



Sister Chandrika Desai
1948 - 2022

Brahma Kumaris Sister Chandrika Desai left this world peacefully on May 31, 2022, at 2:06 pm PDT in the loving presence of close members of her spiritual community.

Sister Chandru had been ill for some time and had suffered a series of strokes. A severe brain stroke last Wednesday, May 25 caused her hospitalization, during which she was under the expert care of a team of UCSF neurologists. She was 73 years old.

Sister Chandru was born in August, 1948 in the city of Mumbai, India. She started her spiritual life at the age of 13 and became a surrendered instrumental teacher for the Brahma Kumaris in 1964. During her early years as a yogi, she traveled extensively in India, arranging and attending spiritual conferences and teaching meditation. From 1972-75, she helped set up BK Centers in the African countries of Zambia, Zimbabwe and Kenya. In 1975, spiritual service led her to Canada where she established centers in Vancouver and Toronto. In 1977, she began serving in the USA and was instrumental in starting the first U.S. center in San Antonio, Texas. She established the first Brahma Kumaris Meditation Center in San Francisco in 1979.

For the past several decades, Sister Chandru was Vice President of the Brahma Kumaris World Spiritual Organization (BKWSO), USA and the Director of BK centers on the West Coast and in Hawaii. In addition to directing the San Francisco Meditation Center, she was the Founder and Director of the Anubhuti Retreat Center in Novato, California which was established in 2007. Well-known to the Bay Area interfaith community, she was a founding member of the United Religions Initiative, the San Francisco Interfaith Council, and the Interfaith Center at the Presidio.

Sister Chandru's purity, love, honesty, spiritual power, true dedication to the spiritual upliftment of humanity has been an inspiration to countless individuals over her nearly six decades of service.

A funeral service will be held at Duggan's Serra Mortuary in Daly City on Sunday, June 5 from 8:00 AM to 10:00 AM. There will also be a memorial service on June 12 at 10:00 AM. Both events will be telecasted live on Zoom ID 849 5146 8828.