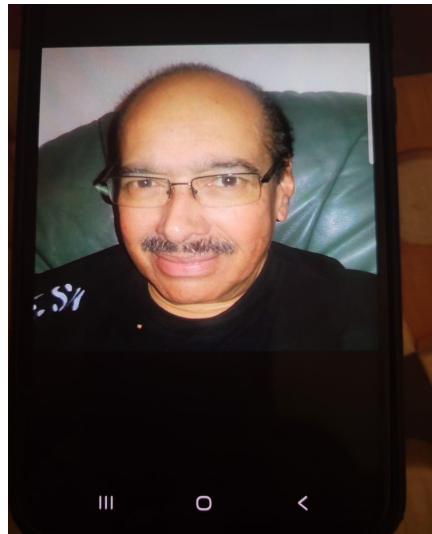


**Kuriakose Joseph( DrJoy B 20Mar1944-D20Mar2026)  
Matheckal Tharawad Arakuzha**



Excerpts from Matheckal Family Journal:  
Kuriako Joseph(Joy1944) PIN A775 Matheckal Matheckal

Dr Joy is one Who Smiled through Life Who Spread Joy through Medical Healing

Dr Joy was born on 20 March 1944 in Arakuzha and passed away on 20 March 2026 in Bedford UK – to celebrate his birthday with His Creator our Almighty God.

Kuriakose Joy also known as Dr. Joy Mathecken is the second son and seventh child of Varkey Kurikose (1900-1983) of Matheckal and Eley Kuriakose (1902-1981), daughter of Mathai of Kuzhhumbil Kolath family.

Siblings : Varkey Kuriakose (1900) and Eley are blessed with 8 children - Late M K George (1925-1950) aka late Varkeykunju, late Thressiamma (Sr. Flowret CSN 1931-2025), late Mary Paulose Thattarkunnel (1933-2018), late Brissikutty (Sr. Goretti CSN 1935-2016)), late Rittamma (Sr. Aquina Matheckal CSN (1938-2008), late Cicily (Kikkily 1939-1944), and Jolly (Sr. Diana Matheckal MSJ 1946), the sole surviving sibling of Dr Joy

Tall, handsome and elegant and endearing to one and all, Dr. Joy was focussed from his childhood in his ambition to become a doctor.

Mentored by Fr. John Mathecken and encouraged by his parents and sisters, Dr. Joy did them proud by not only becoming a doctor but excelled at it by turning out to be a world class urologist. He was an accomplished medical practioner specialized in Urology and obtained his FRCS degree from Ireland in Mid 1970s. After having served in several hospitals in Kerala, Lissie Hospital, Ernakulam, Dharmagiri Hospital Kothamangalam, Medical Mission Hospital Kolencherry, Cooperative Hospital Koothattukulam, Dr.Joy practiced in Saudi Arabia till 2003 after which he relocated to UK where he was a practising Urologist. Dr Joy spent his last years in Bedford and actively participated in the local Catholic Parish Church leading an exemplary life.

Dr. Joy is the first doctor from the Matheckal family and from Arakuzha. Married to Annie Thomas of Mundadan family from Angamaly, Dr. Joy has 3 children - Sean Joy, Sheena and Schevonne and all settled abroad.

In mid of the decade of 2010, Dr Joy battled and overcame life threatening illness and settled down in Bedford, UK to lead a quiet life of spiritual quest and active participation in parish activities.

As his name signifies, Dr. Joy spread cheer and happiness to several patients wherever he served. He helped a large number of people who needed help and treatment with his service, guidance and valet.

Dr. Joy is a role model for many nephews and nieces to excel in academics and in the field of medicine. He is truly a model to look up to in the medical profession.

**To the River I am Going by [Brian Doerksen](#)**

To the river I am going  
Bringing sins I cannot bear  
Come and cleanse me, come forgive me  
Lord I need to meet you there

In these waters, healing mercy  
Flows with freedom from despair  
I am going, to that river  
Lord I need to meet you there

Precious Jesus, I am ready  
To surrender every care  
Take my hand now, lead me closer  
Lord I need to meet you there

Come and join us, in the river  
Come find life beyond compare  
He is calling, He is waiting  
Jesus longs to meet you there