need. Perhaps Almighty God needed her more over there than here.

GOOD PEOPLE NEVER DIE:- Though Jackie lived a very short but a meaningful life, her sweet memories will always remain kindled and engraved in the hearts and souls of those who happened to know her. Tides and waves of time will not be able to wash away the trail of her deeply rooted memories. History will treat her legacy with grace, honor and dignity.

At this most difficult time and personal loss, when even the mental reflexes of a human being, are swayed and paralyzed with emotions, Mr. Jack Ram and Mr. Ajaipaul Ram, older brothers of Jackie handled the proceedings of their beloved sister's funeral from stage with composure and calmness of a subdued heart in a well-organized manner.

My heartfelt condolences for this unbearable and irreparable loss go to Mrs. Prito Ram (Mother), Jagdev Ram (Jack), Ajaipaul Ram (older brothers), Mrs. Ramitpal Ram (sister- in- law) and little baby Jasmyne Ram (niece) who all had special family bonds with their loved one. Jackie will live in her lasting legacy, will be missed forever but never forgotten.

We appreciate Mr. Prem Kumar Chumber, Chief Editor, DESH DOABA and AMBEDKAR TIMES who provided pictorial and journalistic coverage to the entire event. Though Mr. Chumber wanted to pay his personal homage from the stage but could not do so because of his pre-occupation with the coverage. With my love and affection to the memory of this lost jewel.

FLORAL TRIBUTES FOR JAGDISH KAUR RAM (JACKIE RAM)



San Francisco (Ambedkar Times Bureau): With the sudden passing away of Jagdish Kaur Ram (Jackie Ram) daughter of late Commissioner Mr. Lahori Ram on January 20th, 2019 the whole community went into a state of shock and grief.

On Tuesday January 29, 2019 the grief stricken Ram family held visitation for the departed soul at the Tiffany Chapel of Cypress Lawn Funeral Home, Colma, CA. A large number of family, friends and sympathizers attended the viewing ceremony. State Assembly speaker Pro Tempore Kevin Mullin and San Mateo County Sheriff Carlos Bolanos were among those who paid their tributes along with many other prominent members of the Indo-American communities.

On Wednesday January 30, 2019 the Funeral service was held at the San Francisco Scottish Rite Center. Over one thousand people attended the service. Floral tributes were paid to late Ms. Jagdish Kaur Ram (Jackie Ram) for her short but remarkable life by many prominent members of the community as can

be seen from the list below. She was gifted with many wonderful features of her personality. She cared for the people around her and helped them during difficult moments of their lives.

Jackie excelled in school and went to earn her MBA degree which helped her later in her successful business career.

In spite of a lot of emotional stress on the family her older brothers Jagdev Ram and Ajaipaul Ram officiated the proceedings of the funeral service very calmly with a heavy heart. It is so hard to accept that such a beautiful and a talented life was ended so early in such a tragic way.

The Ambedkar Times & Desh Doaba expresses its deeply- felt condolences for peace and tranquility to the departed soul. May Almighty God bless the aggrieved family with patience, solace and strength to bear this irreparable loss.

The names of the speakers who paid their homage:

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1. Honorable Susan Etezadi, San Mateo County Superior Court Presiding Judge
2. Lisa Chung, representing California State Senator Jerry Hill presented the Family with a Certificate of Recognition for Jagdish Kaur Ram
3. San Mateo County Supervisor Warren Slocum
4. San Mateo County Supervisor David Canepa
5. City of Lathrop Mayor Sonny Dhaliwal

6. San Bruno Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Jamie Monozon
7. Rosita Jit -- friend of Jackie from elementary school
8. Adrianna Guerrero, Jessica Brandenburg, Jackie Carlisle - friends from elementary school
9. Aneel Sull and Harjit Garewal
10. Asha Sharma
11. Bibi Surjit Kaur
12. Dr. Harmesh Kumar
13. Mani Kumari Lal - cousin from Birmingham, United Kingdom and Roshi Mal - cousin

