

Book of Condolence



In loving memory
of
Nuzhat Ali





Saadia Mushtaq (Office Manager, Muslim Women's Council)

No words are sufficient for the most talented wordsmith I know. I met Nuzhat soon after starting at Muslim Women's Council in 2013. Over the years I was fortunate to spend many hours with her, in our office as well as otherwise, discussing life, family, children, faith, food & our endless animated conversations on Pakistan, its beautiful locales and its drama serials!

Born in Pakistan and raised in Bradford, Nuzhat completed her Master's degree in Islamic Studies and went on to help shape the lives of many Muslim women across the UK by giving them voice and vision.

Nuzhat became Bradford Cathedral's first Muslim inter-faith development officer in 2009, and was passionate about making a difference through her work across faiths and communities. She dedicated many years to the Young Muslims organisation and the Islamic Society of Britain.

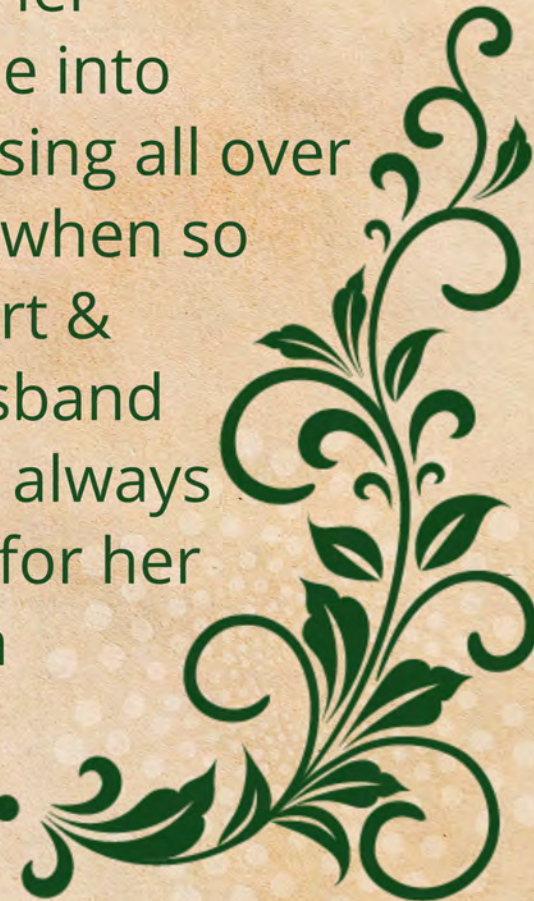


Nuzhat was an award-winning writer, having won the Channel 4 /Northumbria University Writing for Television Award at the Northern Writers' Awards in 2015, and had written several successful plays including 'When George Came to Bradford' and 'Flight'. Nuzhat was a founding member of Muslim Women's Council (MWC), a registered charity based in Bradford. Full of immense wisdom & knowledge, she was a feisty and integral part of our organisation, refusing to sit on the fence and insisting on 'walking the walk' rather than just soundbites.



Nuzhat's compassion and dedication to bring about positive change in society was always evident, and I was fortunate to witness her intelligence and wisdom at every event we organised together. At every meeting she would be full of ideas and would make sure she got her point across! Nuzhat radiated love, optimism and fun, and I have beautiful memories of our Italian adventure in 2017, and how much we enjoyed our trip to see Rahat Fateh Ali Khan in concert.

Nuzhat was a friend, sister, mother, guide and so much more to me. I learnt so much from her life and insights on every topic under the sun. Her significant and profound impact on the lives of everyone she came into contact with is evident from the outpouring of love we are witnessing all over social media, but it was something I always noticed at our events when so many people would approach Nuzhat thanking her for her support & guidance, sometimes going back many years. Nuzhat and her husband Maroof are truly a unique couple, role models in every sense and always ready to guide and support anyone who needed it. Nuzhat's love for her family was always at the forefront, her grandchildren would often accompany her to meetings and events too.



Nuzhat was a creative in every sense of the word, from her stunning play 'Flight' about the heartbreaking desperation of Syrian refugees, her many other writings to her sewing and calligraphy work. I chose a beautiful personalised gift Nuzhat created for my parents on their anniversary, with a verse from the Quran: "Allah alone is sufficient for us, and He is the best disposer of affairs (for us)" from Surah Al 'Imran 3:173. Nuzhat always said how meaningful she found this quote.



Nuzhat organised many Islamic seminars for MWC, and compiled our book on the shared heritage of headcoverings across Abrahamic faiths. She regarded herself as a life long student, and we are proud to say we learned and continue to learn so much from her life & beautiful legacy alhamdulillah.

Nuzhat has always been an immense source of knowledge, comfort and support for so many of us, which is why this is such a great loss for our community



Life at MWC will never be the same again, and neither will mine without you in it darling Nuzhat. I will hold you in my heart forever, praying I can learn from your inspirational journey. You taught us so much and will continue to do so. I will miss your laugh, your warmth, your lovely hugs, your no-nonsense approach, your non-conformist attitude and so much more... All my love and duas. I pray we meet again inshaAllah, in the gardens of Jannah that you always dreamed of.



Fatima Ayub (Director, Muslim Women's Council)

Dua for my dear sister, friend and beautiful soul Nuzhat Ali. May Allah swt receive you and enfold you in His mercy. May you quench your thirst from the Fountain of the Prophet Al-Kawther, and be amongst those who are shaded on the day of rising, when there is no Shade but His. May you have the greatest blessings and rewards. May you be welcomed to jannat al firdos.

May you be received with light and love. May you be enveloped in light and love always. May Allah swt bless the family with beautiful patience and grant them the strength during this very difficult time. Ameen.

"Definitely Allah has taken what belongs to Him. He has given us what belongs to Him. He has stipulated a time for everyone (which He does not change by impatience or plan). Have patience and hope for reward".

