



Dr. Suresh C. Bansal

December 17, 1942 - March 25, 2026

Dr. Suresh C. Bansal, 83, passed away peacefully on March 25, 2026, in Ypsilanti, Michigan.

Born in Chakwal, Punjab, he was the seventh child of Budh Ram Aggarwal and Kaushlya Devi. The family fled to Kurali as refugees in 1947 and quickly established deep roots in the community, especially through the school his father founded, the Chakwal National School. From there, Suresh's commitment to education continued throughout his life, earning a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering from Punjab Engineering College and a Ph.D. in Engineering from Wayne State University. After a fruitful career as an automotive engineer at Ford Motor Company, he returned to this passion in 1997, when he began teaching graduate-level engineering courses at Lawrence Technological University.

When not improving the design of the world around him, Suresh was often found in his garden. Sharing his harvest with the community was not only a point of pride for him but also allowed him to nourish his neighborhood and the environment. Throughout his life, and especially during retirement, Suresh and his loving wife of 56 years travelled the world, though they always found their way home to Plymouth, Michigan, where they raised their four daughters.

As one of the first Indian immigrants to the Metro Detroit area in 1965,

Suresh's impact on the community was immeasurable. From helping immigrant families with transportation, housing, basic needs, and employment to establishing weekend Hindi classes, he worked to preserve his culture in his adopted home. As the resident photographer, he was often the one behind the camera, documenting his family and friends' many milestones over the years.

He is survived by his wife, Rashmi; children, Shally (Timothy) Stanley, Trisha (James) Nashed, Sharon (George) Blaha, and Monisha (Jacob) Blair; sister, Nirmal (Mohinder) Kumar; and grandchildren, Calvin (Deanna) Stanley, Mark Stanley, Daniel Stanley, Luke Stanley, Mitchell Blaha, Matthew Blaha, Kirin Nashed, Michael Nashed, Leila Blair, and Wyatt Blair.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Friday, March 27 at Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home, 980 North Newburgh Road (between Ford Road and Cherry Hill), Westland from 10:00 AM until 12 PM.

The family invites friends to share stories of a life well-lived. To share a memory, please use the Share a Memory tab on this page.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 6704, Hagerstown, MD 21741 <https://www.cancer.org/donate> or American Diabetes Association, P.O. Box 7023, Merrifield, VA 22116 <https://diabetes.org/>

Previous Events

Funeral Service

MAR 27. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home Westland
980 North Newburgh Road
Westland, MI 48185
(734) 326-1300
westland@vermeulenfh.com

Cremation

MAR 27. 3:30 PM (ET)

Southern Michigan Services
12700 Fairlane
Livonia, MI 48150

Tribute Wall

HS

“ Harpreet S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dr. Suresh C. Bansal.

Harpreet S. - April 23 at 05:49 PM

HS

“ I just came to know about passing away of Dr Suresh Bansal , a great friend , a great man and a highly respected engineer and renowned person in the area of Hybrid electric vehicles. He is a gradute of PEC chandigarh while I graduated from Patiala in 1963. He also belonged to my birthplace Chakwal.He shared with me a group picture of Prime minister Manmohan Singh jee from Chakwal. He took me to his house where he used to have a get togethger of about 80 family members in every thanksgiving day. Only about two months ago we talked about DAV college jallandhar. We will miss him for ever!!!
Om Shanti!!
Harpreet Singh

Harpreet Singh - April 23 at 05:42 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Dr. Suresh C. Bansal.



March 31 at 06:58 PM

“Pramila and I send our heartfelt condolences to Rashmi, Shally, Trisha, Sharon, Monisha and the rest of the family. As one of the early immigrant mechanical engineers in Michigan (then, the automotive capital of the world), Suresh was the first host of each automotive engineer/family arriving subsequently (mostly from Hindustan Motors - HM). When I arrived, he brought me to his apartment and helped me get started - sharing his apartment.

As I was to join the same company where Suresh worked (The Cross Company, Fraser, Michigan - a leader in special-purpose machine tools <https://www.nationalacademies.org/read/12473/Chapter/17#97>), he gave me the ride there until I could arrange transportation on my own.

As he was going to the Wayne State University in Detroit for evening courses towards his PhD, he encouraged me to enroll there and, taking me from work to the university in his car, showed me how to commute efficiently for work and study. His time management was impeccable.

Every quarter, between academic courses, Suresh would host a Sunday lunch at our apartment - for all our community friends. In those days, that was the only socializing forum for our community. During the planning and preparation for those socials, Suresh would show me how to shop for groceries and what to buy and cook in bachelorhood - avoiding succumbing to junk food.

After getting his PhD, Suresh moved on to work for the Ford Motors Company, where he applied his theoretical knowledge and machine design experience to the engineering of automotive transmissions. He was one of the very few people I knew, who could apply theoretical knowledge from his PhD studies to the design of automotive mechanisms.

Equipped with a unique combination of theoretical knowledge and practical experience, Suresh had a lot more to give to the world ...

but Fate had the Final say.

Sushil Birla - March 29 at 12:05 PM

SS

Thank you for sharing such a heartfelt and thoughtful message uncle. It means so much to all of us.

Shally Stanley - April 01 at 09:08 AM

KS

“ *Kris Satterthwaite purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Dr. Suresh C. Bansal.*



Kris Satterthwaite - March 28 at 10:58 AM

FE

“ *Flavia Colonna, Glenn and Julian Easley planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dr. Suresh C. Bansal.*

Flavia Colonna, Glenn and Julian Easley - March 26 at 09:29 PM

FE

“ *Flavia Colonna, Glenn and Julian Easley purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Dr. Suresh C. Bansal.*



Flavia Colonna, Glenn and Julian Easley - March 26 at 09:29 PM

MC

“ Maneesh C. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dr. Suresh C. Bansal.

Maneesh C. - March 26 at 05:59 PM

YT

“ Your Teammates at RTX Corporate, T&G purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Dr. Suresh C. Bansal.



Your Teammates at RTX Corporate, T&G - March 26 at 04:32 PM

AT

“ AWS ProServe team planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dr. Suresh C. Bansal.

AWS ProServe team - March 26 at 03:15 PM

AT

“ AWS ProServe team purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Dr. Suresh C. Bansal.



AWS ProServe team - March 26 at 03:15 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Dr. Suresh C. Bansal.* ”



March 26 at 01:42 PM