

# ANNOUNCEMENT



**BK MARI**  
**1950 – 2021**

Dear Divine Family,

Om Shanti. Sister Mari of Seattle Center (WA State, USA) flew into Baba's lap on June 12, 2021 at 7:52pm.

For the last 6 years, BK Mari was Baba's instrument to take care of **Brahma Kumaris Meditation Space** in downtown Seattle, while also helping as part of the core team at Baba's main center (**Mind & Meditation Center**) in Redmond.

Mari came to Baba in the year 2000. At the time, she was working as an Occupational Therapist with the Seattle School district, helping children with special needs through their learning challenges at school.

In 2004, together with Baba's Angels from Peace Village, she had organized the first successful Living Values Education Program in WA state which was attended by a record number of 35 teachers from 28 schools! Mari then introduced Living Values activities to children in Seattle schools with wonderful results. Subsequently, Mari was made a member of the LVEP Board in the USA and invited to play the role of Vice President.

Mari, with her background in Health care as an Occupational Therapist, got trained in Values in Healthcare (VIHASA) program by Dr. Ashok Mehta of Mumbai. She served the staff at several health centers and hospitals, which included doctors as well as other healthcare workers. One such center, IORA Clinic, got inspired to create a dedicated "Baba's room" in their clinic so that their staff members can re-charge themselves during the day, and to also introduce meditation to their patients.

Mari has also regularly visited and conducted programs at several Senior Centers and Assisted Care Centers. Her goal was always to introduce them to the Soul and Supreme Soul and a simple process of meditation so that they can complete their journey in hope and peace!

Mari has also served at many Community Centers connected with the Seattle Parks and Recreation Services. Her programs were always well received and different centers would approach her to schedule classes for 3 months at a time.

Mari offered her services at the Global Hospital in Mt.Abu and conducted Living Values programs in other countries too. She also had a special affinity to Baba's family in Malaysia.

Mari was a sweet and cooperative hand in seva right from her divine birth. She was always readily available for serving in every way including making Brahma Bhojan for the family and for public programs.

Mari had deep interest in purusharth since the very beginning. She would always ask questions about how to imbibe divine qualities and to bring about self-transformation.

During her early years, she once shared in class that she created a method to remember Baba. She would carry some small pebbles in one pocket, and during the day, whenever she remembered Baba at work, she would transfer one pebble to the pocket on the other side. This provided her a motivation to remember Baba, but it also provided her with a metric (as Baba mentions in Sakar Murlis).

On another occasion, she went to Peace Village, and came back with the following: "As I was walking around the lake in PV, this idea came to me. Since then, whenever I see someone, I first introduce them to Baba as though Baba were standing right next to me". This naturally gave her a more soul conscious attitude, but also strengthened her relationship with Baba.

In this way, Mari was a constant purushartha, paying a lot of attention to her spiritual progress based on Baba's shrimat.

Mari was always loving, caring, easy natured and generous hearted. She served every soul that she came across and has earned the special love of all the members of Baba's family.

Sister Mari had unshakable faith in Baba and a very deep love for Baba, Baba's family and Baba's yagya that made her cross many obstacles with ease!

**A memorial service honoring Mari's life will be held in Seattle on Friday June 25 from 5.30pm-7.00pm (PDT).**

You are most welcome to join us via zoom:

Meeting ID: 947 3485 3013

Passcode: omshanti

In Baba's loving yaad,  
BK Surya & Seattle Family

**PS:**

If any of you would like to share some memories, a picture or some words that we could include in the program on June 25, please send them to [memorial@iiistm.org](mailto:memorial@iiistm.org) no later than the end of June 24th. Many thanks!