



Suraj Mathew Mahadeva

August 22, 1995 - December 11, 2021

Suraj Mathew Mahadeva, age 26, of Chicago, Illinois; passed away suddenly on December 11, 2021. Loving son of Shivantha and Evangeline Mahadeva. The visiting hours will take place on Sunday, December 19, 2021 from 2 PM until 8 PM, and Monday, December 20, 2021, from 12 PM until 8 PM at the Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home, 46401 Ann Arbor Road W., Plymouth, MI 48170.

The Funeral Mass will take place on Tuesday, December 21, 2021, at 11:30 AM at St. John Neumann Church, 44800 Warren Road, Canton, MI 48187. The family will gather at church to greet friends beginning at 11 AM until the Funeral Mass. Following Mass, A private Puja Service will take at Southern Michigan Services Crematory.

To share a tribute of Suraj with the family, please click on the 'Share a Memory' tab on this web page.

Family Obituary:

Suraj Mahadeva was born on August 22, 1995 in Canton, Michigan. On Saturday, December 11, 2021 Suraj became a victim of gun violence in Chicago and passed away at 26 years of age. This senseless act of violence has hurt so many who loved him. Suraj is survived by his father, mother, sister, aunts, uncles, cousins, and many friends.

Suraj really cared about helping others and it showed in his work and

passions. He received his Bachelor's Degree from Michigan State University in Neuroscience with a minor in Dance. At MSU, he was a team captain and choreographer of collegiate Indian raas/gaarba dance team. Suraj was a dedicated medical clinician at a dermatology office in which he was aspiring to become a physician's assistant. He worked with youth in many positions including as a youth care worker, swim instructor, and community outreach associate.

Suraj was a loving son and brother who made many meaningful friendships. He was passionate about his cultural heritage of Sri Lankan and Filipino roots and was an active member in both the Asian and LGBTQ community. Suraj loved to dance and could make any place a dance floor. He cherished his family and friends and showed his love by cooking to nourish their mind and body. Suraj had a great sense of humor and enjoyed making others laugh. He always strived to be better and showed kindness to others.

Suraj's name means "Rising Sun". Anyone that has known Suraj, knows that he shined brightly and gave a sense of warmth and joy like the Sun to everyone around him. He will forever live in our hearts and in our memories.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **19**. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home Plymouth
46401 Ann Arbor Road West
Plymouth, MI 48170
(734) 459-2250
plymouth@vermeulenfh.com

Visitation

DEC **20**. 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home Plymouth
46401 Ann Arbor Road West
Plymouth, MI 48170
(734) 459-2250
plymouth@vermeulenfh.com

In state

DEC **21**. 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

St. John Neumann Catholic Church
44800 Warren Road
Canton, MI 48187

Funeral Mass

DEC **21**. 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM (ET)

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44800 Warren Road
Canton, MI 48187

Tribute Wall



“ *Suraj Mathew Mahadeva*

December 07, 2023 at 05:11 AM



“ *APASO - MSU purchased the [Memorial Trees](https://www.vermeulenh.com/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) for the family of Suraj Mathew Mahadeva.*

APASO - MSU - December 20, 2021 at 10:15 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Suraj Mathew Mahadeva.*



December 20, 2021 at 12:42 AM



“ *Sentimental Dreams was purchased for the family of Suraj Mathew Mahadeva.*



December 19, 2021 at 09:40 AM



“ Sweet Remembrance Spray was purchased for the family of Suraj Mathew Mahadeva.



December 17, 2021 at 05:36 PM



“ SMM - You brought so much light & joy to each day. There wasn't a day I didn't see your big smile (even through the mask) at work. Because of you I promise to find the best in people, challenges, and to never stop learning. You radiated such a positivity and your curious heart and mind will be forever missed. I already miss seeing in you the hallways and giggling with you daily. You my friend, are truly an irreplaceable soul. We will remember you forever. I send all my love and hugs to your family in finding comfort during this time. BW



Brittany - December 17, 2021 at 12:47 PM



“ Bea Vansen-Saines lit a candle in memory of Suraj Mathew Mahadeva



Bea Vansen-Saines - December 17, 2021 at 12:39 PM

BV

“ *Suraj's light may have been blown out, but what he leaves behind in all of our interactions, experiences and memories will shine forever. He may be physically gone from this earth, but he will never be forgotten. It was a pleasure having known and worked with him at D+A. H will be missed. My thoughts and prayers for everyone, especially his beloved family. Bea Vansen-Saines*

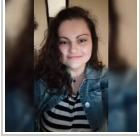
Bea VAnsen-Saines - December 17, 2021 at 12:34 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Suraj Mathew Mahadeva.*



December 16, 2021 at 08:59 PM



“ I am still in disbelief that this has happened. Although I only knew Suraj as a young boy, he had a big impact on my life. I am saddened that I could not see the man he became in person, but from the outflowing love it's clear that he never changed his sweet, kind and caring nature.

I found this photo of us when I was cleaning up and thought I'd share the screenshot of our messages.

My deepest sympathies to the family and loved ones.

*Sincerely,
Catherine Barfknecht
(South Africa)*



Catherine Barfknecht - December 16, 2021 at 03:44 PM



“ *Majestic Heart was purchased for the family of Suraj Mathew Mahadeva.*



December 16, 2021 at 03:29 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Suraj Mathew Mahadeva.*



December 16, 2021 at 02:27 PM



“ *Serenity Wreath was purchased for the family of Suraj Mathew Mahadeva.*



December 16, 2021 at 02:11 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Suraj Mathew Mahadeva.*



December 16, 2021 at 12:31 PM



“ *We have known you since you were just a sweet little boy. You have made your mark in this world by helping other people in need of your help and attention. But God has a different plan for you....rest in peace now Suraj. And to the bereaved family, there is no word that I could think of to comfort you during this hard times. Praying for everyone for courage, strength, forgiveness and acceptance.*

Melanie and Carlo Malabanan - December 16, 2021 at 07:06 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Suraj Mathew Mahadeva.



December 16, 2021 at 07:02 AM