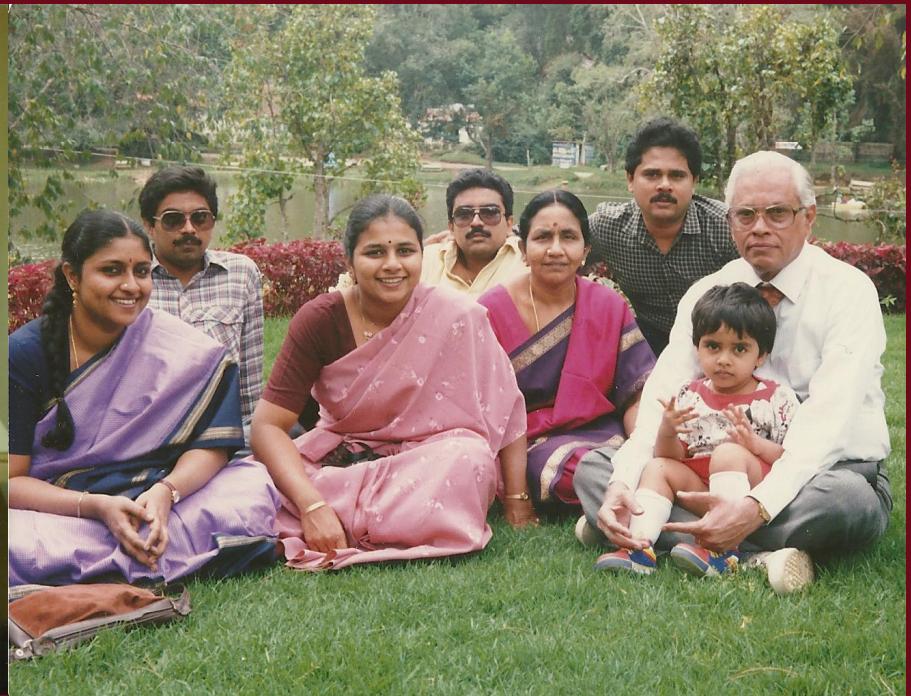
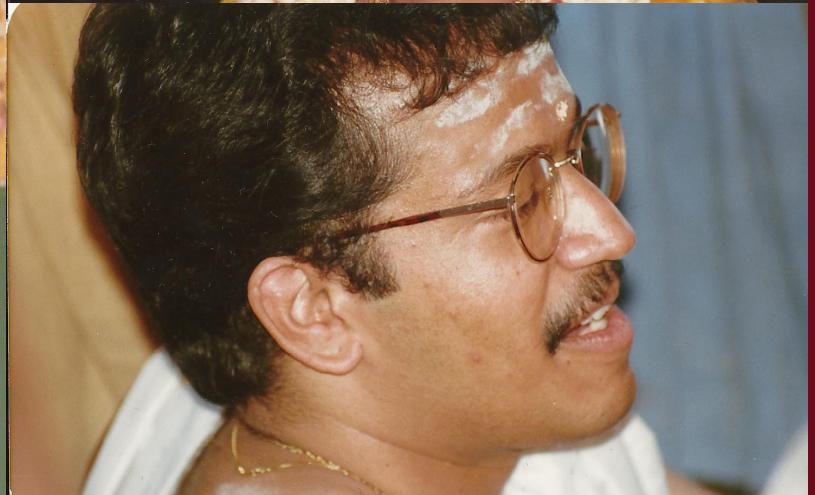
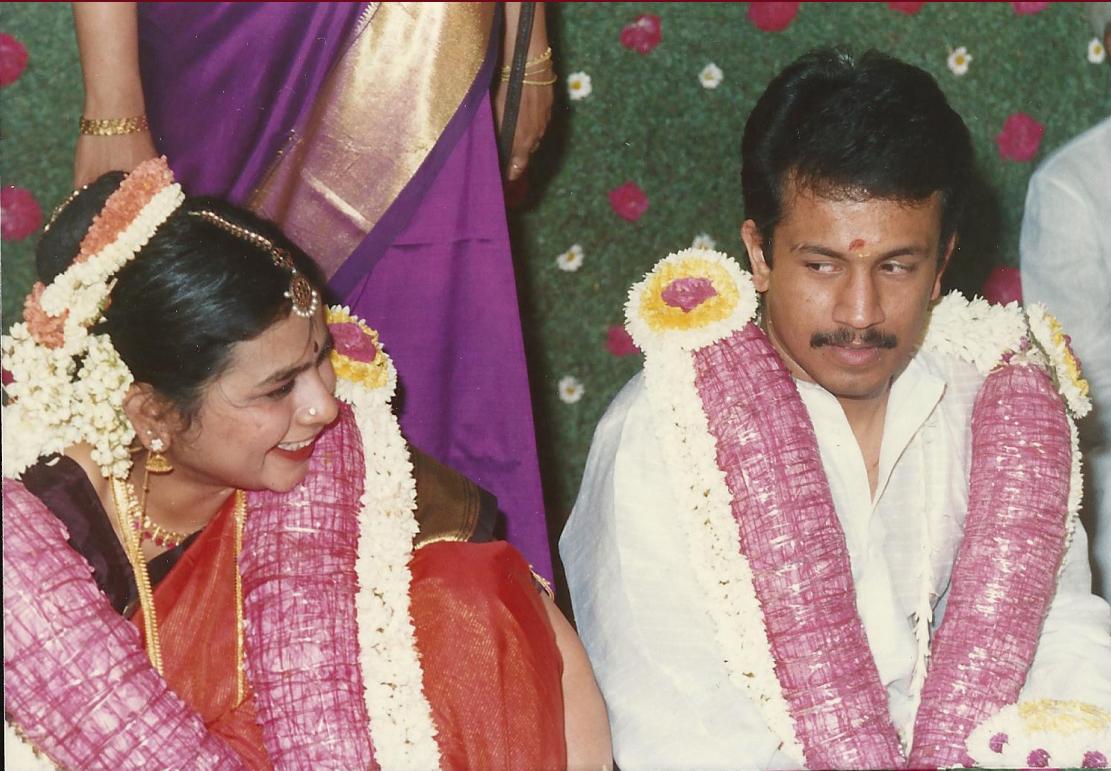
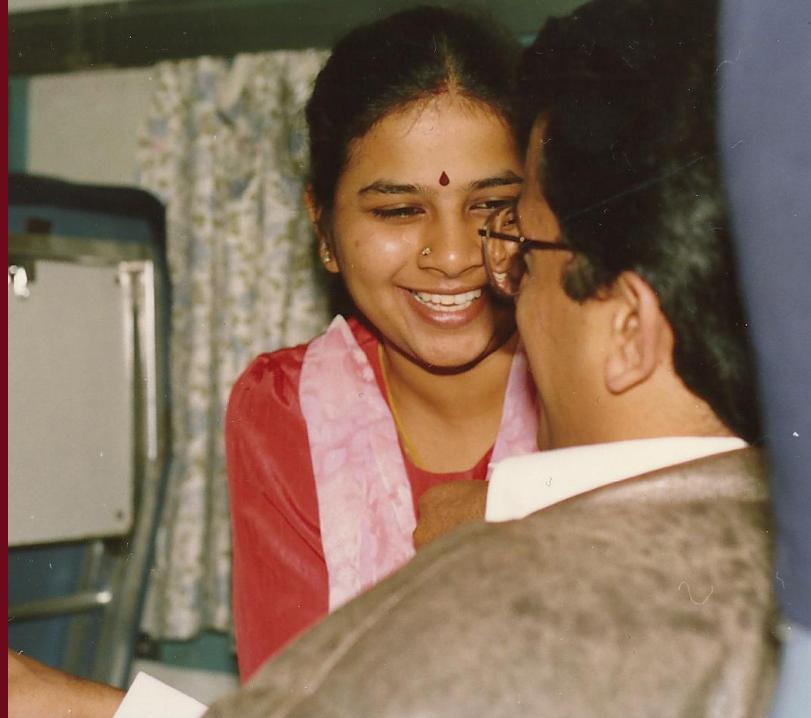
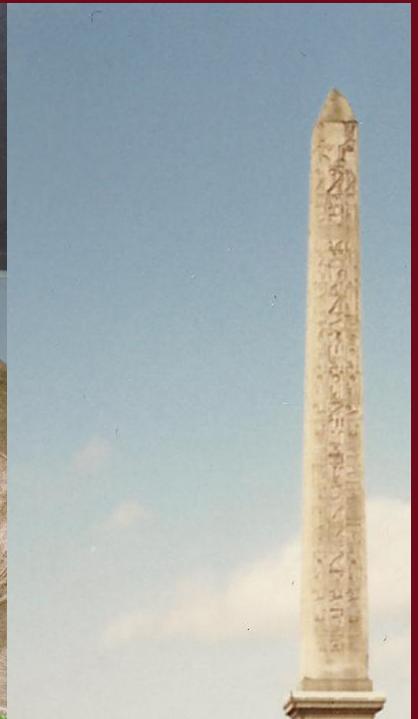




