

Dear Mrs Sushma Sathe,

On hearing of the most unfortunate, tragic and untimely passing of your husband Deepak, there has been an outpouring of condolences and sympathy messages from his classmates at St Vincent's High School. We remember him most fondly even though it was over 40 years ago.

In addition to being his classmate at St Vincent's, I also had the honour of being with him at the NDA and so, I thought I should reach out to you with all these messages in the hope they bring comfort to you.

As our heartfelt thoughts go out to you in this time of grief, we can only imagine what you must be going through. Please accept our sincere condolences and deep sympathy. We pray that the Almighty give you strength and courage to bear this irreparable loss. We would also like you to know that you can count on us in case there is any help required at Pune. We will be happy to be of assistance.

In profound grief and sorrow,  
Brig Kevin Mendonca (Retd)

### **CONDOLENCE MESSAGES**



**Om Shanti**

### **Message from St Vincent's**



Vincenti  
Dabitur

The Management, Principal, Staff and Students of St Vincent's High School and Junior College deeply mourn the sudden loss of Wg Cdr Deepak Vasant Sathe (Class of 1976) in the tragic plane crash at Kozhikode , Kerala. We extend our deepest sympathies and condolences to his bereaved family and pray that God may grant his soul eternal rest and peace and comfort and console the bereaved family members.



## MESSAGES from Classmates



**Deepak is in the 2nd row from top standing 5th from the left**

**\*Today it was his day.\***

Soft spoken and humble to the core  
To help others he always came fore  
Proud of the uniform he wore  
And now sadly he is no more

Don't leave that dress for a special day  
Don't leave that outing for a Sunny May  
Reach out to friends near and away  
You never know what time brings your way

Childhood pals you're not in touch  
Aunts and uncles that mattered so much  
Neighbors and colleagues you knew so well  
Where are they? Do they ring a bell ?

The opera has ended  
But the melody lingers on.  
The echo of the distant notes  
Tells you to move on  
The bitterest tears are shed over graves

For words unsaid; for deeds undone  
Death always brings sorrow  
For it may be me tomorrow  
But  
Today it was his day.  
- Dr. Subhash Bijlani.

Once a Vincentian always a Vincentian. Heartfelt condolences from the entire Vincentian groups are pouring in.. A brave and courageous man. God bless his soul always 🙏🙏  
Dr. Hillary Rodrigues

Heartfelt condolences to the bereaved who lost a braveheart .May his soul rest in peace & May God give the strength & courage to his loved ones to bear this immense loss 🌸🙏🙏  
Akil Sufi

Heartfelt condolence to Deepak and his family a true Vincentian dare do and win proud of the family. 🙏🙏🙏🙏  
Vikram Kering

🌸🌸 A great man has left this earth but will forever live in the hearts of all those who knew him. Great memories will live on. Condolences to the family. May God help them all through this grief journey. 🌸🌸🙏🙏  
Edwin D'silva

Heartfelt condolences to the entire family. It is a great honour for us to be his batchmate.  
GOD BLESS.  
Pappu Chugh

Heartfelt condolences to the family. May his soul rest in peace and may God give the courage and strength to his loved ones to face the challenges, like Deepak did.  
Rajeev Nanda

Deepak Sathe, a noble soul who sacrificed his life to save many more. May his soul rest in peace.  
Heartfelt condolences to the family of Deepak. May God give strength to his family and parents to bear this sudden loss of their dear one. Om Shanti.  
Pawan Bhalla

Heartfelt condolences to family of Deepak. May his soul rest in peace.  
Azim Wickar

Heartfelt condolences to Deepaks family . May his soul rest in peace.  
Sanjeev Javale

Pride of India and our St. Vincent School, Pune has left for the heavenly abode too soon.

May Almighty God give strength to the family for the irreparable loss, and may his soul rest in peace. 🌸🌺

Yazdi Irani

Heartfelt condolences to the family of Deepak. May God give them the strength in this difficult times. May his soul rest in peace. 🙏🙏🌸🌺

Vincent

Heartfelt condolences to the family of Deepak.

Francis Desouza

Heartfelt Condolences To Deepak's Grieving Family.

May His Soul Rest In Peace.

Felix Peter

Heartfelt condolences to Deepak's family. May his soul find eternal peace .

Paresh Khatri

Deepest condolences to our classmate Deepak's family. We are with them in their sorrow.

Hakim Ghadiali

Heartfelt condolences to the entire family. May God give you'll strength to bear this huge loss. Deepak will always live in our memory. May God rest his soul in peace. 🙏🙏

Dr. Yusuf Vapra

I remember Deepak very clearly from Std XI A, as a good attentive student. I also remember he joined NDA and over the years I often wondered what came of him. Having learned of his achievements these past few days, I am greatly honored to have known such a courageous and noble soul. I pray that he finds peace in his heavenly abode. And I hope his family takes comfort in these teachings of the Holy Bible:

\*Love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this: to lay down his life for his friends.\*

You passed the ultimate of all tests Deepak!! Om shanti Deepak!! Vincenti Dabatur!!!