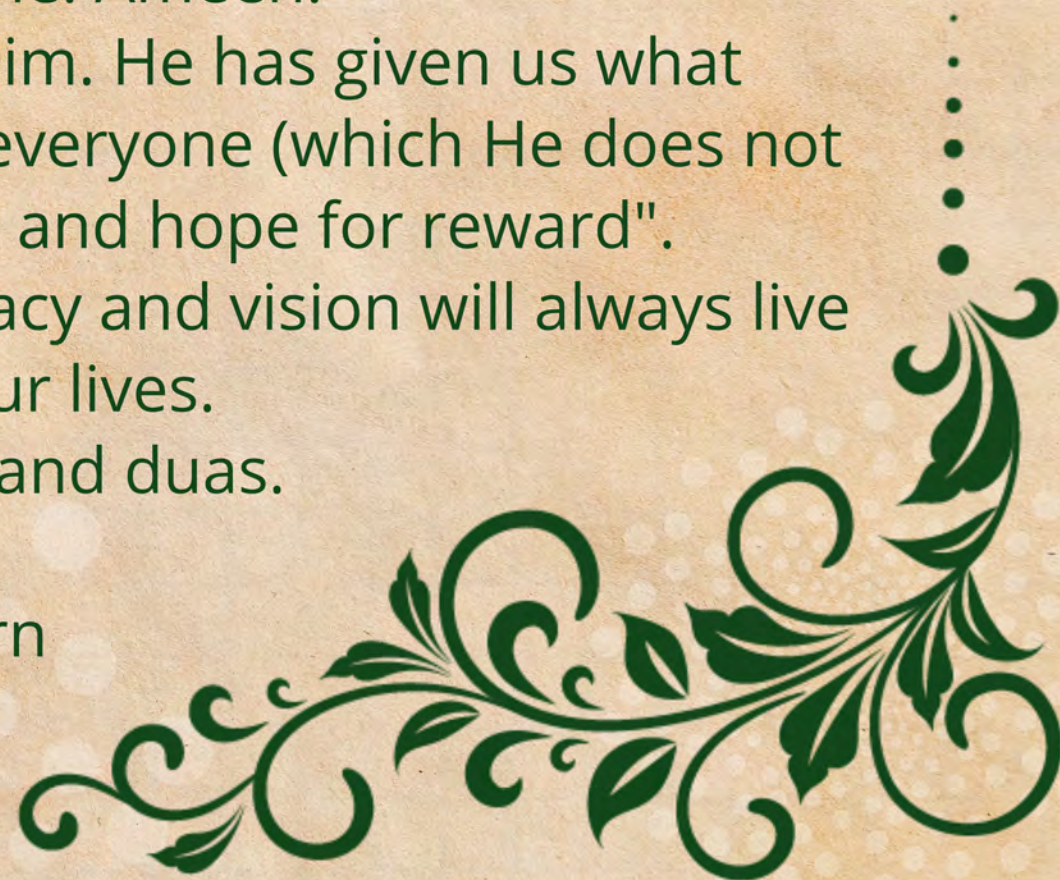
A great loss for our community...Nuzhat's legacy and vision will always live on. We were all truly blessed to have her in our lives.

Please keep our dear Nuzhat in your Prayers and duas.

Al Fatiha

To Allah we belong and to Allah we shall return

Your dear sister Fatima Ayub



 **Selina Ullah (Board Member, Muslim Women's Council)**

Blessed to have known dear Nuzhat and honoured to call her my friend and sister. Muslim Women's Council will never be the same again without Nuzhat and her passion and creativity will be missed. We will make sure her legacy and vision lives on God willing.

 **Sofia Ashraf**

I am sorry for the loss and pain in losing Nuzhat. Nuzhat was my mentor from age 13, she had been a friend, mentor, confidant, and colleague. I will miss Nuzhat, at every event, conference, fundraiser in the name of Islam, progress and justice. Nuzhat stood for all of these things and more. Nuzhat has left a legacy that no one can take from us, we have a great role model to aspire to. I know that if I achieve a portion of good work that Nuzhat did, I will be happy with myself. We can all take solace in knowing how loved Nuzhat was and still is. I feel so blessed to have had Nuzhat in my life.





 **Aisha Iqbal**

Innah lillahi wa-innah alayhe raji'oon. May she rest in peace and may her family find sabr. The outpouring of love I am seeing for Nuzhat is heartbreaking and heartwarming at the same time. I didn't know her, but feel like I did. Love and duaas for her eternal soul, for the noor she left behind and for all her family and friends, including those of you who knew and loved her.

 **Hansa Hussain**

Inna lillahi wa Inna alaihe rajai'oon. May Allah swt grant her the highest place in Jannah. May Allah swt permit the Prophet peace be upon him to be the first to greet her. May Allah swt comfort and reward her family immensely. May Allah swt fill her grave with noor. Ameen. And May we all leave such beautiful legacies behind. Ameen.



Sabbiyah Pervez

I sat at the feet of Aunty Nuzhat and Uncle Maroof from a very young age. It was through their love and guidance that I went on my own journey of discovering my faith. Aunty Nuzhat opened my eyes to feminism within Islam. She taught me so much of what I know. She was a force to be reckoned with and with all her power she had a smile that lit you up as soon as you were greeted with it.

As I got older we'd rant about stuff from patriarchy to politics to family life together and we'd always end it with

"We'll keep on doing what we're doing."

And that was Aunty Nuzhat, she did whatever she wanted and she excelled at it. My duas are with uncle Maroof, Hizer, Hiba, Umayr & their family.

May the angels carry her home with love & mercy, may Allah greet her with the best of welcomes, may He grant her the comfort and joy she brought to so many of us.



May He envelop her loved ones with sabr & himat.
All power belongs to Him **إِنَّا لِلَّهِ وَإِنَّا إِلَيْهِ رَاجِعُونَ**

 **Carlo Shroder**

So sorry to hear about Nuzhat. I was actually thinking of her the other day when I was reading about efforts of Muslim women that reinterpreted verses of the Qur'an to champion gender equality. I pray for the progress of her soul in all the worlds of God and hope for her eternal happiness. We all belong God and to Him shall we return.



 **Uzma Kazi**

Inna lillahi wa Inna ilaihi rajioon. Condolences to family and friends. She remains as a beautiful memory, her legacy, a creative person and a kind heart.