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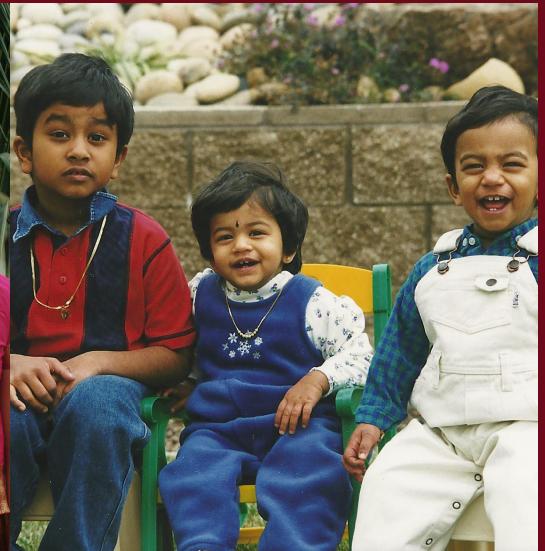












KNK

Prakash and Jayanthi, I am very happy to note that your Silver jubilee anniversary has been celebrated. My well wishes and blessings for a very happy and continued married life and a successful march towards your Golden Jubilee celebrations. Wish you my very best and all success in all your endeavors.





Vimala Gowrikanthan

Jayanthi went and met Prakash in California and after two days of talking and discussing various things decided to get married. We started looking for good muhurtham dates and since Jayanthi could not miss too many days from her college, we had to have a date early in Thai masam. Jan 22 1990 was fixed for the wedding. There was just a very small problem....the venue for the wedding! We had to find a nice mandapam within the short period between November 1989 (engagement) and Jan 1990.

The entire JG family was scouring the city for a suitable mandapam to perform the wedding. We found a new mandapam in MLM, which, the owners said, will surely be fully constructed by Jan 22! We were also toying with the idea of having the wedding at “Sreyas”, in case we were unable to get a mandapam. An advance was made towards the partially constructed mandapam in the hope that it will be completed on time.

The day after the advance was made, Ravi chanced upon the Raghavendra mandapam! It was completed and the first wedding was slated for Jan 18th 1990. This mandapam is owned by super star Rajanikanth and as it was just constructed no one knew about it. Immediately Ravi checked availability for Jan 20 through Jan 23 and frantically called JG with the news that there was this new

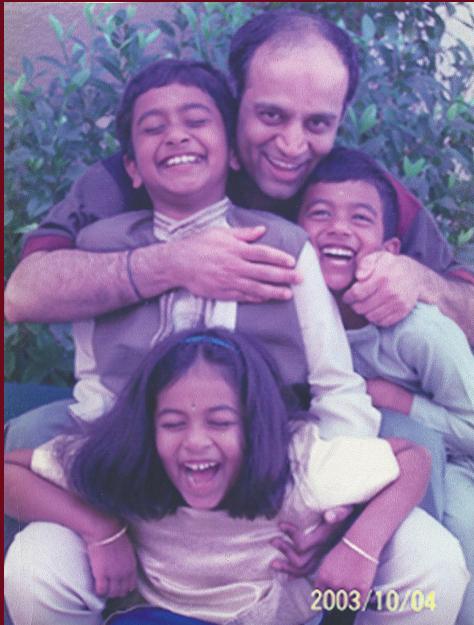
mandapam and that it was free for the dates we wanted. JG dispatched a person with the full amount for the mandapam and immediately issued a stop payment of the cheque made out to MLM. Jayanthi and Prakash's wedding was the second one to be conducted at Raghavendra mandapam. We went about preparing for the wedding in the short time we had. We did not even meet Prakash until a few days before the wedding!