Kieran Gonsalves

To the family of Late Wg. Cdr. Deepak Sathe -

Deepest condolences to you on this tragic bereavement. It is an honour to have known Deepak, albeit fleetingly. It gives all great pleasure and pride, to know he graced the portals of our beloved alma mater, St. Vincents, Pune. He lived life just as he wanted to and literally died in his boots; in yet another valiant effort to save as many lives as he could. A true braveheart ! My thoughts of him, then and now, are that he was full of life, spirit and gung ho ! Adieu ! 🙏🏻👤

Somnath Hegde

Death of a near and dear one is always painful especially if the death is untimely and abrupt in this manner but destiny cannot be changes. His premature death has snatched a very dynamic person from with us. May his soul rest in eternal peace and may God give the family strength to bear and overcome this irreplaceable loss.

Dr. Ajay Gupta

Heartfelt condolences to the entire family. May God give you the strength to bear this Huge loss. Late Wing Commander Deepak Sathe will always live in our memory. May God rest his soul in peace. 🙏🏻👤

Kishor Chhabria

A true hero. I am short of words. My heartfelt condolences to Deepak's family. Om Shanti 🙏🏻

Milind Joglekar

Deepak Sathe, sacrificed his life for others. He served the Airforce, his entire family served the nation. His mother's words at this age makes the family a highly respected one. May his family get the strength to face the world. Om Shanti 🙏🏻🙏🏻

Suhas Joshi

Salute and respect to Deepak, who sacrificed his life like a true soldier in protecting his passengers.

Sincere condolences to the family. Our prayers to the Almighty to bring peace to the family in this difficult times.

Nilesh Patil

I hope that our Lord brings you and your family the much-needed peace during this sad time. My condolences to you and your family

Sudhir Pandya

Heartfelt condolences to Deepaks family. May his soul rest in peace 🙏🏻

Avinash Bansode

Deepak's bravery is unparalleled. He survived an Air crash in the Air Force earlier and now we know why. It was God's wish that he be nominated to save the lives of 180 passengers, with daredevil courage, boundless skill and utmost experience, this time at the cost of his life. He will always remain our hearts and we will be proud to tell his unbelievable story to our future generations. Almighty comfort his family, near and dear ones and give the strength to bear this irreparable loss.

Rest in Peace mate.

Manoj Naik

Deepak Sathe our friend from St Vincent School is no more . It is a great loss to us all. My Heartfelt condolences to the entire family. May God give you all the strength to bear this Tragic loss. Deepak Sathe will always live in my memory. Rest in peace my friend. 🙏🙏🙏🙏

Sanjeev Lokapur.

The shattering news about our school friend from more than four decades ago refreshed those memories of times with him.

Heartfelt Condolences to the family. We all share your loss and sorrow.

May the Almighty grant eternal peace to the departed soul.

Om Shanti.

Jayant Dharap

I cannot even begin to understand what you're going through right now, but I would like to offer my prayers 🙏 and condolences 🙏.

We lost a great friend Deepak, but the universe received a new beautiful star 🌟.

My condolences 🌸 to you and your family.

Lawrence.

I am very sad to hear about our classmate Deepak passing away in this tragic accident.

My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Jayawant Oak

Deepak, a dear classmate of mine in Std. XI at St Vincent's, as I remember, was confidence personified and one could sense the Daredevil nature when you spoke to him.

I remember the joy we felt when we came to know he secured 8th All India Rank at the NDA entrance, though we were naive then to understand the magnitude of this achievement.

Same nature he exhibited while saving the lives of his passengers, upholding the NDA motto of " Service Before Self "

Met him briefly some years back at the wedding reception of another classmate. He was still the same Deepak.

Heartfelt condolences to all his Loved ones. May Almighty God grant you the strength to overcome this sudden and tragic loss.

Rest In Peace Dear Friend

Rocky Alvares

Dear Mrs Sathe and Family,

I extend my heartfelt condolences to you as the Nation grieves the loss of Captain Deepak Sathe. Words seem inadequate at a time like this but please be assured of my prayers. He will always be fondly remembered and for us Vincentians, he will always be a hero.

Rainier Moniz

Deepest and Hearthfelt Condolences to our SUPERHERO DEEPAK's Family and the Brave Hearted Mother who celebrated her 84th Birthday only a Day before KRANTI DIN. JAI HIND!!!!

Orlando Vaz