Council for Mosques Bradford

We are deeply saddened by the passing of sister Nuzhat. She will be greatly missed for her courageous and incisive leadership. A powerful voice that will be greatly missed.



Shaheen Ashraf

Such a beautiful soul. She will be so missed by us all. May God grant Nuzhat the highest of abodes in Paradise. My heart is truly broken.



Hassan Joudi (Deputy Secretary General and Mosque Affairs Co-ordinator at Muslim Council of Britain)

On behalf of the MCB I would like to send our condolences to the Muslim Women's Council and express our profound sadness at the passing away of Nuzhat Ali. I was fortunate to liaise briefly with Nuzhat during 2019 in connection to the Women in Mosques Development Programme. I pray to Allah (swt) to give Nuzhat's family and the MWC team increased strength and patience in this period.



Reverend Jenny Ramsden (Faith to faith worker at Touchstone Bradford)

Completely devastated by the death of my beloved friend, Nuzhat Ali, earlier today; as are, I know, so many from across Bradford and far beyond. Sharing this photo of us together as it was one of our favourites - taken at the Great Get Together in Bradford, in memory of MP Jo Cox, where we spoke together on the theme of "We have far more in common than that which divides us", a phrase which sums up our friendship really. It also sums up Nuzhat's passionate commitment to working together with people of different faiths to create a more peaceful world in which to live. We were 'Great Together' and I will miss her more than words can say.



My sincere and heartfelt condolences to Nuzhat's parents, husband, children, family and to her many many friends - please keep them all in your prayers.



Imam Qari Asim
MBE

May Allāh raise the ranks of Sister Nuzhat. Amongst other talents, she was passionate about serving communities. May the Lord grant the family and friends fortitude to bear the loss, and grant the ability to continue Nuzhat's legacy.



Daniel Greenwood
(Chief Superintendent
Bradford District)

As-Salamu alaykum Bana and team, I just wanted to pass on my sincere condolences at the passing of Nuzhat last night. There are no words that will ease the grief you are all experiencing. May Allah (swt) grant her Jannat-ul Firdaus.



Lancashire Islamic Sisters group

We are very saddened to learn of the passing of Nuzhat Ali. Allah took what belonged to Him. We pray Allah envelops Nuzhat, in His absolute kindness, love, mercy and protection. We pray her resting place is expanded, illuminated with heavenly light and filled with the fragrant breeze of Jannah. We pray she is welcomed in the beautiful presence of Allah's most beloved messenger; Muhammad (peace and blessings be upon him).



PC Jas Rayatt, Womens Engagement Officer, Stronger Team Bradford District

I would like to express my sincere condolences on hearing the heart breaking news of the passing of Nuzhat. I met Nuzhat on a number of occasions such as the 'Daughters of Eve' events. She was such an inspirational woman and public speaker. I really loved listening to her recitals and her kind words of wisdom.

I am so sad to hear this news and she will be greatly missed. My thoughts are with her family and you all at this very sad time. God be with her.

 **Inspector Kevin Taylor, Stronger Communities and Partnerships Team, West Yorkshire Police**

Dear Bana/Muslim Women's Council, I was so sad to learn this morning about the passing of Nuzhat, please accept my deepest condolences on behalf of Bradford District Police, our thoughts are with you and Nuzhat's family at this difficult time.



 **Rudi Leavor, Jewish Community Leader**

It is my misfortune not to have known Nuzhat Ali but by all accounts she was a remarkable person who did a lot of good and died far too young. The Jewish community sends you and her family our deepest condolences.

✉ **Abdulmumini Issa Olatunji**

A life spent impacting lives, a life spent inspiring souls and a life spent remoulding hearts. It is from Allah, for Allah and back to Allah.

✉ **Denise Warwick**

What can I say about Nuzhat.

Such a wonderful person who always made me very welcome in her home, so easy to talk to and never judged me because I have no faith. We both respected each other. Nuzhat and her wonderful family were so warming and of course our joke with maroof was when I made cheese and onion flan it was enjoyed by everyone. Nuzhat you will be missed dearly love to you



✉ **Christine Ellis**

I took my shahada at their house Subhanallah. I will never forget the hospitality and kindness the family show to everyone.

Zubeda Khatoon

I remember her from when she visited our high school whilst I was studying for my A levels. She shared her personal life story and at a time when the South Asian culture was and still is judgmental towards females, she offered a ray of hope.

Many many years later I saw her again in morrisons and I was very humbled that she remembered me and came over to say hello! She really was one of a kind, truly special and I'm sure she touched every heart of every person with her gentleness. Until we meet in Jannah in shaa Allah one day...xxx



Rabia Sa'id

May Allah make her illness kaffara for her. May Allah forgive her shortcomings and grant her the highest abode of Jannah



Lou Spannermum

I am so sad to hear this news - it has been many years since we last spoke but I hold fond memories of talking with Nuzhat and always hoped our paths would cross again sometime (she was always so sweet and kind and a gentle soul). May Allah bless her and help her family cope without her insha Allah

Nuzhat was one of the most beautiful souls I have ever met in this life. I was a convert to Islam 34 years ago and subsequently worked with ISB (the Islamic Society of Britain) where I met Nuzhat and Marroof (in fact I think it was Batool that introduced me).

I am in my 60s now and over the years, every year, I have remembered Nuzhat, the sister with the big heart. Never judgemental, always kind, always patient, always understanding, soft hearted and wise beyond her years. I always hoped our paths would cross once again and feel very sad that I didn't make this happen. I am so sad that the world has lost such a beautiful soul.

We belong to Allah and to Him we shall return. May Allah bless sister Nuzhat with Jannah InshaAllah.

 **Shahida Karim**

A truly unique, kind, generous very talented, genuine person. May Allah swt accept her duas and grant her the highest maqam in jannatul firdaus and beautiful sabr and comfort to her loved ones.

 **Sania Khan**

Beautiful person, both inside and outside . xx

 **Shamim Jan**

Inna lillahi wa inna ilayhi rajioon,
Such a lovely lady,
will be dearly missed,
may allah give her family sabr



 **Wajid Sajjad Jafri**

Inna lillahi wainna ileyhi rajeun. Allah Taala forgive her mistakes and grant her Jannatul ferdaus.