14. Pritam Grewal - San Jose Gurdwara
15. Karamdeep Singh Bains
16. Satnam Singh Khalsa - Sade Lok Newspaper Editor
17. Michael Ghirra - Vancouver, Canada
18. Abu Mojaddidi - California Muslim Center
19. Surinder Bindra - Indo-American Cultural Organisation Sacramento,
20. Ramesh Suman -- Shri Guru Ravidass Sabha Pittsburg
21. Bhai Anantvir Singh - New York
22. Surinder Singh Nijjar - Fresno

23. Kashmiri Bhatia - Shri Guru Ravidass Sabha Pittsburg
24. Harpreet Singh Sandhu - El Sobrante Sikh Society
25. Dilbagh Singh Bains - Yuba City Tierra Buena Gurdwara
26. O.P. Balley Founder Member of Sri Guru Ravidass Sabha Pittsburg (CA)
27. Gurnam Singh Pamma - Yuba City Tierra Buena Gurdwara
28. Ram Sewak Bhatia- Shri Guru Ravidass Temple, Yuba City
29. Gyani Sukhdev Singh.

Bhatia family celebrated first Barsi of Mata Gurmeet Kaur Bhatia

Pittsburg (Ambedkar Times Bureau)- Bhatia family celebrated first Barsi of their mother, Mata Gurmeet Kaur Bhatia. She was a loving mother, grand-mother and great-grand-mother. Her sons, Harbhajan Singh Bhatia, Major Singh Bhatia, Salinder Singh Bhatia, SomNath Bhatia, Sat Pal Bhatia and Kashmiri Bhatia;

daughters Bhajno Kaur, Rani Narabut and Krishana Devi Bangar hosted Sri Sukhmani Sahib Path and Langar Sewa on last Sunday, February 3, 2019. Whole family prepared langar on Saturday and Sunday. Bhatia family is very dedicated and religious family. Most of the family members have served on Gurughar com-

mittees in the past. Bhai Kashmiri Bhatia is the President of Sri Guru Ravidass Sabha at this time; his dedication and services are admirable. KirtaniJathas of Giani Gurnam Singh and Ompal Singh, Bhai Suveg Singh and Bibi Kamaljit Kaur Bhatia did the Shabad Kirtan.

member & former General Secretary, Mrs. Gina Bhatia former General Secretary and Abhishel Pal Narebat General Secretary shared their memories of her and General secretary Mr. Dilbagh Singh conducted stage. May Waheguru bless Mata Gurmeet Kaur Bhatia's soul and keep Bhatia family in Chardikala.

Mr. Om Parkash Balley, founding



All pictured: Prem K. Chumber Ambedkar Times



Prem K. Chumber presents Muggowalia book to Mr. O. P. Balle



Jagdish Kaur Ram (Jackie Ram)

September 10, 1984 - January 20, 2019



He put His arms around you and whispered, "Come to Me."
With tearful eyes we watch you and saw you pass away.
Although we loved you dearly, we could not make you stay.
A golden heart stopped beating, hardworking hands at rest.
God broke our hearts to prove to us, He only takes the Best.

With profound grief and sorrow, the Ram Family informs you that our beloved Jagdish Kaur Ram (Jackie Ram) left for her heavenly abode on January 20, 2019.

She passed away in her sleep at her home in Burlingame, CA at the very young age of 34 years old. She was a very friendly and loving person. She will always be remembered for her sweet blissful face, loving nature towards all, sense of humor, contagious laugh, and infectious smile. She was a very kind hearted and helpful person. Her untimely demise is unbearable for the whole community.

It is said that even God needs good people in His Company but we shall always miss your presence. Nevertheless, your soul will remain with us forever. We will always love you dearly. May God bless your soul and give us the strength to move on.

Program:

Bhog Shri Sehaj Path and AntimArdass
Sunday February 10, 2019 at 10:00 am

Venue:

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