



## Nikhil "Nikky" Akkaraju

December 3, 1976 - June 29, 2025

Lafayette -

In Loving Memory of Nikhil Akkaraju

It is with great sadness that we announce the departure of our beloved son, brother and friend Nikhil (Nikky) Akkaraju on Sunday, 29 June; he was 48 years old.

Born in Norfolk, Virginia on 3 December 1976, Nikhil moved to Lafayette, Louisiana at the age of four and spent his childhood and most of his adult life in Lafayette, a city that he truly adored. He attended the Episcopal School of Acadiana in Cade, Louisiana and graduated in 1995. He then obtained a bachelor's degree in marketing from the University of Louisiana at Lafayette in 2003.

Nikky is loved and remembered for his kindness, compassion for others, and good sense of humor. He loved good food, international music, and was an active member of both the local and Indian community. He regularly volunteered his time in charitable initiatives such as serving Thanksgiving meals to those less fortunate and participated in the rehabilitation of parks in and around Lafayette. He was a proud 'second culture kid' and was eager to share his South Asian (Indian) culture with others and adopt the unique and

vibrant culture of his hometown, which he called home for almost his entire life.

He was involved in Lafayette's community programs and initiatives including the Festival International de Louisiane in Lafayette where he served as a Board Member from 2015 – 2020 and served as the Production Co-Area Manager of Security from 2018-2025. He held the seat of the first Vice President of the Acadiana Indian Association in 2009 and 2014 and was the President of the Association in 2015. He served as the Past President the following year. In 2024, Nikky again took on the role as First Vice President, a position held until his death. He continued to be the media spokesperson for many years for the Lafayette Holi Festival, a community event brought to the city of Lafayette by the Acadiana Indian Association.

Preceded in death by his father the late Dr. Vidyadhar Akkaraju, MD, Nikky is survived by his loving mother Parvathi Akkaraju and his two sisters, Vyshali Grote and Haritha Vasat, two brothers-in-law, Keenan E. Grote, and Peter S. Vasat, and his nephews (Kieran, Devin, and Aethan) and niece (Elina). He also leaves behind a large family spread across the United States and in India, who he loved deeply.

Despite the personal and private challenges Nikky faced in life, he lived with humility and adhered to his dharma without imposing the same on others and without deviating from his own purpose. While he will be missed, he is loved in perpetuity.

Services will be held in the Hindu religious tradition at the Cypress Funeral Home & Crematory in Maurice, Louisiana on 3 July at 10:30 AM – 12:30 PM. Our friends of all faiths are welcomed. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you make a contribution to the charity of your choosing in his memory.

A memorial service will be held in Lafayette for Dr Vijju Akkaraju who passed away on April 20th and for his son Nikhil who recently passed away. It will be held on Thursday July 3, from 6:00 till 8:30 pm, at Esprit de Coeur, 402 Garfield St in downtown Lafayette. We all loved Dr Akkaraju and are saddened by the loss of his and Par's son. I hope you will be able to attend.

*Lead me from untruth to truth, lead me from darkness to light, lead me from death to immortality*

*Aum Peace, Peace, Peace*

*Asatoma Sadgamaya, Tamasoma Jyothirgamaya, Mruthyorma*

*Amrutangamaya*

*Aum Shanthi, Shanthi, Shanthihi*

Arrangements have been entrusted to Cypress Funeral Home & Crematory, 206 W. Lafayette St., Maurice, LA 70555.

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

JUL 3. 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM (CT)

Cypress Funeral Home & Crematory  
206 W. Lafayette St.  
Maurice, LA 70555  
(337) 740-3123  
director@cypressfunerals.com  
<https://www.cypressfunerals.com>

## Memorial Service

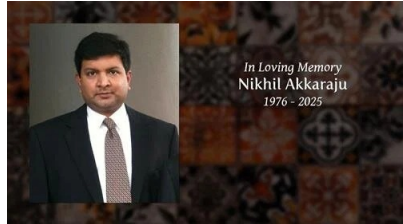
JUL 3. 6:00 PM - 8:30 PM (CT)

Esprit de Coeur  
402 Garfield St.  
Lafayette, LA 70501  
<https://belleviehospitality.com/properties/Esprit-de-Coeur>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Cypress Funeral Home & Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Nikhil "Nikky" Akkaraju*



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**Cypress Funeral Home & Crematory** - July 02, 2025 at 09:28 PM

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“ *Love, Navin and Nalini Subramanian purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Nikhil "Nikky" Akkaraju.*



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**Love, Navin and Nalini Subramanian** - July 02, 2025 at 09:39 PM

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“ *Love, Navin and Nalini Subramanian planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Nikhil "Nikky" Akkaraju.*

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**Love, Navin and Nalini Subramanian** - July 02, 2025 at 09:39 PM