 **Ayeshah Arif**

Pray Allah gives her family beautiful patience.
She was such an inspirational woman.

 **Chezza**

A truly wonderful and inspiring lady, RIP Nuzhat, you will be greatly missed x



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 **Shaheena Ghani**

Allah swt grant sister Nuzhat a high rank in Jannah. She was a true inspiration, a beautiful soul! Allah swt give her family saber at this very difficult time

 **Amria Khatun**

A beautiful epitaph for an inspirational sister. Her journey on earth has ended, her legacy lives on. May Allah welcome her as a friend and bestow on her the highest of honours Ameen. Thinking of her family and all those who loved, respected and admired her.

 **Sharleen Shaha Gul**

Inalillahi wa ina ilahirajioon. I am so sad, she was a beautiful person. My first memory of her is when I was 7 or 8 years old. So nice to me and reassuring as a anxious child in school. Lots of love to Rehana Akbar and her family xx

 **Debbie Neale**

Obviously a very special lady. Sending love to you and your family Farah xx

✉ **Lyla Rehman**

Such a beautiful softly spoken lady; RIP Nuzhat xx

✉ **Saiqa Ahmed**

Inaa lillahi wa inalillahi Rajoon. Oh my word I saw her last week crossing the road in Manningham. May Allah SWT grant her the highest rank in jannah.

✉ **Helen Reid**

I give thanks for Nuzhat who lived life to the full with grace and generosity. Condolences to her family and friends.

✉ **Husnain Azad**

Inna lillahi wa Inna ileyi rajioon may Allah subhan wa taala grant her a high place in jannat al firdaus ameen truly a beautiful person both on the inside and on the outside

✉ **Waheeda Ahmed**

Such a big loss. May Allah bless her highest rank in Janat.saber to her family and loved ones x

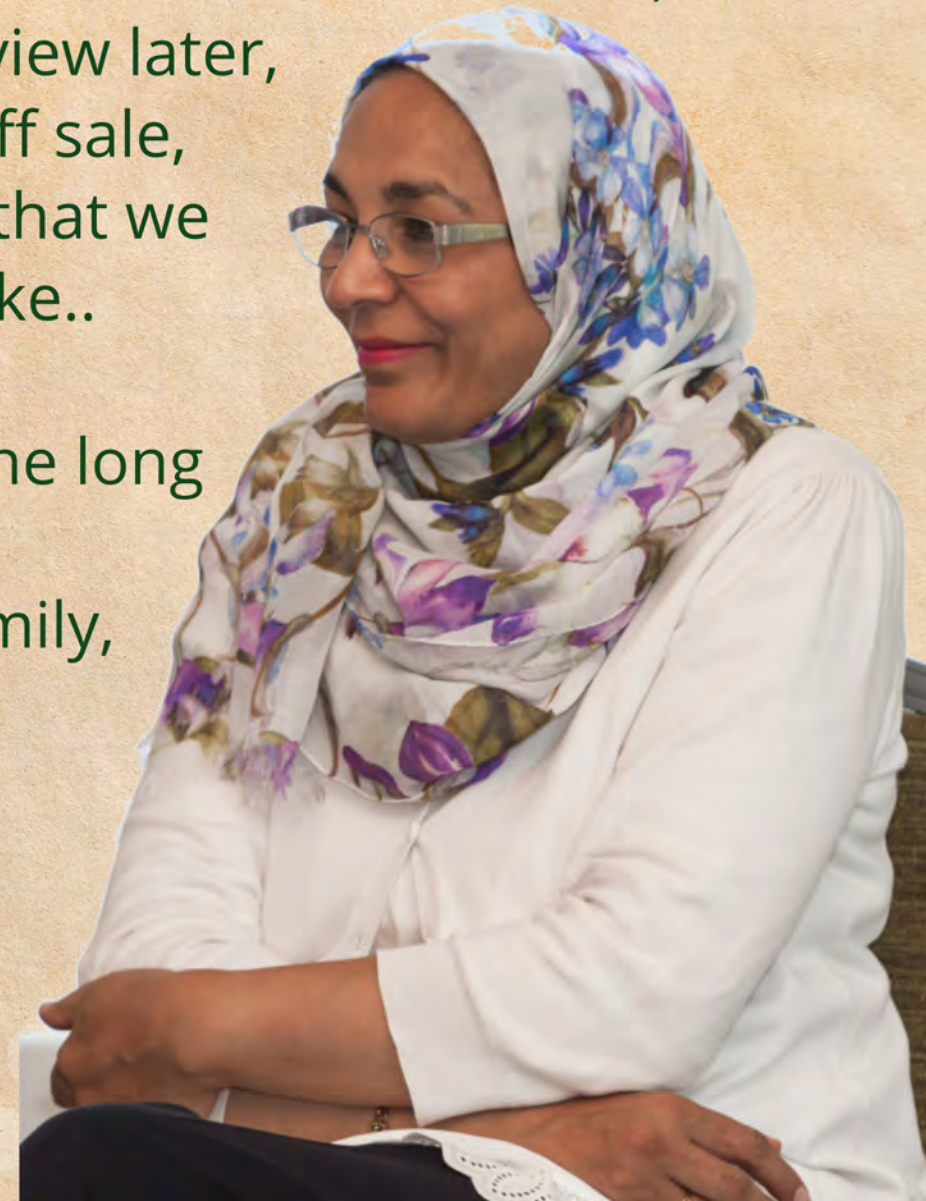


 **Sami Hussain**

Very sad news.. we were in the middle of buying a house from some people that are one of Bradford's wealthiest, mentioning no names..it was a modest semi, nevertheless, they let us down after asking us to wait for a year til theirs was built, we sold ours, so we were almost homeless, Nuzhat and Mahroof owned a house we went to view later, they were in a chain an they promised to take it off sale, they even moved into rented accommodation so that we could have the house, this is what they are truly like.. beautiful muslims that kept their zabaan. Wonderful lady with wonderful values..sorry for the long story but had to put it out there. May Allah grant her Jannah and her wonderful family, sabr e jmeel.

