

A close-up portrait of an elderly man with a full, white beard and mustache. He is wearing a dark, possibly black, turban and a dark jacket over a white collared shirt. The background is a soft, out-of-focus brown. The lighting is warm, highlighting the texture of his beard and the contours of his face.

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Spooky Singh Sundher
1922 - 2006

Beloved Husband, Father, Brother & Friend

*A Service Of Memory
For
Spoony Singh Sundher*

*Born - October 20, 1922
Kotli Than Singh, Jalandhar, India*

*Passed Away - October 18, 2006
Malibu, California, USA*

*Service Held
Forest Lawn - Hollywood Hills
October 24, 2006, 11:00 A.M.*

*Officiating
S. Gurdip Singh*

*Eulogy
Meva Sundher
Eldest Son*

*For what is a man, what has he got?
If not himself, then he has naught.
To say the things he truly feels;
And not the words of one who kneels.
The record shows I took the blows -
And did it my way!*
~Frank Sinatra

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Celebration of Life

Spoony wanted his death to be marked by celebration. In that spirit, our family invites all of you to join us after this service at Duke's, in Malibu for drinks, story telling and laughter.

Location

*Duke's Restaurant
21150 Pacific Coast Hwy. Malibu, CA 90265
Banquet Room
(310) 317-6200
3:00 – 8:00 PM*

Directions

*Start out going EAST on FOREST LAWN DR toward GREENWOOD WAY.
(1.2 miles)
Merge onto CA-134 W via the ramp on the LEFT. (3.4 miles)
Take US-101 N. (5.4 miles)
Merge onto I-405 S toward SANTA MONICA. (10.1 miles)
Merge onto I-10 W toward SANTA MONICA. (3.8 miles)
I-10 W becomes CA-1 N. (9.1 miles)*

Map



Sikh Thought on Life and Death

All living things must die. That is nature's law and there is no escaping it. How one dies depends on how one lives, for all life leads to death. The question then is: How to live and die with dignity? Sikhism believes in sharing one's life with others, with an awareness of the infinite within so that the inner self is at peace with the world without. The rules of death must follow the rules for a good life. The prayers, the mourning, the meetings, the wailing, the crying, and the wakes, are not for the dead but for the living who need a rite of passage to transfer a life of purpose and activity to the realm of memories, to convert a painful present to a livable and memorable past.

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This is the way of all beings. It transcends culture, history and the bounds of geography. Are there any other ways of death? The only immortality is to leave the world a better and kinder place than the one we inherited.

In living a life as an instrument of God, the fear of death is lost. There are innumerable hymns from the Sikh scriptures that refer to life and death. It is said that it is one's deeds determine what happens after death. Sikhs believe in the power of prayer, that is why a hymn from the scriptures talks about how the close ones to a departed one must pray for the ultimate peace of the departed soul to merge with the infinite.