In the past 25 years we have had the chance to make many happy memories during their trips to India and our trips to the US. I was happy that I was able to be with them when Akshay, and later, Madhuri and Rohan were born. I hope we get to spend more time with all of them in future visits.

I wish Prakash and Jayanthi many, many more happy returns of the day. I pray that they will be blessed with happiness, good health and many more years together. I pray that Akshay, Madhuri and Rohan will be successful, happy, and wish them the best of luck for everything they undertake.



Mohan and Girija



We write this with a great sense of joy and happiness. They say Adam and Eve had a good marriage: Adam didn't have to hear about all of Eve's many suitors (for there were none) and Eve didn't have to constantly hear about how well Adam's mother cooked because there is no mention of his mother!

But what does all of this have to do with either Jayanthi or Prakash, you ask! See, while Adam and Eve had a good marriage, Jayanthi and Prakash have a perfect marriage; indeed, an ideal marriage. It is only a question of the degree of difference between two people who are remarkably similar.

- Jayanthi and Prakash are both wonderful people, except that one of them is wonderful and the other is even more wonderful.
- While one of them is extremely ordered and structured in their thinking, the other is even more extremely ordered and structured in their thinking, to the point of boredom.

- While one of them is neurotic and exhibits mild OCD behaviour, the other is incredibly fastidiously neurotic and exhibits extreme OCD behaviour.
- While one of them is very caring in their approach to family and friends, the other is even more highly caring in their approach to family and friends.
- While one of them is really generous with their time, love and affection to one and all, the other is even more generous with their time, love and affection towards everyone.
- While one of them is quite direct in words and action, the other is extremely direct.
- While one of them laughs quite easily, you can't sometimes stop the other from laughing easily!
- While one of them cares about their family and children and constantly showers love on the three (lovely) kids, the other lives for the family and the three lovely kids.

We could go on and on, but you get my drift. They are actually very similar people; it is just a matter of the degree of difference along the same scales of comparison of two extremely lovable people.

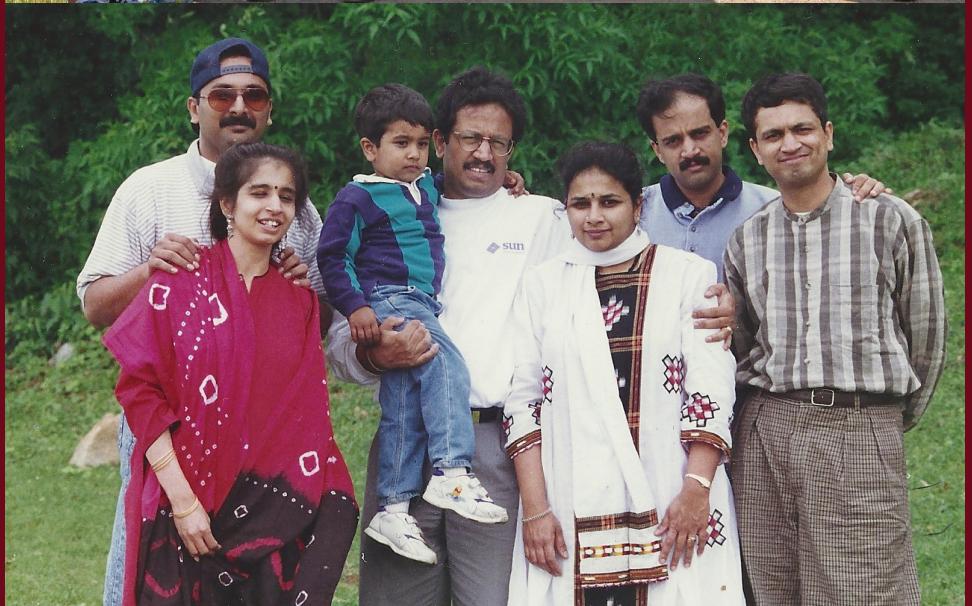
The one thing they both are is ‘right’.

As someone once said (and this applies to both Jayanthi and Prakash), “I knew I was marrying my Miss (Mister) Right, but what I didn’t know was that her (his) first name was Always!”

Jokes apart, they are right. They are right about everything they do. They act with integrity, honesty, due care, affection and correctness in everything they do; everything. And that is not easy. It can only come from a strong sense of purpose and an immense clarity in their values.

As is often the case in these 25th anniversary compilation, we can cite many anecdotes to support all of the above qualities of Jayanthi and Prakash, but perhaps it is best to leave it at the above and allow the reader (yes, both of you who got this far!) to support the above with your own personalized anecdotes.

We have both learnt many things from them and continue to learn from them every day. We wish them all the very best on their 25th Anniversary and wish them many more years of happiness, love and discovery.



SVK and Latha

Happy 25th Wedding Anniversary, Jayanthi & Prakash.

Jayanthi and Prakash - Two wonderful people who have been an integral part in my life. One striking part of our relationship has been their involvement & participation in practically all the functions we have had. Special to me was the “Surprise 50th Birthday Party” during Dec ’07 where my very close friends - Kannan & Muhilan - were present. That showed the real affection they had towards me & everyone else in our family. And in the Bay Area, 320 Lower Vintners Circle has been the local “Sreyas & RT Nagar”, thanks to the initiative by both of them to keep relationships strong & growing. No wonder that every visit to the US starts & ends at Fremont. We have had a lots of holidays together - LA, San Diego, Reno, Lake Tahoe, Niagara, Pebble Beach, to mention a few. We have made sure all of us were together during important events - Rohan & Madhuri’s First Birthday, Janani & Avinash Marriage, etc.