 **Abdulmumini Issa Olatunji**

May our ultimate reunion with her be in Ja'nnatul Fir'daus.





Mahida
Mohammed

Inna lilahi wa inna
rajioon.
I cant believe it!
We were good
friends but
havent seen her
in a while. I'm
devastated



simplyasha621

I interviewed this inspirational and lovely human being for my dissertation in 2019. She was so helpful and always willing to go out of her way to help me. She was a beautiful person and her soul radiated positivity and spirituality. Whilst I know she is in a better place Insha Allah, it is a great loss for the Muslim community especially Muslim women. We lost one of our biggest advocates and role models.

✉ **Sheida Hussain**

Inna lillahi wainna alaihee rajaioon, Such a sad loss, May Allah SWT grant her the highest abode in Jannah and give her family sabr during this difficult time.

✉ **Shakeela Sehgal**

Inna lillahi wa inna ilahi raajeoon. She was so beautiful inside and out

✉ **Haroon Rashid**

Inallahi inna ilayhi raji'oun, Really sad to hear, May ALLAH ALMIGHTY open the gates of paradise for her and bless her beautiful soul Aameen .



✉ **Shazia Ashraf**

Wonderful woman will be missed dearly

✉ **Tabinda Shaheen-Ditta**

Inna lillahi wa inna illayhi rajioon. Beautiful lady - Allah swt grant her the highest ranks in Jannah 🙏

✉ **Meena Bashir**

Inna lilahi wa inna ilahi rajioon. Such heartbreaking. What a beautiful soul she was. X



 **Sam Mustafa**

Inna lilahi wa inna ilayhi rajioon xx I was blessed to have known you n from the moment I met you I knew there was something special about you xxx may allah swt reward you immensely for all your good deeds n make your onward journey an easy one may your loved ones find comfort in knowing that you held a special place in lots of hearts rip my dear baji 🥺💔

 **Atia Karamat**

So so sad to hear this Farah. May Allah paak grant her the highest place in jannat ul firdos. Aameen

📧 **Ann Connelly**

So sad.RIP lovely lady.

📧 **Nazish Ahmed**

I remember so many debates / chats with her.

So sad x



📧 **Naseem Ali**

We weep our loss and embrace our blessings and gratitude to Allah swt for the honour to have had such a beautiful, genuine, kind and compassionate soul in our lives - 💔❤️

We will cherish our memories until the day we also return to the Almighty the Most Merciful and Compassionate and meet again

Ameen



 **Azra Ahmed**

Inna lillahi wa inna ilayhi rajinoon
very sad I know her from school
May Allah grant sister the
highest rank in jannat.


 **Fiz Ahmed**


Inna lillahi wa inna alaihe rajaioon.
May she rest in peace. Such sad news.

 **shazia1044**

Inna lillahi wa inna
ilayhi raji'un.
Nuzhat was a lovely
inspirational person.
Her knowledge was
immense. A great loss

 **Afshan Ali**

Inna lilahi wa inna
ilayhi rajioon, one of
the purest and most
genuine souls we
were blessed to have
in our lives 

 **Sayeda Jan**

She was a beautiful soul
very caring!

 **Ishy Ahmed**

May Allah grant our sister
the highest rank in jannat

✉ **Tahira Amin**

She always encouraged me to excel and go over and above. What I loved about her was that she saw potential in people and nurtured that. A selfless beauty that is no more.

✉ **Aamnah Rahman**

I remember a very softly spoken, calm and composed individual who communicated her message thoughtfully to diverse audiences.

✉ **Sarah Joseph**

The wonderful Nuzhat Ali passed away today. She was just such a beautiful human being. I cannot remember her without a smile on her face. Her energy was infectious. She worked tirelessly for good. The world is a sadder place without her light in it. May she be in Love and Light.



 **Mohammed Ayaz**

Inna illahi wa inna illahi rajoun - May Allah swt give the deceased a place in Jannat ul Firdous make this trial easy for the family and give them sabr and understanding during this difficult time Ameen, goodbye sister nuzhat you touched all of us and now your in a better place we will all miss you.

 **Afizia Ali**

Inna lilahai wa ina ilaihai rajaioon. So sad to hear about dear sister Nuzhat. She was an inspirational lady, with pure kindness to share with others. I remember as a teenager I met her a few times and those memories are still with me decades later. She clearly had a profound and significant impact on those whose paths she came into. May Allah swt grant her the highest ranks in Jannah, may she rest in peace and May Allah swt give her family sabr at this difficult time. Ameen





Hafsah Nibe

Allah grant her heaven and give her children, husband and family comfort and solace in this difficult time. A critical and creative voice in the community and wider cultural landscape has been lost in Bradford today.. She was a generous woman who thrived in the art and science of seeking ilm, making art and was committed to changing what was wrong with society. A deep appreciation for poetry, literature and writing, she was on an incredible journey to share her creative visions with us and we'll remember and pray for her in our most serene moments of contemplation. In lots of way she led a full life in this regard and anyone who knew her or worked with her would instinctively feel her commitment to positive social action and care in the community. She cared. My heart felt condolences to everyone at Muslims Women's Council, I'm sincerely sorry for your loss and the pain you will be feeling at this time. Missed.

#inalillahi



Chol Theatre

Today we are honouring the life of Nuzhat Ali who very sadly passed away yesterday. We had the great privilege of working with Nuzhat on two wonderful projects.

Once when she wrote 'Click - The Internet Genie' for Chol, a children's theatre performance about the wonders and worries of the internet.

And again on 'Shaadi Masala', a piece for the Bradford Literature Festival with a group of women from Womenzone. Despite her illness, Nuzhat's vision and drive prevailed and the finished pieces were a testament to her creativity and talent as a writer. We had such a good time with Nuzhat who always brought a fun and uplifting energy to the room. Her patience and devotion in interfaith work, bringing communities of different faiths together was clear to see. Nuzhat was a true living legend. She will no doubt be missed by many but has left a legacy that will live on forever. Thank you Nuzhat for bringing so much light to this world. Love and peace to Nuzhat's family and to all those who were lucky enough to know her.





