



Our sweet Samira, from Deuil center, in the suburbs of Paris, passed away last Friday, December 30th. About three weeks ago, she had been admitted in palliative care and since then, she has been preparing herself in silence and remembrance. Fully aware, she had become an image of tapasya.

A mother of six, Samira was a fervent Muslim from Tunisia. She took gyan in 2001 and as she herself was saying lately, while she was already seriously sick: "These were 15 years of joy and wonder"!

Of course those who met Samira only in Madhuban or for Rakhi national retreat would all agree that she was a mother of goodness and a humble, discreet and introspective soul, but all those who knew her better all sing her *joie de vivre*, her ever positive energy, her stability and resilience.

A generous big-hearted soul, ever ready to give and serve, Samira had a lot of courage and strength and destroyed a lot of obstacles on her way. Her husband was a very religious-minded political refugee and he didn't have the right to live within his family. Some years ago, having suffered a stroke, he was allowed to go back home and live with his wife. Samira then accompanied him until his death, about 3 years ago, with her loving vibrations, her joyful songs and Brahma Bhojan. He was very happy to end his life in this way.

Samira was conducting morning class in Deuil center on a regular basis. Everyone keeps in mind her wisdom and depth, her authenticity and the strength of her love for God.

She also conducted workshops in another suburb of Paris, Eaubonne, with groups on Positive Thinking, Meditation and so on.

Samira leaves with us the fragrance of her spirituality, her purity and her constant cheerfulness.

Her funeral was held yesterday, on January 2nd, in the privacy of her lokik family.