



Celebrating the life of



Vinod Shivlal Masters

28 February 1947 - 31 October 2025

Monday, 3 November 2025

Purewa Cemetery

100/102 Saint Johns Road, Meadowbank, Auckland



Biography

Young brother Vinod was born in Navsari on 28th February 1947.

At about four years of age, he, along with his parents and sister Bhagvati, migrated to New Zealand.

In 1952, Vinod's parents purchased their first home, a large house on a quarter-acre section at 64 Swinburne Street, Dannevirke.

He attended Dannevirke South Primary School and, while living there, developed a love for gardening, pruning the many fruit trees, and caring for the chickens. Due to the cold climate, firewood chopping became a daily task for the coal range. In those days, Vinod travelled by bicycle, often suffering from chilblains on his fingers and ears.

He was brought up in a strict environment, gaining many practical experiences that proved valuable throughout his life. During his early years, Vinod lived in several North Island towns.

Around 1956, the family moved to Rotorua, where his parents managed a friend's menswear store at 27 Elizabeth Street. After a year, the friend returned, and the family went back to Dannevirke briefly while Vinod continued his schooling.

The family then moved to Johnsonville, a memorable year marked by the 1958 "Black Budget" of Finance Minister Nordmeyer. In 1959, the family shifted to 13 Lucky Street, Tawa, to manage another friend's grocery hawking business, selling goods around Titahi Bay. Here Vinod assisted his dad.

A year later, they moved to Levin, purchasing a 10-acre poultry farm. Vinod enjoyed the outdoor lifestyle and helped at the chicken houses. When poultry farming proved unprofitable, the family returned to Rotorua.

Vinod and Laxmi were married in 1968 at the Gandhi Hall, Victoria Street. He is survived by his loving wife, two children, grandchildren, and was a very proud great-grandfather.

In Rotorua, Vinod and Laxmi joined the fruit shop business in Ford Block, and the family started a new venture at the Wayside Tea Rooms. In later years, Vinod also helped his sisters run the tea rooms while their parents were overseas.

These experiences built his strong business skills, which became invaluable when, around 1975, he moved to Auckland. In Auckland, he bought a home in Ranui and managed a Shoprite store. When the rest of the family moved from Rotorua to Auckland, they purchased a dairy shop on Larnoch Road, Henderson. Later, Vinod and his wife, Laxmi, bought another dairy business in Remuera. With Laxmi's and the family's support, this became the solid foundation of Vinod's successful business career.

In retirement, Vinod enjoyed overseas trips, holidays at the Dargaville beach house, fishing, and daily walks to markets and antique shops. He also served the community as a Justice of the Peace.

Vinod's greatest joy was meeting and talking to people. Once he started talking, it was hard to leave, especially if the topic was his Narayan. At home, he became the MasterChef, enjoying cooking and baking Christmas cakes to share with relatives.

Vinod left us well before his time. Losing a brother means losing someone who walked beside you through life, in childhood and in family. Vinod, we thank you for the precious times shared and will cherish your wonderful memories. We wish you eternal peace.

Om Shanti, Shanti.

With love from Arvind Shivlal Masters



Order of Service

Processional

'Hey Govinda Hey Govinda' – Jagjit Singh

Welcome

Akshay Menon

Family Tributes

Jayprakash Master

Satish Masters

Arvind, Ashok, Virendra and Mahesh Masters

Bhagvatiben Bhika, Manjula Darji, Nirmala Bhuthadia, Surekha Tailor

Vinod Taylor (London)

Shree Madden

Devisha Masters

Heetasha Masters

Prashan Masters

Monish Master

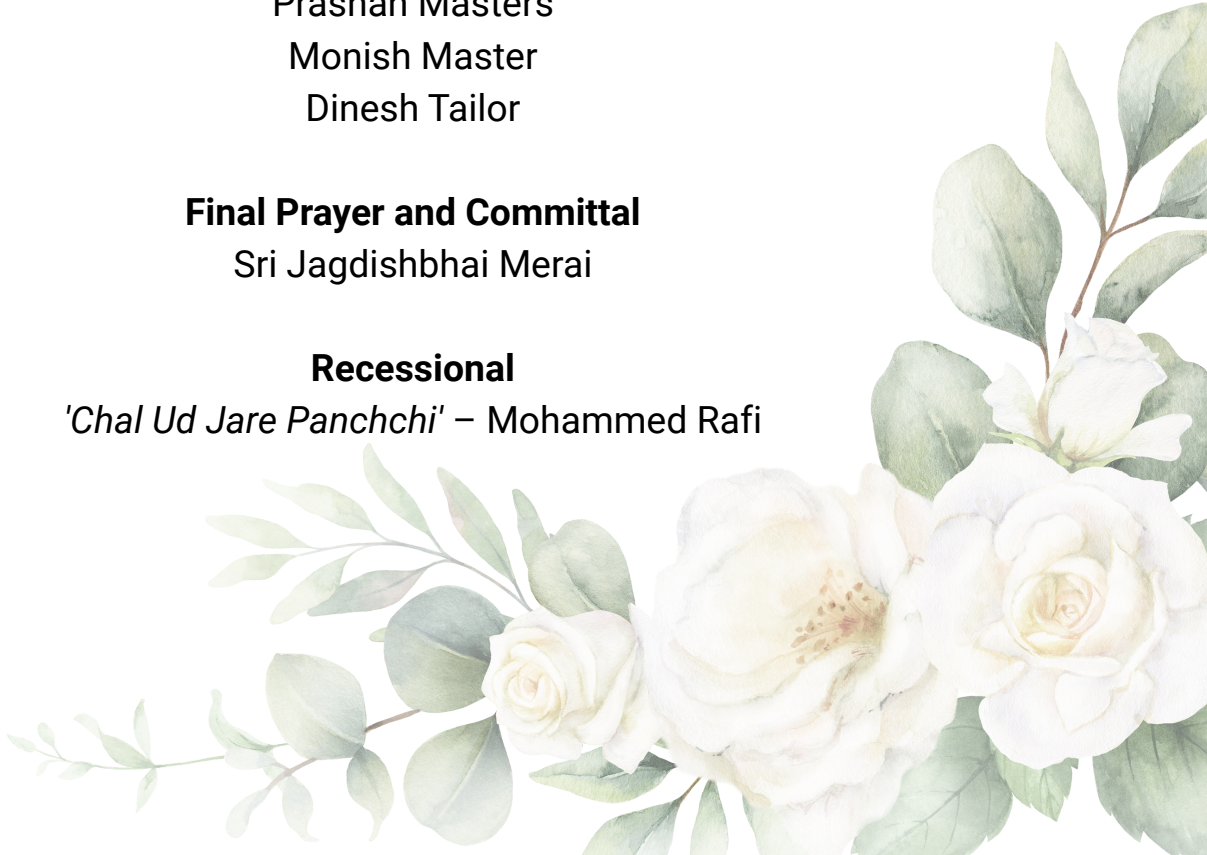
Dinesh Tailor

Final Prayer and Committal

Sri Jagdishbhai Merai

Recessional

'Chal Ud Jare Panchchi' – Mohammed Rafi





Forever in our hearts



The Masters Family