It is just not possible to fit all my thoughts and feelings into a few paragraphs. But the following is a snapshot of us, definitely not covering even a small part of the 25 years we have all been together...but at least some.



The one thing that I vividly remember when I think of Prakash and Jayanthi's first meeting is the earthquake! Earlier, in 1989, during Jayanthi's visit to India, she had flown to Delhi, with Ravi to meet the parents of the prospective groom, Prakash. There she met KNK mama, Sharada Mami and her parents at a hotel. This was even before she had met Prakash! Can't imagine this happening in this decade!

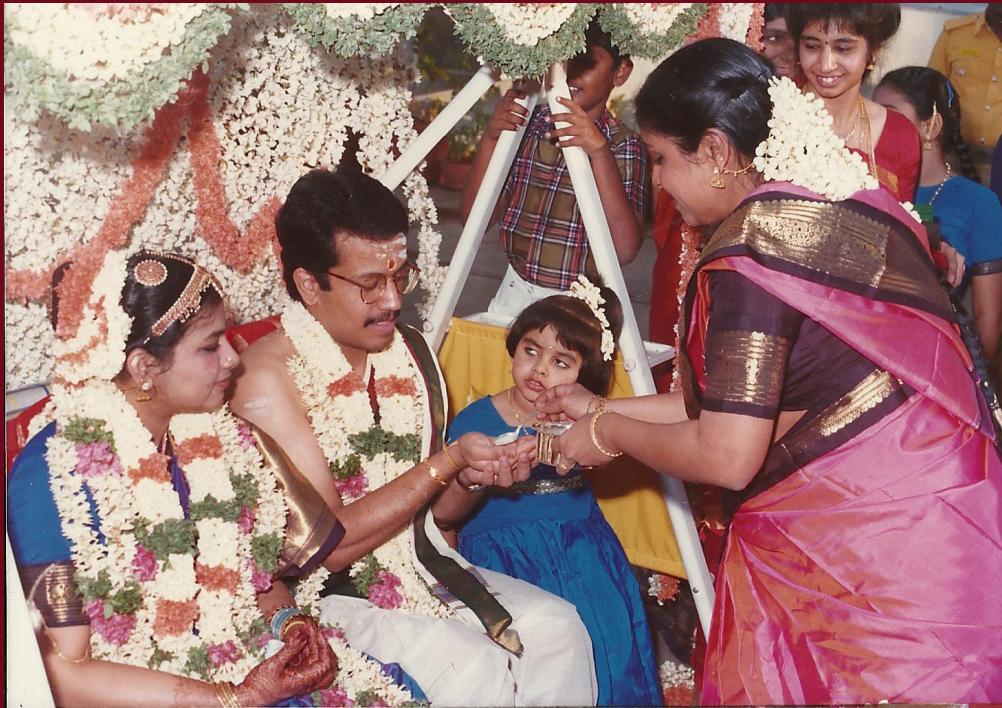
Well, after she passed that meeting, on her return to USA, with the consent of both set of parents, Jayanthi was asked to fly to San Francisco from Ohio where she was perusing her doctorate. A suitable weekend was fixed and all was set for the momentous meeting!

On the day before she was scheduled to fly to the Bay Area, there was a huge earthquake there and the runway was closed. However, the match was to be :) So, miraculously, Jayanthi did make the trip and meet with Prakash and the rest is history.

Here is wishing my favorite and beloved sister and my equally favourite brother in law a wonderful silver wedding anniversary! Let's celebrate the 25 gone by and look forward to the next 25 to come.



Janani



My very first memory of Prakash Chithapa and Jayanthi Chithi together is one of annoyance - at being asked to sit next to P'chithapa rather than J'Chithi at their kalyana oonjal. That was because J'Chithi and I were wearing the SAME matching clothes and JG Thatha said it won't look good in the wedding pictures. Also the 'fact' that P'Chithapa was 'taking away' MY J'Chithi didn't help with my barely concealed hostile feelings toward P'Chithapa! Paavam, he was trying his best to be sweet to me, but I would have none of it. Subsequently, I came around to 'accept' that he would be part of J'Chithi's life and hence mine :D. So much so that I got VERY annoyed that he introduced me (when I was around 11 yrs old) to someone as his wife's niece. I believe I quarreled quite a bit with him as to why he did not call me HIS niece :).

After many years, I can safely say I enjoy talking to (read: arguing with) & spending time with and he definitely regards me as HIS niece :D.

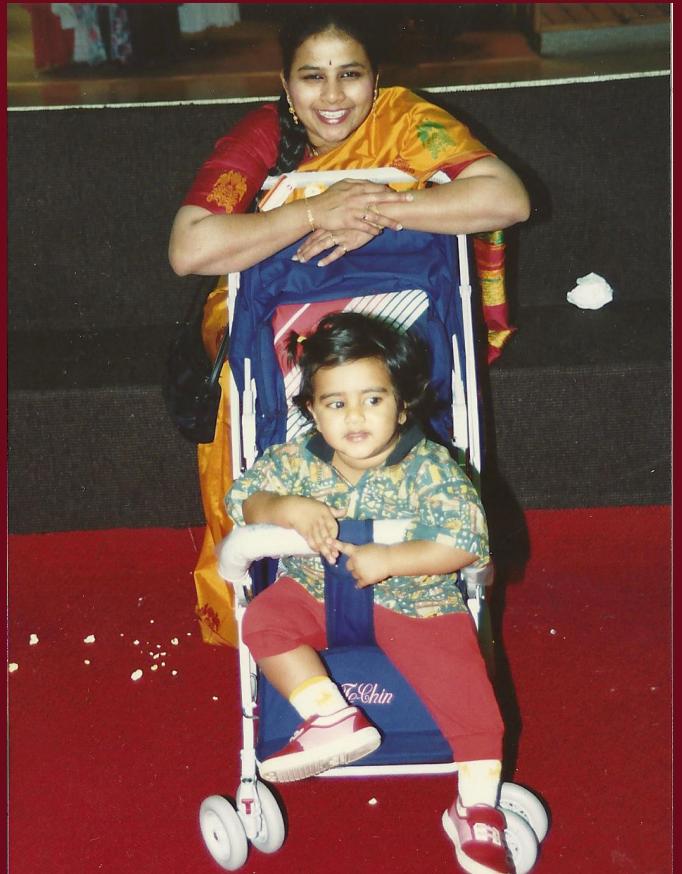
Happy 25th wedding anniversary P'chithapa and J'Chithi! I am VERY glad you both got together, and stayed together. Here's wishing you many more years of togetherness!

