

## Farewell to Dr. Sheela Chacko

*Goodbyes are never easy; pictures never carry your warmth. Memories will always pierce the heart. No words can say it all.*

Every goodbye encloses a veiled message that says, “We shall miss you till you come back.” Teachers, after our parents, are the most influential people in our lives. Dr. Sheela Chacko attended the Kottakara Seventh Day Adventist School in Kerala, graduated from SCS Thiruvalla, and obtained a degree from Marthoma College. She later received her Master of Science degree from Holy Cross College Madurai Kamaraj University. Dr. Sheela’s parents were early Adventist missionaries in Kerala. Her father, Pr. P.I. Thomas started his ministry at Kottakara and built a school so that other children might be educated. Dr. Sheela’s passion for teaching drove her to earn a Bachelor of Education degree from Madurai Kamaraj University. She joined Spicer in 1985 and began working as a teacher in Spicer Higher Secondary School. After that, she joined as an Assistant Professor at Spicer Memorial College, where she worked with passion and mentored many students pursuing their education degrees.



Dr. Sheela is happily married to Mr. Paul Chacko, and they have two lovely children who are both married and working. Dr. Sheela has grandchildren as well. She received her Doctorate in Education from Savitribai Phule University. Dr. Sheela, for the students, is an exceptional teacher that seems to be hard to come by, and they consider themselves to be fortunate to have such a brilliant teacher as her. Many of those who worked with her were inspired to accomplish their tasks by achieving their goals. She has been an exceptional mentor, preparing many others to follow in her footsteps. Dr. Sheela was a coworker and a friend to many others.

Spicer Adventist University recognizes Dr. Sheela’s efforts to empower academics through her vision, leadership, and shaping students to reach greater heights. Dr. Sheela Chacko is featured in the Spicerian magazine as an educator and friend of Spicer Adventist University.

We wish you the best in life.

**Smruti Salve**

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## Farewell to Mr. Johnson Dasaiah

Johnson Dhasiah was the fifth of seven children in a Roman Catholic family. He went to school at Kanyakumari, Tamil Nadu. In 1980, he was baptized into the Seventh Day Adventist Church and relocated to Pune, Maharashtra, to study Industrial Arts and Mathematics at Spicer Memorial College. He went on to work at Bangalore's Lowry Memorial College in 1991 as the manager of the wood and metal craft department and a teacher educator at the teacher training college.

Johnson married Esther Rani in 1992, and they have two children, Elba and Jeryl. He earned his MA in history from Annamalai University in 1999 and a second MA from Spicer Adventist University in 2016.

Johnson was appointed chair of the Industrial Arts Department at Spicer Memorial College in 2000. Between 2007 through 2013, he was the Director of Work Education and then the Director of Admissions. He served as Associate Registrar for Admissions and Eligibility at Spicer Adventist University from 2014 until his voluntary retirement in August 2021.

For almost 30 years, he managed the audio-visual equipment at Lowry Memorial College and Spicer Memorial College and Church, where he also trained numerous students. He enjoyed working and teaching especially as woodworking. His love for arts and crafts led him to design a tiny Taj Mahal for the Southern Asia Division exhibit at the 2010 General Conference Session in Atlanta, USA.

Mr. Johnson was also the sponsor for Oreodoxa, Spicer Adventist University's yearly pictorial journal, five times (2004, 2005, 2012, 2013, 2015-golden edition), and was the sponsor and editor for Lowry Memorial College's annual magazine Indica in 1997. He also presented in SAU Leadership and General camps and taught Arts and Crafts to students in B.E.Ed, BED, and MA Education courses. The International Religious Liberty Association meeting in New Delhi in 1999 was one of the several meetings for which he created backdrops. He also prepared backdrops for other events and church activities (for the Southern Asia Division, South India Union, Karnataka region, etc.). He and his wife have decorated and planned many events and weddings. From 2006 through 2020, he sponsored the Adventist Tamil Youth Fellowship. The Spicer Adventist Church elected him the first elder for 2020-21.

Spicer Adventist University honors Mr. Johnson Dasaiah for his vision, leadership, and influence on students as they strive to achieve greater heights in their lives. Mr. Johnson is highlighted in the Spicerian magazine as an influencer, educator, and friend of Spicer Adventist University.

WE Wish your happiness, health, and hope for future.

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Mr. Nirmal Khaka



Mrs. Sushila Madhukar Kedari

## Farewell



Mrs. Shiny Prashantha



Dr. P. L. Thlenga