



Anju Basundhra

March 7, 1956 - September 13, 2025

Anju Basundhra, a beloved wife, mother, sister, and cherished teacher, passed away peacefully in San Jose, California, on September 13, 2025. Born on March 7, 1956, in Delhi, India, she graced the world with her warm presence for 69 beautiful years. Anju's life was a radiant tapestry woven with love, dedication, and an unwavering spirit that inspired all who knew her.

Anju was the daughter of a devoted family, surrounded by loving siblings and a nurturing environment. She grew up in Kashmir, where her father, Shantiswarup Puri, served as a forest officer, instilling in her a profound respect for nature and the world around her. Her mother, Manmohini Puri, sparked her love and talent for cooking and instilled in her the warmth and kindness she would later reflect on to others around her. Alongside her siblings Ashok, Anil and Anuja, she shared countless adventures, creating memories that would last a lifetime.

On June 16, 1975, Anju married the love of her life, Amrit Basundhra, in a ceremony that marked the beginning of a beautiful partnership. Their love story spanned fifty wonderful years, characterized by a deep bond that resonated through their shared experiences, laughter, and unwavering support for one another. Together, they built a family that radiated warmth and love, welcoming their daughter Amrita and son Saurabh into the world.

She was overjoyed as her family grew and she embraced her son-in-law Yogesh (husband of Amrita) and daughter-in-law Aleena (wife of Saurabh) like her own children. Her love only grew further as she was blessed with beautiful grandchildren, Ariv and Siyona (son and daughter of Amrita and Yogesh), whom she adored deeply. Anju was a nurturing mother and grandmother, and she cherished every moment spent with her family, guiding them with patience and kindness as they navigated life's journeys.

Education was a cornerstone of Anju's life, and she devoted over 40 years to teaching, leaving an indelible mark on the hearts of her students. As a Bachelor of Education graduate, she approached her profession with unparalleled dedication and passion. Her nurturing, kind, and warm personality made her a beloved figure among her students and colleagues alike. Anju's classroom was not just a place for learning; it was a sanctuary where her students felt valued and understood.

Anju's spirit was enriched by her love for cooking and hosting gatherings for friends and family. The joy she found in preparing meals and sharing them with loved ones was a reflection of her generous heart. She was a devout Hindu, deeply engaged in her faith, and found immense joy in participating in vibrant traditions and colorful festivals that brought her family and community together.

Anju's love for flowers mirrored her personality; she adored roses, tulips, and daffodils, which seemed to embody the beauty she shared with those around her. Her home was always filled with laughter, and she was known for her captivating stories about her childhood and her adventurous life growing up amidst the picturesque landscapes of Jammu and Kashmir. Her anecdotes were full of humor and warmth, making her the center of conversations and gatherings.

Anju is preceded in death by her beloved brothers, Ashok and Anil, who were a significant part of her life. She is survived by her devoted husband Amrit, her loving daughter Amrita, her cherished son Saurabh, her adorable grandchildren Ariv and Siyona, and her dear sister Anuja. Together, they will carry forward her legacy of kindness, love, and compassion.

As we celebrate the life of Anju Basundhra, let us remember her nurturing spirit, her unwavering warmth, and the profound impact she had on all our lives. Her legacy will continue to bloom in the hearts of everyone she touched. She will be dearly missed, but her love will forever guide us.

Previous Events

Witness Cremation

SEP **17**. 1:00 PM - 1:45 PM (PT)

Irvington Memorial Crematory
41001 Chapel Way
Fremont , CA 94538

Tribute Wall

PS

“ *Pranav Saluja lit a candle in memory of Anju Basundhra*



Pranav Saluja - September 17, 2025 at 01:39 PM

GY

“ *Gabriel Ymalay lit a candle in memory of Anju Basundhra*



Gabriel Ymalay - September 17, 2025 at 12:55 PM

PS

“ Dear Massi,

I love you so much!!! You were the sweetest, happiest, and most full of life person I've ever known. Always so energetic, always so funny, and always making everyone around you feel loved.

Thank you for coming to my wedding and staying with us for so long. The time we spent together with you and Masad at home, listening to your stories and celebrating Holi, will always be some of my fondest memories.

Even though we lived far away, I never once felt the distance. Talking to you on calls, earlier on the phone and later on video, was always so easy because you had that beautiful gift of making everyone feel comfortable and loved.