We were two peas in a pod, my best friend and soul sister, nuzhat. We would often laugh that her husband, Marroof, was her soulmate but we were soul sisters. Every moment with her was cherished, fun and memorable. Where does one even begin? She asked me once many years ago "why did you choose me, Yasmin?" after telling me for the first time of how she felt after our very first personal conversation. I don't know why I chose her but she was the the huge jigsaw piece that fit into the hole that was in my heart. God chose her for me because He knew what I needed and He knew what she needed too. She and brother marroof enveloped us in their love for this we will be eternally grateful.

Baji Nuzhat was like one of those rare moments like a meteor shower or an exotic flower that blooms once in while and those that watch hold their breath in awe. I was always in awe of her. She would rope me in to (kicking and screaming sometimes,) doing things I would previously have shied away from doing. I drew the line at abseiling down the church tower. Charity or not. She was fearless. I always joked that she was teacher's pet and that the Good Lord would save a place for her at His table and once there she had better put in a good word for me too. Who would have thought that her invite would come so soon?



 **Sameena Hussain**

Such sad news. She was an inspiration to many and kind soul. She will be missed.

 **iram ali**

I knew Nuzhat as Aunty Nuzhat she was a big part of our lives growing up and even now when I married and had my own children. And that smile I'll never forget that smile! I will be forever inspired by her legacy as a human, wife, mother and friend ♡

Some really beautiful words compiled by Reaz Rahman really depicts the kind of person Aunty Nuzhat was..

& they saw the best and most wondrous beauty in others and hence their own eyes became beautiful

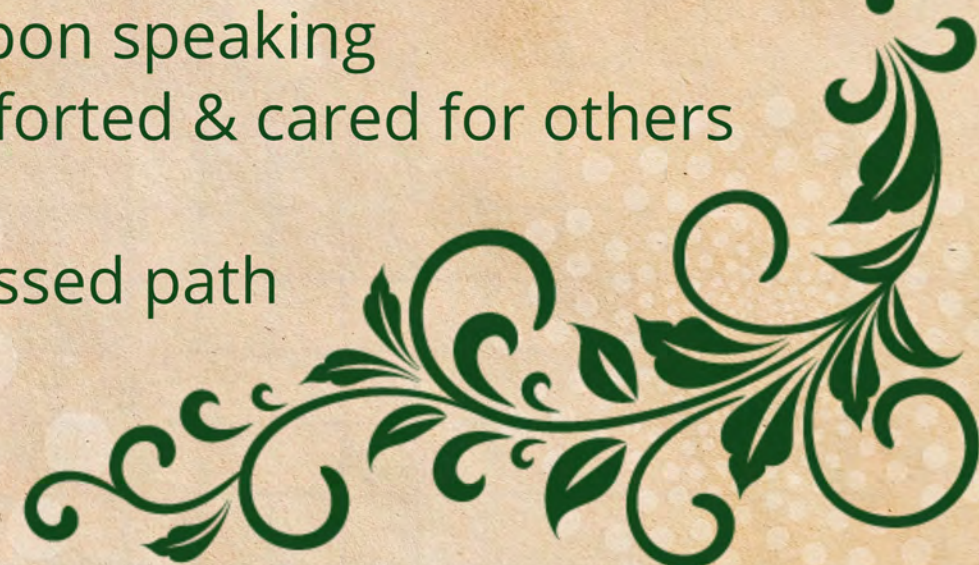
& they spoke only with kindness and empathy upon speaking

& their voice became a sound of love & they comforted & cared for others

so to know them was to never feel alone

& in the attentiveness of their every action, a blessed path to success was found...

Subhana'Allah





Ajmal Masroor (Imam, author, broadcaster & public speaker)

Life, death and lasting legacy - in memory of Nuzhat Ali (1964-2021)

My dear sister Nuzhat Ali is no more. Allah has taken her soul to a place from where no one has ever returned. She has been on this earth for 57 years and today around midday passed away, "inna lillahi wa inna ilahi rajioon".

I remember her and her husband from my young days in the Young Muslims and later in life in the Islamic Society of Britain. We became good friends and always kept in touch. Every time I went to Bradford, in their house, there was always a room for me. In their house there was always freshly cooked food for me. She was honest with her feedback and never shied away from challenging me.



When I went to Bradford with my kids and wife, she took us around to show us the hidden gems and breathtaking beauty of Yorkshire. She was a fantastic friend and an honest critique. I admired her courage and honesty.

She was a strong leader with a gentle touch, warm heart and disarming smile. She had the resolve of steel but her ways were empowering. When people did not show any willingness to change she took the initiative and led the change.

She was a loving wife to my dear friend Maroof Shaffi. I called him today and he said with clear and loving voice, "Masroor, your sister has gone, she has gone to be with her Lord." I cried at his words. I could hear in his voice that he was in deep pain and he was trying to console others. He was patient and he was content with his Lords decision.

In his own words he told me, "Masroor, let me tell you one thing, cherish your wife, cherish your wife, cherish your wife, keep your children close to you and do everything to make sure they enjoy your love and affection and you enjoy theirs." He kept on saying to me to just pray for her and pray for him too. They were deeply in love and every time I met them, I left feeling a glow of love enveloping me.



She was a devoted mother and you can see the amazing role she played in the lives of her children. She was extremely focused on education, creativity and free thinking. She has imparted her unique traits to her children and each and everyone of them have been high achievers in their lives. Her real legacy will be found in her children, who are now making a difference in the lives of others around them.

They set up a fundraising page to build as many water wells in her name as possible. This would add rewards to her account even when she was no more.

