



Nik Rajagopal

September 17, 1996 - February 2, 2021

Nik Rajagopal (Nikhil Subrahmanyam Henry Rajagopal) of Philadelphia, Wynnewood and Drexel Hill died suddenly on February 2, 2021 at his mother's home in Drexel Hill Pennsylvania. Nik was born on September 17, 1996 in Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania. His mother is The Rev. Dr. Doris Rajagopal and his father, S. (Gopal) Rajagopal. Nik's maternal grandparents were Henry and Doris Hunt of Philadelphia, PA. His paternal grandparents were Kanakam Subrahmanyam and the world-renowned Carnatic music singer T. R. Subhrahmanyam (aka TRS) who was also a retired professor of Music, Delhi University.

Nikhil graduated from Lower Merion High School. He attended Drexel University for two years, where he created his own major, including Japanese, Chinese and Korean languages and cultures. In 2021, Nik was enrolled at Temple University- preparing to complete his degree.

Nik was a talented musician. He played guitar, bass, piano and drums and was gifted with a beautiful voice. He was recognized with awards for his classical piano skills at a young age. Nik was also a talented composer. One of Nik's bands, 13 Lines, was recognized by the National Liberty Museum for their volunteer performances for a number of charities. They also recorded and released a CD of original music while in high school under the Lower Merion High School Record Label. Nik composed and recorded numerous CD's in his short lifetime. Nik also earned a Black Belt in Shotokan karate and participated in a competitive events nationally, earning many awards. Nik was

also a Latin scholar, being recognized throughout high school for his stellar performance in the National Exams.

Nikhil Rajagopal was also a compassionate and giving person. He volunteered to help people who were struggling. Even while he was very young he accompanied his mother in her work with women who were working to improve their lives while living in group housing. He continued using his musical skills to raise money for various charities. In addition, he and his friends raised money to feed people in need and build community gardens so they could grow their own food. He was also a dedicated supporter (and protestor) for all Black Lives Matter and human rights causes. He believed in the right of every human being to live a life of dignity.

Nikhil S.H. Rajagopal is survived by his mother Doris, his father Gopal, and his brother Sampath. He is also survived by aunts and uncles (Henry, Tina, Jacqueline, Tim, Vijaya, Narayanan), and numerous cousins.

His memorial will take place at St. John's Episcopal Church in Bala Cynwyd on February 20, 2021 but it is private because of restrictions in social gathering due to Covid-19. Burial will be private at Palmer Cemetery later this year.

Nik's mother will be creating the Nik Rajagopal Memorial fund to benefit artists who are struggling with mental health and addiction.

You may attend in Nik's Service virtually by joining via Zoom:

Zoom meeting.

Topic: Nik Rajagopal Memorial Service

Time: Feb 20, 2021 11:00 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Chadwick and McKinney Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Nik Rajagopal*



Chadwick and McKinney Funeral Home - February 15, 2021 at 01:32 PM

LI

“ *1 file added to the album Nik*



Livy - February 21, 2025 at 03:23 PM

SW

“ *Sheriee Wilson lit a candle in memory of Nik Rajagopal*



Sheriee Wilson - February 18, 2021 at 04:30 PM

DL

“ *Doris, We are so very sorry to hear about Nik. Holding you in love and light as you experience this sad, sad loss. With love and sympathy, Donna, Steven, Sophia and Sam Lindner*

Donna Lindner - February 16, 2021 at 08:28 PM

ES

“ *Dear Doris, Ken and I send our love and prayers to you. We are so sorrowful at this loss. Know that you are loved. Eileen & Ken*

Eileen Sullivan-Marx - February 16, 2021 at 06:11 PM



Doris, I am listening to Nik's music for the first time. Truly genius. Wish I could have hugged you today! With love and prayers for you and that magical little boy I still love! Kathy Meermans

Kathy Meermans - February 20, 2021 at 04:00 PM



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Kathy Meermans - February 20, 2021 at 04:02 PM