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Sushila Goswami Gawande
(1936-2025)

Nirvaana Shatkam

I am not mind nor intellect, not ego nor the reflection of self. I am not the five senses. I am instead that eternal knowing and bliss ---Shiva--- love and pure consciousness.

I am not energy (Praana), nor the five senses (Vaayu), nor the material essences (Dhaatu), nor the five coverings (Panca-kosha). Neither am I the five instruments of elimination. I am instead that eternal knowing and bliss---Shiva--- love and pure consciousness.

I have no hatred or dislike, no affiliation or liking, no greed, nor delusion, nor pride or haughtiness, nor feelings of jealousy. I have no duty (Dharma), no desire (Karma), nor even liberation (Moksha). I am instead that eternal knowing and bliss---Shiva--- love and pure consciousness.

I have neither virtue (Punya) nor vice (Paapa). I do not commit sins or good deeds, nor have I happiness or sorrow, pain or pleasure. I do not perform rituals, sacrifices, visit holy places, need scriptures. I do not observe, nor experience, nor exist as an object observed or experienced. I am instead that eternal knowing and bliss---Shiva---love and pure consciousness.

I do not have fear of death, as I do not have death. I have no father or mother, nor did I have birth. I am not a friend, relative, guru or disciple. I am instead that eternal knowing and bliss--Shiva ---- love and pure consciousness.

I am all pervasive, without any attributes, without form. I have no attachment. I have no wishes because I am everything, every time, always in equilibrium.

SERVICE IN MEMORY OF
SUSHILA GOSWAMI GAWANDE

Born: November 14, 1936

Died: December 17, 2025

Held February 1, 2026, 2:00 p.m.

Margaret Walter Hall, Ohio University, Athens, Ohio

Bhajans..... Utpola Borah, vocals; Hans Utter, guitar

Nirvaana Shatkam (by Shri Adi Shankaracharya, c. 788-820 CE)

Jaya Jaya Jaya Durge Maata (by Narayana Teertha, c. 1650-1745 CE, with adaptation)

Jaya Jayati Raghuvamsha Bhuushana (by Shri Goswami Tulsidas, c. 1511-1623 CE)

WelcomeMeeta Gawande

Reading of Poem by Rabindranath Tagore (1910).....Sanju & Sajan Goswami

Remarks..... Mary Ann Knapke

Geetha Conjeevaram

Brian Collins

Reading of Gayatri Mantra, Rig Veda (c. 1500-1000 BCE)..... Vidya, Sarita & Pooja Wagle

Readings from the Songs of Kabir (c. 1400-1500 CE).....Monica & Bhavi Bhakta

Anushka Jayasuriya

Remarks.....Meeta Gawande

Atul Gawande

Shlokas from Mahatma Gandhi's daily prayers Utpola Borah, vocals; Hans Utter, guitar

Vaishnava Janato (by Narsinh Mehta, c. 1400-1500 CE)

Shanti Path (from Vedas and Upanishads, c. 1200-600 BCE)

Reception Music..... Hans Utter, sitar

Na jayate mriyate va kadacin
Na yam bhutva bhavita va na bhuyah
Ajo nityah sasvato yam purano
Na hanyate hanyamane sarire

The Soul is neither born nor does It die.
It does not come into being or cease to be.
Unborn, eternal, constant, and ancient,
It is not killed when the body is slain.

The Bhagavad Gita 2:20