Sharadh

I don't have a specific story to share about Jayanthi Chithi and Prakash Chithapa – in my defense, I'd challenge Akshay, Madhuri, or Rohan to pick a specific story out. They've been that close and quite a huge part of life, which is even more amazing considering that they're in Fremont and my average distance from them plonks me in the middle of the Indian Ocean. Some things that come to mind:

- Vacations with them were invariably fun because PC'pa, though busy, was always super optimistic about going anywhere or doing anything. Key point: His camera tagging along long before DSLRs were mainstream. JC on the other hand would always be ready with a nice big rolling laughter fit.
- When going hungry to lunch, drive with JC. When coming back stuffed, drive with PC'pa.
- As a couple I've always remembered them as having an intrinsic respect for each other's space. They're very comfy doing their own thing, and everyone still comes together for meals which are super fun (like tasting Vitamix soup with sheeka-podi in it and saying it's amazing. Looking at you, Madhuri!)
- Finally, despite (or maybe because of?) the various "Akshay!"s, "Madhuri!"s and "Rohan!"s echoing around the place, 320 Lower Vintners is always this place that defines a happy home for me. It may be a tad bit (say, 200 years) old fashioned, but that to me is what is most special about them both.

Here's wishing you both an amazing wedding anniversary and a super second phase up ahead with the three at college and beyond!



Cheenu, Hema, Shruthi, Nisanth

Cheenu

On the occasion of your 25th wedding anniversary, I would like to congratulate you and wish you much happiness, love and harmony for the future. God bless!

Hema

Wishing my dear Akka and Athimber a wonderful silver anniversary and to many more anniversaries. Enjoy the special moment and JAYANTHI Akka ROFL for Prakash Athimber as this (ROFL) was invented for you.

Shruthi

Many many many happy returns of the day, Jayanthi Athai and Prakash Athimber!

I always look forward to each of your visits - every time y'all come to India, I have a lot of fun. I wish that y'all could come more often so that we can spend more time together. Enjoy your day!



Ravi, Anju, Harish, Shreya

25 years ago Cindi Lauper sang “Girls just want to have fun”, Micheal Jackson made “Thriller”, the price of gasoline was a \$1.21 and the two of you found each other and decided to build a life together.

Although you may be celebrating a silver anniversary the life you have built is solid gold.

This is not just an anniversary of a long marriage but a celebrations of all the hopes and dreams you have seen together and the joy of watching your greatest achievements, Akshay, Rohan, and Madhuri, become adults you can be very proud of.

These 25 years are just the prologue of a beautiful fairy tale with the happily ever after still going on.



I am extremely happy that I am able to pen a few words on the fantastic occasion of two truly beautiful people celebrating their 25th wedding anniversary. I am also very proud of the fact that I had a small role, a quarter of a century ago, in being able to bring these two beautiful people together in marriage.

What can I say, I am overwhelmed with emotion when I am asked to put on paper my thoughts on Jayanthi and Prakash, who have stood beside me in every single happy and sad phase of my life, like a rock, very silently without ever letting anyone else know of what they have done for me.

I can write page upon page about both Jayanthi and Prakash, but the single most telling statement of their union together is simply borne out by the way Akshay, Madhuri, and Rohan have grown up into adults and are more Indian than the children who grow up in Chennai. Also the fact that both have integrated in to each other's families as if they have been in the families from birth. I wish them both many many more years of togetherness and pray to the Paramacharya of Kanchi and Bhagwan Ramana to shower their boundless grace upon them and the family, for a great future filled with happiness, peace and good health.

Rajesh, Aarti, Nakul, Ria



1990 seems like it was just the other day and here we are 25 years later!!! I seem to remember having so much fun at your wedding. JG, SVK, Latha, Ravi and Cheenu were so amazing and we have built lifelong friendships. While so much has changed, so much has remained the same. We have all (some of us anyway) grown up, matured, settled, and passed on.

Prakash, you epitomize the explorer spirit, always looking to make things faster, better and more efficient... hope you continue to drive this over the next few decades with Jayanthi's support.

Jayanthi, you continue to focus on your passion, teaching, and the kids. Hope the years ahead are exciting, relaxing, worry free, and filled with adventure.

With all the kids settled in either work or university, you guys are certainly entering a new phase...make the most of the worry free existence.

You guys deserve the best, after all the sacrifices that you have made. Good luck for the next 25 years. Hope it is even better than the first 25!!

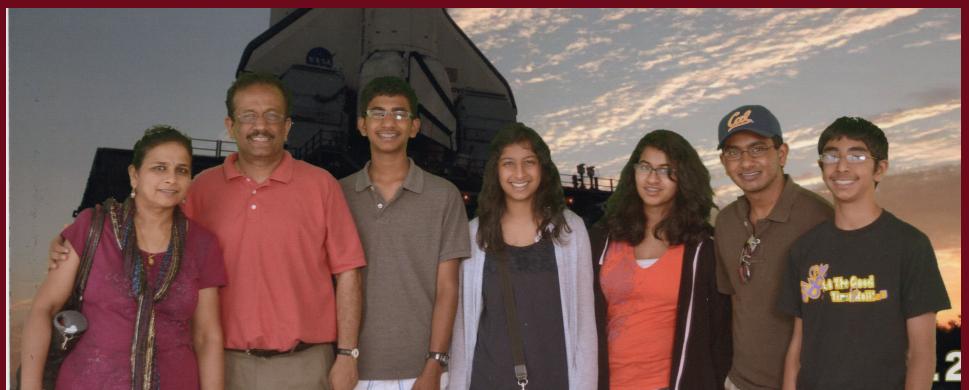
Sujatha

Writing about Prakash is easy. The hard part is to know when to stop! Starting from when we were little, Prakash was the brother I knew I could rely on to back me up. The erstwhile researcher, he helped me with school projects, starting from English story submissions in elementary school to high school science fair projects. His skills in the teaching department did leave a lot to be desired for he had no patience with my alleged lack of capacity to learn the intricacies of trigonometry and calculus! His fingers would pinch my ears anytime an incorrect answer was inadvertently blurted out in the haste to provide any answer. Those cosines certainly were at a tangent to my interests! Needless to say his vast knowledge and capacity for learning was intimidating while we were growing up. We could never measure up to his very tall stick.

