

In Loving Memory of Baby Aunty – From Muhunthan A (Melbourne, Australia)

I first met Baby Aunty in May 2004, during my very first overseas trip. I was travelling to Singapore to obtain my visa for Taipei, feeling anxious, inexperienced, and completely unfamiliar with the country. Although she was related to my father, we had never built a close connection because she had always lived overseas. Yet, without hesitation, she welcomed me into her home for two weeks; a gesture that changed everything for me.

I still remember arriving at her Clementi apartment, nervous and unsure. When the door opened, a gentle, fair-skinned lady with a warm, motherly smile greeted me with a hug. In that moment, all my fears faded. Her home instantly felt like my home.

During those two weeks, she took me everywhere; to relatives' houses, temples, the Taipei consulate, and around Singapore. Though she had a cook, Chithra, Baby Aunty always made sure she herself served my meals. I had never experienced such genuine care, kindness, and hospitality from someone I barely knew. That stay became the beginning of a lifelong bond.

Even after I left Singapore, we continued our connection through phone calls. Every time I passed through Singapore, I never missed visiting her. In December 2022, we visited her as a family. Although her memory had begun to fade, she still recognised me, called me by name, and became very attached to my son, affectionately calling him *Appu* and ensuring he ate well and drank his juice. Her nurturing nature never changed. It was who she was.



Today, even though Baby Aunty is no longer with us, the warmth she gave and the love she shared remain deeply etched in our hearts. Her welcoming spirit, her gentle voice,

and her motherly care will stay with us forever. There is no doubt that a soul as kind and giving as hers rests gracefully with God.

A timeless truth reminds us that sweet and gentle words, joined with genuine kindness, reveal the true nature of a noble heart. This beautifully reflects the life she lived.