

## Rishi Ram Sharma

December 18, 1953 - June 25, 2024

Pandit Rishi Ram Sharma, aged 70, passed away on June 25, 2024, in Modesto, California. Born on December 18, 1953, in the Fiji Islands, he spent his formative years in Tavua, deeply rooted in family and community values. He married his beloved wife, Sneh Ram, on December 30, 1978, and together they nurtured a family that held tightly to these shared convictions.

Pandit Rishi was an accomplished geologist and began his career at the Vatukoula Gold Mine, from which he retired in 1995. His professional journey was paralleled by his spiritual service; he was a Hindu priest from 1980 until his passing in 2024. His dedication to faith was evident as he presided over the Nav Kiran Ramayan Faag Mandali, the Modesto Bhajan Mandali, and served as the President of the Brahman Sabha of USA.

He held a master's degree in geoscience, which underscored his analytical approach to both his professional and religious life. Pandit Rishi was a man of many interests including martial arts, gardening, and cultural singing. His life was a testament to the power of spirituality and community service, often found teaching and guiding others, officiating Hindu prayers and rituals, and organizing community outreach events.

Survived by his wife, Sneh Ram; daughters, Amrita Sundar and Akashni Jyoti Sharma; sons-in-law, David Shalen Sundar and Sumeet Sant Kumar;

daughter-in-law, Pooja Prasad; and grandchildren, Amisha, Dhimisha, Ashril, Adarsh, and Tanya. He was preceded in death by his son, Pt. Amitesh Ram Sharma.

His funeral service will be held on Wednesday, July 3, 2024, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Turlock Funeral Home. Pandit Rishi Ram Sharma's life was a beacon of dedication and service, leaving behind a legacy of faith and family that will forever be cherished by those who knew him.

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

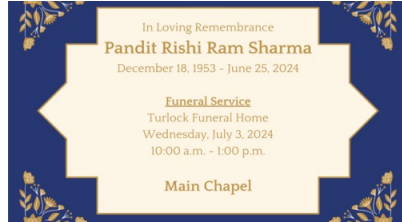
JUL 3. 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM (PT)

Turlock Funeral Home  
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Turlock, CA 95381  
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<https://turlockfuneralhome.com>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Turlock Funeral Home created a Services for Pandit Rishi Ram Sharma in memory of Rishi Ram Sharma*



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**TURLOCK FUNERAL HOME** - July 03, 2024 at 01:36 PM

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“ *Our Condolences to the family.*

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**Anupama Kumar** - December 10, 2024 at 09:17 PM

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“ Pundit Rishi Sharma is my cousin from my mums side. We share and cherish great memories of him when he was growing up in Qalela Tavua Fiji. I spent lot of time with him and his other brothers during school holidays doing gardening cattle herding swimming and other house chores. Those days were very simple life but we were happy. Great comraderie and respectful disposition. Late brother Rishi had a great sense of humour and sometimes we used to mimic some characters in the village. He will always be remembered for his honesty family value spiritually and religious activities. I had the honour of him visiting my family home in January of 2023. I cannot believe that he will leave us for heavenly abode so soon. So long my brother rest in peace and your departed soul attain sadgathi and moksha. To the grieving family I say be strong and stay united in peace and prayers to carry out his final rites. Hare Krishna Hare Ram. Om shanti shanti shanti. From Birendra Prasad and family : Lower Hutt Wellington, New Zealand.

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**Birendra Prasad** - July 03, 2024 at 02:18 AM