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In Celebration of the Completed Life

of NAROTTAM DASHARTH GAVAI

The Obituary

We are gathered here to mark the sojourn through life of Narottam Dasharth Gavai. Narottam was sent by God to live in this world and now has been removed by God from his station. He was sent to be a part of the family of mankind. He was born in Sevagram, Maharashtra State, India, the first son of Daharth and Sarswatibai Gavai in 1954 and died his death on June 8, 1978 in Aurangabad.

Narottam was a citizen of the globe and of Maharashtra. He attended elementary school and high school in Nasik , and he attended one year of Arts College.

Narottam was a pioneer of social responsibility on behalf of the whole globe. In deciding to attend the first Human Development Training School in Maliwada in October, 1976, he was deciding to be part of the forging of a new life-style not only for the villages of India but for the villages of SEAPAC, Latin America, Africa and the whole world. His personal style of quiet but intense participation was a lasting contribution to the Movement as was his fine singing voice.

Narottam volunteered for assignment after the Human Development Training School and in the two years that followed, he served well and faithfully in Kendur, Chikhale and Kolombi. It was when he was on his way back to Kolombi after the June Project Director's Meeting that the motorcycle he was driving hit a tree which had fallen across the road and he was instantly killed. He died doing what he chose to do; he gave his life to Nava Gram Prayas.

We celebrate here the fulness of that offering. He gave all there was to give, all he would ever have to give. He gave life itself to the Nava Gram Prayas. His life is complete and will remain forever a part of the eternal mystery that creates and shapes the world.