I will miss you so much, Massi. I wish you were still here. Your smile was the cutest, and your love reached us no matter how far you were. Meeting you, mummy and mamu's together was such a blessing, and I will always remember the laughter, the gossip, and the warmth you all brought.

Mummy will miss you deeply, you were like a mother to her, it really hurts to see you go.

Thank you, Massi, for showering so much love on us always. You will forever stay in my heart. ❤️

*With all my love,
Pannu*





Pranav Saluja - September 17, 2025 at 12:09 PM

DA

“ *Dev A. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Anju Basundhra.*

Dev A. - September 17, 2025 at 11:59 AM

MA

“ *I had the pleasure of meeting Basundhra aunty in Nevis. One of the nicest people I met. Thoughts and prayers with the family.*

Mandeep - September 16, 2025 at 11:42 PM

SP

“ I have had the blessing to get to meet aunty and get to know her in the past two years. Her positivity and energy radiated from within and words can't describe the happiness and laughter she brought to any conversation. Be it talking about politics or our children she always had something funny and positive to say and cheer up the whole room, no matter how down we are. This world is full of negativity but she was the light of positivity and go get attitude. She was kind, loving and giving. I remember when she cooked delicious food for us despite of her having a broken arm. All because she loved to show her love and appreciation through her delicious cooking. I will miss her! Be it her silly jokes and her loving bantering with uncle or her loud, funny reviews of the over cooked food in a restaurant, or her wisdom on child care and child psychology that she shared with us, she always had something fun to say and to cheer us up. She loved life and cherished every moment of it, like it should be. Rest in peace dear aunty! ❤️



S. panwar - September 16, 2025 at 08:09 PM

“ To my very loving, kind, funny, intelligent and beautiful Bua...the words “I will miss you so much” do not even begin to reflect the gravity of the absence of your radiance and the weight of not having you here with us anymore.

You were such a positive force and inspiration for me and those around you. You brought so much sunshine, many smiles, and loads of laughter to the lives of your family, friends, and students. You had an extremely endearing, captivating and humorous way of telling stories that left a lasting impression on all who listened. It hurts deeply to know we won't get to experience that again in this lifetime.

I will miss your voice and your nurturing presence immensely. I will miss the way you took pride in your appearance and loved to get dressed up. Your flare for fashion and enthusiasm for dressing well always made me smile and is something I always admired. I will miss your warmth and hugs, and the sound life advice you gave me so gently whenever I voiced my concerns.

I will miss the sound of your laugh. The echoes of you and papa laughing and joking together will forever be etched in my mind and heart. Witnessing the bond you had with your siblings growing up was one of the most beautiful things and I'm grateful to have been able to observe the love you all shared.

The love and care you poured into your children is reflected in the incredibly loving and caring people they have become.

The love you shared with your husband was quietly romantic and deep-a match made in heaven for sure. I will miss hearing you call his name so lovingly and listening to the lighthearted ways in which you would tease each other.

My dear Bua, I just hope and pray you knew just how loved you were by all. And may your soul rest peacefully with Dada Ji, Dadi Ma, Masi Ji, Tayaji, and Papa. In my mind, I picture you all sitting together around a table reuniting, sharing laughs and catching up.





Rhea Puri - September 16, 2025 at 06:35 PM

MA

“ *Mayu lit a candle in memory of Anju Basundhra*



Mayu - September 16, 2025 at 04:04 PM

SP

“ *Samta P. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Anju Basundhra.*

Samta P. - September 16, 2025 at 01:07 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Anju Basundhra.*

September 16, 2025 at 11:14 AM

KZ

“ I got the pleasure of meeting Mrs Basundhra only once during a thanksgiving get together and I immediately felt welcomed and part of the family. She was an amazing person with a very pleasant and warm personality, I enjoyed our conversations and her amazing cooking. My condolences go out to Mr Basundhra, Saurabh and the rest of the family, I wish I had the opportunity to spend more time with this amazing woman. I wish everyone well and may you all find solice knowing that she was a bright spark in this world and will be deeply missed by everyone who crossed paths with her.



Klodian Zenuni - September 16, 2025 at 11:08 AM

NB

I know Auntys kids. I had the pleasure of growing up with them in the island of Nevis and they were and are the most positive , people I know . Whenever we feel negative or down Saurabh always finds a way to keep us positive and bring us back from what we dwell on. I know he gets this from his mother . And I want to thank her for giving us the best friend we ever knew . May your family find peace in this time .