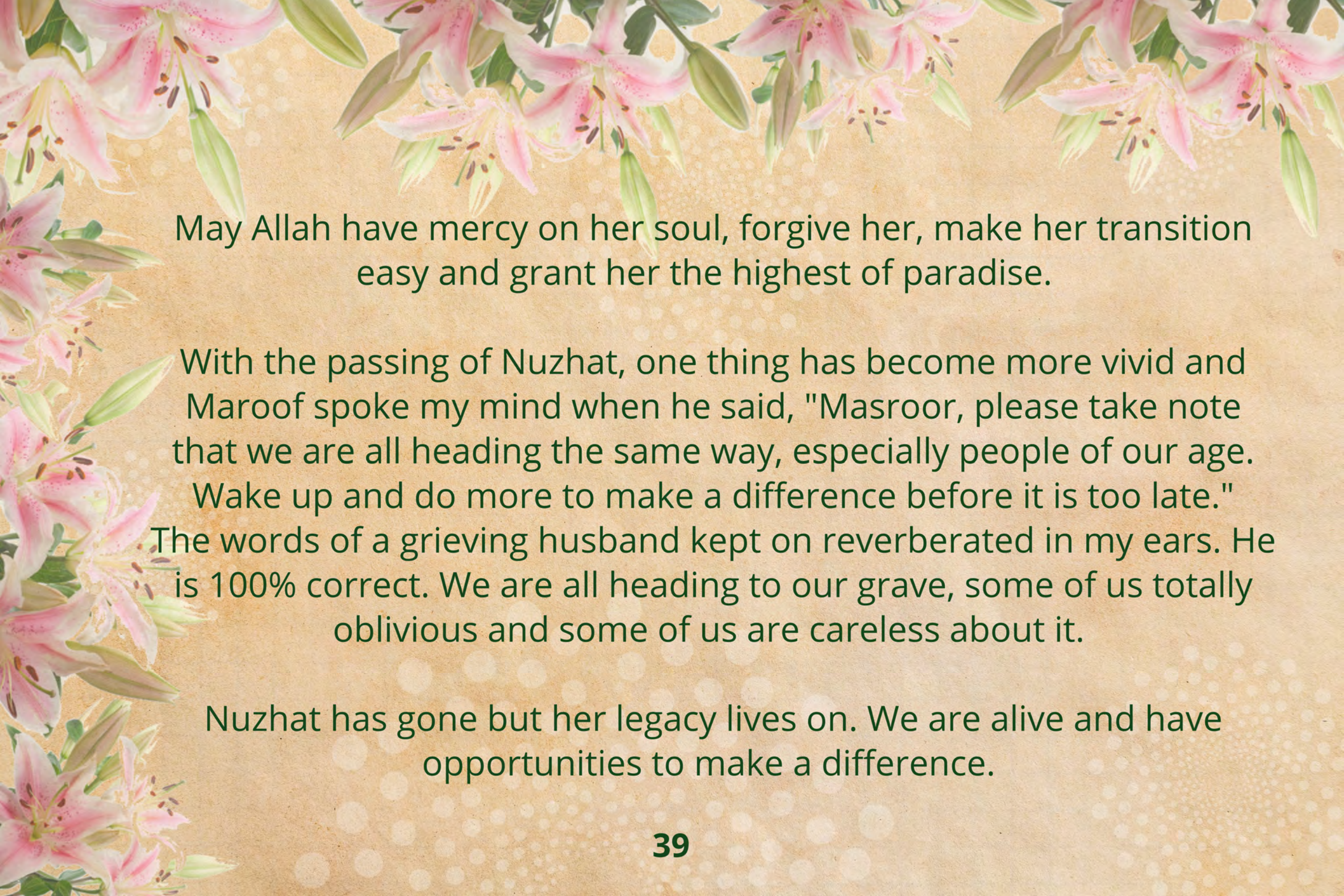
She was an amazing teacher and mentor for many young people. She has helped shape the lives of many Muslim women by giving them voice and vision. She did not accept exclusion from any part of the society. When mosques and organisations were not keen on engaging and providing fair access to the community facilities for Muslim women she led the way to set up Muslim Women's Council. Her vision was big and her drive was even bigger.



She was active in the interfaith work bringing communities of different faiths together and forming trust and mutual respect. She was not shy about her views nor did she sugar-coat her opinions. She was a dedicated soldier in the service of humanity. True success in life is when your departure is missed by your loved ones and lamented by the masses.

Nuzhat was nothing less than a legend.

Her husband said, "I was with her praying as she was taking her breath, shallow breath followed by total silence. She left this world for the better, pain free, blissful and the pleasure of her Lord."

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May Allah have mercy on her soul, forgive her, make her transition easy and grant her the highest of paradise.

With the passing of Nuzhat, one thing has become more vivid and Maroof spoke my mind when he said, "Masroor, please take note that we are all heading the same way, especially people of our age. Wake up and do more to make a difference before it is too late." The words of a grieving husband kept on reverberated in my ears. He is 100% correct. We are all heading to our grave, some of us totally oblivious and some of us are careless about it.

Nuzhat has gone but her legacy lives on. We are alive and have opportunities to make a difference.



Adam Aslam

A real scholar, advocate and Muslim thinker, for whom the few encounters I had shared were deep and the many around me who knew her best, were shaped by her menteeship - she leaves behind a wealth of empowered people and work - May Allah accept this of her.



✉ **Sally Ogden (True Vision TV)**

We are so sorry to hear about Nuzhat. Anna and I met her when we were filming with Muslim Women's Council back in 2017 and she was so kind, warm and welcoming to us. Thinking of and praying for all her loved ones at this sad time.



✉ **Tahreem Dourandish**

When a believers passing strikes a cord in you and makes you reflect on His purpose - then you know that person was indeed special . Baji Nuzhat will never be forgotten, May her soul be in a much better place . My condolences to her family and all her friends.



 **Henrietta Szovati (writer & leadership coach)**

My heart breaks reading about her passing! She was an amazing woman, with love we have never seen! The world has lost a light.

 **Deborah Warren**

I am so very sorry to know she is no longer with us here on earth. My deepest sympathy to her loving family and multitude of friends.

 **Samayya Afzal (MCB)**

Everyone who has met Aunty Nuzhat has loved her immediately. Aunty Nuzhat was one of the best of us. Everyone who has met her has loved her immediately May Allah swt envelop her in mercy, admit her to the highest of heavens and reward her plentifully for all her work and compassion. My duas are with the family and loved ones.



