

## Shamim Khokhar (Akhter Gill)

*April 20, 1945 - August 21, 2015*

Shamim was born in Chak #2 Bethlehem, Sahiwal, Pakistan in 1945. She passed peacefully in the early morning of August 21st with her loving family by her side. She was predeceased by her parents, Haidat and Bagam, brothers, Shabaz and Zafar. With deep sadness, Shamim leaves behind her loving husband Talib, sons: Saqib, Kashif (Sadia), & Ataf (Anjali) and grandchildren: Solomon, Elisha, Aaliyah, Aaron & Asher.

Shamim was the second of three children and the only sister to her two brothers. With the death of her father and mother at a very young age, her uncle took the children and raised them. They were a cash crop farming family.

Shamim attended primary school in her village and then went on to attend middle school in Sialkot, Pakistan. She completed her High School education close to a village by Lahore, Pakistan. Her studies led her down the path of Nursing where she received her degree as a Registered Nurse (RN) in Sahiwal, Pakistan. She received her training from Sahiwal Mission Hospital in Sahiwal. As a young woman, she traveled and worked around the world including places such as London, Libya, Egypt, and Beirut. She loved to sing, laugh and perform in drama.

February 7, 1976, Talib took Shamim's hand in marriage in Lahore, Pakistan. After three weeks of marriage, Shamim returned back to Libya where she had been since 1971 working as a Registered Nurse at the Children's Hospital of Benghazi. During their time in Libya, they were blessed with the birth of their sons, Saqib, Kashif, and Ataf.

On April 11, 1981, the family immigrated to Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada. They moved the family to Canada to give their children opportunities for a better education and quality of life than they would have received in Libya or Pakistan. From then on, Shamim stayed home with her children and taught them about love, devotion, kindness, compassion and faith.

Shamim was a caring, loving, devoted, selfless wife, mother and sister with a strong faith in Jesus Christ. She is now in the presence of her Savior and free from all her suffering. She was the true meaning of a Christian as her faith never wavered in the Lord even through tremendous pain and suffering. She gave up much of her life for her husband and sons and thought of her family and friends before herself.