Prakash was also the go-to person in the house, and his word was usually taken as the last. Amma would rely on his advice more so than any of ours. He was her true pillar, and she relied on him to get the right decisions made. His no-nonsense attitude, and disdain for the trivialities in life still earns him Appa's respect as they are built from almost the same block. He is a seasoned networker, and makes it a point to remember something about everyone he meets. His capacity to remember not only the names of people he meets, but something pertinent about them

sets him apart as a human being, and will be his truest measure as a person who remains successful in life.

His amazingly tireless love for hard-work is to be envied. People who are much younger easily wilt in the face of his workload. His ability to get involved and get things done is phenomenal. As a soccer coach and referee, as a



Sujatha

chess tournament director, as a person involved in the school board to help run the show even after his kids moved on from the schools, he is a person everyone wants on their team. He will be a person who will be easily remembered by anyone who is fortunate enough to meet him.

Jayanthi is the type of person who is not very difficult to know at all. I ‘met’ Jayanthi when Prakash introduced her to me as his fiancé. This was a telephone call! We made an immediate connection, and I remember thinking that Prakash was so lucky to have finally met someone so incredibly friendly. She made sure she had weekly conversations just so we could get to know each other.

She has the unique ability to put anyone at ease so much so you find yourself confessing your deepest and darkest secrets just to keep talking to her. Her ability to look past pesky inconveniences will help mark her as a truly successful person. As you talk to her about a supposed problem, she has a way of rephrasing your statement which then helps identify the true



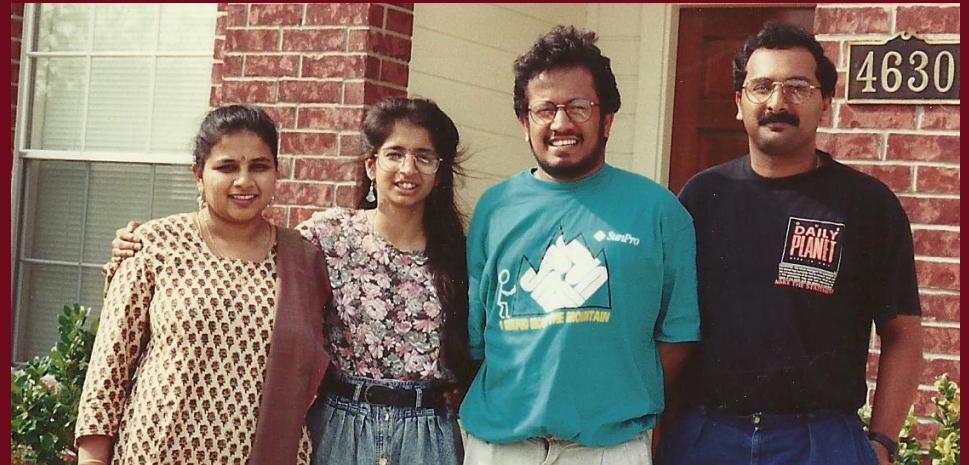
problem. She has the ability to look past the immediate issues and look at the big picture which then puts things into perspective. Her 'let's look at the long term' attitude will mark her as my true hero.

She is the true force behind Prakash's success. Her patience in keeping things together in the house so that he can continue to follow his passion is phenomenal. She has a sense of humor and an infectious laugh which endear her to anyone she meets. She has strong opinions and a strong sense of right vs wrong. She does not tolerate ineptitude, and has a no-nonsense attitude which helps her keep calm under stressful situations. I have rarely seen her lose it unless it is on the rare occasion with Prakash.

I wish Prakash and Jayanthi many more years of continued marital bliss, and by the time they celebrate their golden jubilee I hope to see their grandkids also doing very well just like their sons and daughter!

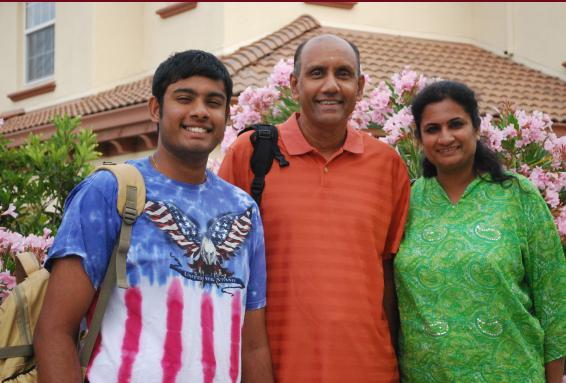
Srikanth

A wedding anniversary is the celebration of love, trust, partnership, tolerance and tenacity. The order varies for any given year :) Prakash and Jayanthi, wish you many many more years of blissful married life.



Suvedh

Hey Jayanthi Mami and Prakash Mama! I saw your pictures on Facebook, and you both look pretty much the same as you did 25 years ago.
Have a great anniversary!



We cannot remember any significant occasion in the family that Prakash has failed to attend. He is omnipresent with his camera to participate and capture the event for posterity. His bubbly nature and shotgun laughter lights up the satsang immediately. It is not only during good times that he is around, but he is definitely with you when the chips are down. We remember him reaching out to us back in 1992 during a period of uncertainty when we were grappling with immigration issues. In view of our splitting time between the Middle East and USA over the past 25 years, we have had only a few occasions of spending time with Jayanthi. She has been a gracious host, fun loving and good to be around. During our recent trip to California, both Prakash and Jayanthi gave us loads of information on places to visit and kept track of our progress to ensure all was well. We take this opportunity to wish Jayanthi & Prakash a wonderful 25th wedding anniversary and a lifetime of togetherness, good health and prosperity.