Nitin Bhanti - September 16, 2025 at 11:12 PM

AS

“ My dearest Didi, my heart bleeds for you - miss you so much . Your going away has totally shattered me. Your absence feels like a part of me has been torn away. You've been my guiding light, my confidante, and my rock since childhood. Your kindness, intelligence, and beauty always shone brighter than anyone else. Your glowing face, beautiful voice, comforting hugs, and loving words are etched in my memory forever.



It's hard to come to terms with your absence in our lives and difficult to believe you're truly gone. The memories and the times we shared are precious, and I'll cherish them always. Your mothering, your smile, your fragrance and your way of making me feel so loved and cared for – I'll miss it all dearly.

You were more than a sister; you were my best friend, my soulmate. Our talks, laughter, and quiet moments together are now memories I'll hold close to my heart . I wish we had more time together, but life had other plans.

Rest in peace, my angel. May you find eternal peace, love, and joy in heaven. I'm sure you'll make everyone smile and laugh just like you did here. Until we meet again, know that I love you endlessly - Au revoir, my Didi. 🙏 Om Shanti 🙏

Anuja Saluja - September 16, 2025 at 02:00 AM

MA

“ She was a wonderful woman always pleasant to be around and had a beautiful smile. She will be missed but we will see her again waiting with open arms.



matthew - September 15, 2025 at 11:59 PM

AS

“ *Aleena Slone lit a candle in memory of Anju Basundhra*



Aleena Slone - September 15, 2025 at 09:53 PM

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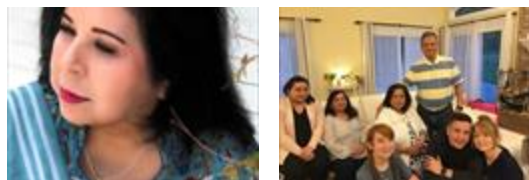
“ Dear Mom, my heart is breaking... I miss you so much and the happy memories we shared together. I was blessed to have you as a second mom - you called me beti and always looked after me and cared for me as if I was your own daughter. You raised two wonderful children, and I am very lucky to have married your wonderful son, Saurabh...and to have been welcomed into such a lovely and caring family means to world to me.

I will miss our long talks, the days we sat around the fire pit talking about your childhood growing up in Kashmir. I was fascinated by your stories of how your dad, the forest officer, would take you and your brothers and sister for walks in nature. The funny story of how the monkeys in Jammu, India, that stole your clothes - and you had to bargain with them with food to get them back. I also enjoyed the stories of how you and Papa met, like the time the both of you rode together on a motorbike under the moonlit stars to a destination you have never been before. The days we laughed until we couldn't breathe when our favorite show about Jenny and Sumit came on tv. The hilarious incident with packing the dates as a gift for your friends...I will cherish these memories forever.

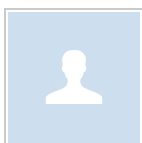
Every time I see a pink tulip or your favorite flower, the daffodil, I will think of you. Every time I see your favorite color, pink, I will think of you. You were (and still are) a beautiful flower inside and out. You were an AMAZING cook, and I will miss your aloo paratha, your cooking was special because it was done with love.

You were selfless, kind, caring and put others before yourself. Even when you did not feel well, you still powered through with a smile and optimism. You were witty and the seeing the pure love you had for your family was a blessing. Saurabh and I will continue your legacy and you will never be forgotten. I will still think and talk to you everyday, because I know you are still with us in spirit. I will always love you for eternity and until the end of time. I love and miss you mom and we will all be together again someday.

Aleena



Aleena Slone - September 15, 2025 at 09:50 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Anju Basundhra.

September 15, 2025 at 08:06 PM



“ Tasheena Slone lit a candle in memory of Anju Basundhra



Tasheena Slone - September 15, 2025 at 07:57 PM



“ Sheena and Parm planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Anju Basundhra.

Sheena and Parm - September 15, 2025 at 07:52 PM



“ Sheena and Parm purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Anju Basundhra.



Sheena and Parm - September 15, 2025 at 07:52 PM

TS

“ My condolences for the Basundhra family. Anju was such a beautiful, intelligent and positive person. She was always smiling and seeing the good in everything. She gave good advice, listened, and was such a joy to be around. I'll never forget the fun we all had together, spending Autumn evenings chatting and laughing. She will always be with us~ Thoughts and prayers for the family,

With Love,

Sheena and Parm



Tasheena Slone - September 15, 2025 at 07:46 PM