

*In Loving Memory*  
OF



*Maya Ramani Yapa*

29th October 1951 - 17th June 2023

*Golders Green Crematorium*

*Friday June 30th 2023*

*10.00am - 10.50am*

## *My Darling Ammi*

*My darling Ammi, where did you go?  
It was only the other day, we were speaking on the phone,  
Laughing and joking, catching up on various things,  
Figuring out together how to navigate life's little chinks.*

*Throughout my childhood, till forty years gone,  
You've stood by me, a tree with roots strong,  
Supported and nurtured in good times and bad,  
Given soft caring words, sage advice and a soothing hand.*

*We had our moments, our ups and downs,  
Two strong Scorpio women, butting heads during rows,  
But through it all, we loved each other with such fierce passion,  
Blood thicker than water, that will never fade or go out of fashion.*

*You were the finest wife, mother and teacher,  
Always looking out for the underdog,  
Serving others with compassion,  
A true charitable leader.*

*You touched the lives of multiple impoverished souls,  
Bringing them peace of mind and aspirations of brighter goals,  
No project was too big or small in your eyes,  
You were always ready to help anyone in their time of demise,  
Even with your health problems, you took it in your stride,  
Asking nothing for return, blessed thoughts, words and actions,  
You managed to provide.*

*But I miss you Ammi, the gentle warmth of your soft brown skin,  
Giving hugs and kisses, petting that wild black mane,  
I miss hearing the gentle clink of your multiple gold bangles,  
As you rested your arms on the kitchen table,  
Hearing your soft voice echo questions of my many fables,  
I miss your declarations of adoration for my perfumes anew,  
Saying i smelt like a thousand roses or a beautiful garland or two,  
Running your hands through my curly black hair,  
How much you loved me with such tenderness and care!  
You looked after me in sickness and health,  
But now you've flown away an angel to heaven's great ascent.*

*My Darling Ammi, where and why did you go?  
Now a magnanimous creature with wings alglow  
Surrounded by bright light, whiter than moonbeams falling on snow.*

*I hear your voice from the place above, from the depth of my subconscious swaddled in  
love,  
"Darling I had to go, it was just my time. Life is perpetually impermanent,  
Make hay whilst the sun shines,  
Promise to look after your Thathi, my forever love, and we'll meet again in the heavens  
above,  
Death is only a part of life  
Gone too soon, never to suffice,  
Dont be sad it's over, be happy it happened  
Live your life fully, love and give generously,  
I'll be with you forever."*

# ***Order of Service***

## **ENTRANCE MUSIC**

*Autumn Leaves – Richard Clayderman*

## ***Buddhist observations – Pansukula***

*(Blessing for the departed)*

## ***Reciting of the five Buddhist Precepts***

*by Venerable Bogoda Seelawimala Nayaka Thero and Venarable T.  
Bandula*

## ***Mataka Wastra Pujawa***

*Offering of the white cloth to the Venrable Sangha (Buddhist Monks)*

## ***Pan Wadeema***

*Pouring of water for transfer of merit to the departed*

## ***Buddhist Sermon***

*by Venerable Seelawimala & Venerable T. Bandula*

## **READING/ EULOGY**

## **COMMITAL**

## **EXIT MUSIC**

*A Thousand Years – Christina Perri*



## APPRECIATION

*Ramani's family would like to thank you all for attending today and for all your kindness and support during this time of sadness.*

*You are warmly invited to our family home for refreshments at:*

***54 Woodlands,  
North Harrow,  
Middlesex, HA2 6EW***

## DONATIONS

*If you wish to make a donation to our chosen  
charity (Rahula Trust), it can be  
made care of Venerable T Bandula, London Buddhist Vihara.*