Padma & Sundar Sreenivasan

Wishing both of you a very happy 25th Anniversary!

I still very vividly remember several moments from your wedding - it was so much fun for all of us. At the time I obviously didn't know to look ahead, but I am so glad that so many years later we are a part of your small little world today. There are so many things to learn from both of you - in the way you take the extra effort to connect with people, to see how passionate Anna is about everything and most importantly how you are as parents. Its truly inspiring to have you in our lives. From all us, wishing you many many more years together of good health and all the happiness.

Dwarak, Divya, Darsh & Deshna

It seems like yesterday that I attended Prakash and Jayanthi's wedding in Chennai. Time has just flown by. I warmly remember the times spent together in Bangalore when we were in our preteen years during our summer holidays.

Best wishes from the Sreenivasan's wishing all of you good health and happiness in the years ahead.

Sivakumar Sreenivasan

Prakash is the eldest grandson of the Dr K N Swamy family & indeed he has lived up to it & set a shining example for all his cousins to follow. I am indeed proud to call him my own dear nephew.

I wish him & Jayanthi a very happy wedding anniversary & many more long years together filled with joy wealth & good health.

Padhu Chithappa

At the outset we would like to wish you Many many Happy Returns of your wedding day and a Spectacular Silver Jubilee Anniversary !

May God shower His choicest Blessings on you ! You are such a wonderful couple!

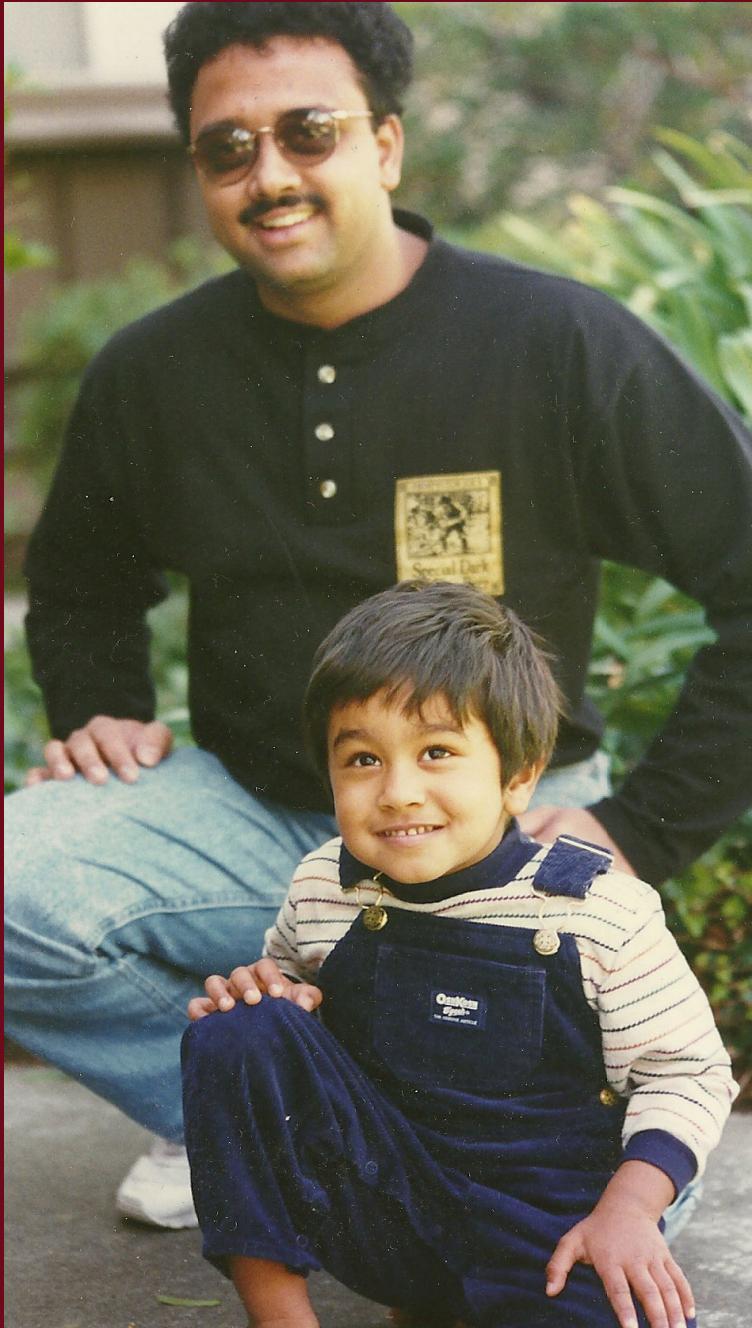
Lalitha Athai and Kailash Athimber







Vishwa and Suchi



We hardly know where to begin... Right from the time you welcomed us as newly-weds back in 1994 into your home in Milpitas, to the time we said goodbye in 2007 when we returned, you have both been an integral part of our stay in the US. Every major milestone in our life in Fremont has seen you support us, right down to the smallest nitty-gritty - Suchi's Valagaapu, kids' birth, kids' birthdays, to name a few.

Get-togethers at your place always meant yummy food...We thoroughly enjoyed the numerous Thanksgiving dinners with stuffing and cranberry sauce, Christmas get-togethers with hot apple cider, egg nog and plum (rum) cake, Diwali with home-made sweets!

I remember one Diwali where we all sat up all night making laddoos! The topic of food at your home will certainly not be complete without mentioning Prakash athimber and his vita-mixer! Any and all vegetables he could lay his hands on would be in the soup! He had the right idea, though...It's not easy getting kids to eat healthy; far easier to serve it up in a bowl as soup. Thanks for the tip, athimber!

We still have the CDs with Prakash athimber's music compilation of some wonderful songs. Vishwa's singing definitely improved as a result of attending classes with P V N Mama – that wouldn't have happened without Prakash athimber's reference.

One funny moment that comes to mind, before our wedding, is Vish-

wa losing his glasses on 680 en route San Francisco in his attempt to shoot video peeking out of the sun-roof in the Previa.

