



**Sivapuranam, D.V. Ramani & Visual Tribute**

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Led by Trudi Yeatman, Independent Funeral Celebrant

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Led by T. Blasubramaniam, Hindu Priest

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## **The Long Goodbye**

It's been a long time since we first felt the beginning to this end.

And today we pray before you, your family and your friends,  
We've watched your thoughts get more obscure with every passing day,  
as this heartless thing called Alzheimer's made them fade away.

Gradually it took the gleam from those once loving eyes,  
to befall such a giving man, it seemed so unjustified.  
Stripping you of everything, leaving little in its place,  
except a look of sadness left upon your face.

As long as we have searched, through all the tears we've cried,  
we've tried to find the reason for this long goodbye.

But now it's time to take back all your memories,  
as you are finally free from this cruel disease.

We pledge to remember the man that you once were,  
a good hearted, giving man is all that will be heard.  
And every night when we look up and see a certain star,  
we will know within our hearts exactly where you are.

So on this day we say goodbye as you now depart,  
although far from our touch, never far from our hearts.

## **The Serenity Prayer**

God, grant me the serenity  
to accept the things I cannot change,  
the courage to change the things I can  
and the wisdom to know the difference.

Living one day at a time,  
enjoying one moment at a time.  
Accepting hardships as the pathway to peace.  
Taking, as he did, the sinful world as it is,  
not as I would have it.

Trusting that he will make all things right  
if I surrender to His will;  
that I may be reasonably happy in this life,  
and supremely happy with Him forever.