You are both accomplished professionals, with busy jobs, yet family played a very important part in your lives...you never once hesitated to take time off and be present at family functions and get-togethers, including at the birth of Rahul and Varun. We still fondly remember the Friday night movies and ice-cream:) and the inevitable dozing off during the movie by Prakash athimber (and Suchi). It is quite admirable how you as a couple managed to participate in life in the U.S in all aspects while still maintaining our cultural values. Golu padis were as celebrated as Christmas trees at your home...Children learnt the piano as well as classical Carnatic music, dance, and Tae Kwon Do. If imitation is the best form of flattery, then you can consider yourselves flattered. We have learnt from you in some reasonable measure how to meld two different cultures and extract the best out of both.

The kids and their antics made Suchi feel at home as a new bride in a foreign country. Akshay's meal time antics ("cop car – whee-whee", "whafall") – feeding each spoon of food to him like an airplane swooshing down,

were the subject of many conversations. When Rohan and Madhuri were born, it was keeping track of who was fed and who needed to be changed! Those were hectic times! When we were new parents ourselves with Rahul, we would call you at all odd hours to ask how we could get him to go to sleep, or what he could eat for a snack!

We also learnt a lot from you both on how to interact/ engage with kids – a skill that was handy for us with Rahul & Varun. Of course, who can forget that but for your way of engaging with Varun, we wouldn't have priceless gems like "bloods" .

The greatest testament to your Silver Jubilee is the lovely set of kids - Akshay, Rohan & Madhuri :-)



Viji

I can still remember Jayanthi when she was little – playing with all of us. She was the pet of everybody in Dharma Ponnuswamy clan – because of her inherent sweetness. I remember when Vimala left for college – Jayanthi holding our hands and cheerfully saying bye-bye to Vimala!

She is very nice in her unique individual way to all. I can't forget her infinite patience and her empathy for everybody. How she used to take chinnapati for treatment on alternate days on her way to college and how patiently she took care of her and brought her back – this when she was only a college student herself!

Jayanthi and Prakash are a wonderful pair who complement each other.



Both of them generously extended an invite to Kavita when she was done with college and was looking for a job in California. They guided her. This was a great relief for us back home in India as we knew she was well taken care off.

But for their active involvement, help, and guidance, it would not have been possible for us to arrange and conduct Kavita and Kesava's marriage at Livermore temple in the US in the comfortable manner we did. They took care of the minutest of details and had an action plan to get it all organized – whether it was arranging for vadhiyar, the food, the music at the hall, transporting people to the hall and komala vilas and back.

More than anything, they made sure that all of us - Murthy Chittappa, Jaya Periamma, Ramanathan Periappa and I, were well taken care of and comfortable despite their own busy schedules.

And after all was done, I remember Prakash thanking us for giving them the opportunity to help us. This shows the simplicity and magnanimity of their hearts. Wish you a very Happy 25th anniversary Jayanthi and Prakash, and many more to come.

Karthik

My remembrance from the 1980's- If you need to find Jayanthi Akka, trace the children. They were magnets – children loved her and she loved them. Chiseled in memory is her holding a one year old Badri during his andinaraalu- thanks to the eternal capture through video. Soon she moved to US to complete a Ph. D.

During a trip by Mohan Anna to Chennai, he had brought a projector and he showed us pictures— Akka, in one of the photos had the largest cone ice cream that I have seen until then! The kid in me was awestruck!

The next time I saw her was at her wedding in early part of 1990. We locked eyes and he matched her with a beaming smile – the smile, I still remember him by. Through the years, they both have retained their effervescent smile. And Akka, she has the added signature of her brooches. Both of them a photographer's delight. We love that you both keep in touch and we wish you both on this wonderful anniversary and for remembering all of us every year and sending us season's greetings with wonderful family pictures.



Kavita and Kesava

During our interactions with Akka and Athimber, what always shone through (and does till date) is their genuine interest in and concern for people. They've been a pillar of support from the time Kavita moved to the SF Bay Area - when Kavita first lived with them on moving to the region, through our wedding and on until this day.

We always knew (though it was never spelled out, it was always made clear) that we could call on them anytime (be it day or night) and they'd be there at the earliest if we needed them. Proximity to them was a motivating factor behind our move to Fremont. They've opened their homes and hearts to not only us but also our friends.

Both Akka and Athimber have been role models to us as individuals, as a couple and as parents. A more beautiful couple - inside and out, would be hard to find. Thank you for everything you've done for us and been to us - akka and athimber. There's only one place to go for Bean Soup for the Soul!!

Happy 25th anniversary Akka and Athimber.

Tanvi

Happy 25th Anniversary to the best periamma and periappa. I Love you lots.



Kavita and Divya

One of our earliest memories of childhood is receiving letters from Jayanthi Akka, after she'd come to the USA. Sure, the letter would be part of a letter to Amma, but Divya and I would feel so proud that we warranted a separate section, addressed separately to us.

These letters inspired us from early on, to dream big for the future, but to also focus on the current and improve in whatever small ways we could. These letters contained praises, scoldings, threats and bribes.. you name it ;they had them all. It was the first adult-like treatment we received which made it all the more special / important for us. Fast forward a couple years later....

I still remember the day Jayanthi Akka and Prakash Athimber came to our home in Delhi after their wedding. Divya and I hadn't attended the wedding due to school. It was pretty late in the night and Appa had gone to receive them at the airport and brought them home. On their arrival, we woke up and came out to find Appa, Akka, Athimber and his brother (I don't remember if it was Mohan or Rajesh)... and... we stood there grinning like idiots.... unsure how to address them, as we weren't sure which of the two men were Athimber, as they were sitting to either side of Akka.



Divya

Both Akka and Athimber have always been very affectionate to us. They've always gone the extra mile. I still remember the time I was hospitalized. Akka happened to be in India at the time. Despite the fact that she was only here for a short period, akka spent time with me at the hospital. Athimber has always shown his interest in us from when we were kids - not just after we grew up and that has mattered a lot to us. Most importantly, they've made us feel we matter - not just as Viji's kids but as individuals. That is a unique quality that both akka and athimber have. It comes from their hearts and they have very large hearts. Here's a toast to you on your 25th Wedding Anniversary and wishing you many more to come.

WITH LOVE FROM
AKSHAY, ROHAN, AND MADHURI