 **Mohammed Shabbir**

Prayers and thoughts go out to you all. May Allah bless sister for all the work she has done over the years in helping people and the community. May Allah bless brother Maroof Shaffi her husband, and all children. Bless you all.

 **Rubina Akram**

Inna lilahi wa inna alaihe rajaioon, May Allah grant her a Higher place in Jannah and bless her family with Sabr Ameen sum Ameen. People like Nuzhat made big differences in many lives. I never met her but I can sense how much she is loved by others. May Allah keep her soul in peace Ameen sum Ameen.

 **Erica**

Inna lillahi wa Inna ilaihi rajioon. May Allah, SWT, welcome her beneath the Shade of His Mercy and Grant Nuzhat Jannat Al-Firdous as the final abode. So beautiful to watch the outpouring of love and support for a beautiful soul. May Allah, SWT, bestow patience and fortitude upon her family in their time of grief.



Christine Ellis

I'm lost for words. So many fond memories are coming to the front of my mind as I let the tears flow for the loss of our dear sister Nuzhat. She was an amazing women with a beautiful family and I'm so blessed to have known her.



Inna lillahi wa inna ilayhi rajioon.

We are all sending our duas to the family and sharing love and comfort for each other as we recognise the life she had on this earth. May Allah reward her for all the good deeds and forgive for any sins. May she be accepted in His paradise and remain in His tender mercy forever. Ameen x



Shamim Akhtar (Touchstone Bradford & BCB Radio)

Innah Lillahi Wa Innah Ilayhi Raji'un. May Allah Azawajal bless dearest Nuzhat with the highest rank in Jannah. Thoughts and prayers with her friends and family at this difficult time.



Sonia Sarah

Inna lillahi wa inallah-e-raji'oon
Dearest sister Nuzhat's legacy lives on, blessed to have her friendship, honoured to have felt her safe harbour and know her strength. A true inspiration. Her beautiful spirit lives on especially through the many lives her presence graced. May Allah envelope all her loved ones in His Divine Love, protection and care through these challenging times and may the Almighty grant our dear sister the highest ranks in the gardens of Paradise.

All my love, condolences and prayers.



 **Uzma Mahmood**

May Allah give her a high rank in jannat. She was such a lovely lady. Dedicated to her family and the community.

 **Haytham Tamim**

O Allah, forgive her and have mercy on her and grant her peace and pardon her. Receive her with honour and make her place of entry (in grave) spacious. Wash her with water, snow, and ice and cleanse her of her faults like a white garment is cleansed of stains. O Allah, substitute for her an abode better than her abode, a family better than her family. Admit her into Paradise and protect her from the torment of the grave and the torment of the Fire. Ameen

 **Frankie Ward (Priest & theologian)**

I am so sorry and sad to hear. May she rest in peace. Wonderful memories of working together 2006-2010 in Bradford. Dua/prayers for all who mourn her passing.

✉ **Rashmi Sudhir**

Our creative paths have crossed each other couple of times and I remember our conversations with great warmth. My Pranamam, sending love and strength.

✉ **Evie Manning**

It's just heartbreaking. Nuzhat, the most wonderful woman. I can't believe it. Such a beautiful and inspiring person and just a lovely friend,,mum and wife.

✉ **Ash Alom**

إِنَّا لِلّٰهِ وَإِنَّا إِلَيْهِ رَاجِعُونَ
This is so sad news what an amazing person may Allah سبحانه وتعالى bless her soul and grant her the highest place in Jannat



✉ **Sadia Sajid**

إنا لله وإنا إليه راجعون
May Allah
grant her the
highest place
in Jannat ul
firdous and
give the family
sabr at this
difficult time.
Duas for all the
family

✉ **Tahera Kacholia**

Inna lillahi wa inna alaihe rajaioon. May
Allah grant her the highest status in Jannat
and give her family saber.



✉ **Nabeela Imam**

Inna Lillahi
Wa Inna Ilayhi
Rajeoon. May
Allah swt
grant her a
high rank in
Jannah and
give Sabr to
her friends
and family.
Such sad
news.

✉ **Shazia Awan**

Inna Lillahi wa inna ilayhi raji'un Forever in our hearts, may the Almighty Allah
expand her ranks and grant our beloved sister eternal peace and grace of
Jannah tul Firdous, and grant her loved ones fortitude to bear the great loss.



Rehanah Sadiq

To the Loved Ones of our dearest Nuzhat, our dearest Da'iyah.

إِنَّا لِلَّهِ وَإِنَّا إِلَيْهِ رَاجِعُونَ

May Allah rest her soul and shower her with His choicest blessings in the most beautiful of all abodes.

I will always remember Nuzhat's inspiring passion, her sparkling enthusiasm, her never-ending energy, and her undying love for her deen.

There was no stopping this most gentle, soft-hearted and incredibly powerful woman, who would go out with God-given confidence to spread the goodness that fired her spirit in her beliefs of bringing about peace and understanding in the community, and for no other purpose but the pleasure of Allah. She was duty bound, and she was a torchbearer.

What a loss her departure has felt to so many. There is always pain in the parting. No matter how temporary.

But she sped at the forefront yet again, as she went to meet her Lord - before us.

I take heart in the reality, that our beloved sister has reached her ultimate goal, taking with her the reaping of the fruitful life she lived. Joy in the work she did in the dunya, and joy in the Akhirah for it!

My deepest and heartfelt condolences to all her beautiful family. May they find soothing comfort and solace in the wonderful, sweet memories of their loved one, whose life and meaning was for Allah alone.

With love, salam and du'a's always...

 **Jaymain Parkes**

I pray that Allah accepts her good deeds and that the public outpouring of grief and love for Nuzhat is a sign that her Lord is pleased with her. Ameen

 **Hafsah Aneela Bashir**

Inna lillahi wa inna ilayhi raajioon, this is sad news, she was SUCH a beautiful soul who I had the pleasure of speaking to about life, this is a huge loss, may Allah swt grant her jannatul firdaus and shower light upon light on her, raise her in the best of company, may Allah swt grant her family sabr.

Julie Siddiqi

Following her difficult journey with cancer for the last couple of years, we have lost a smart, warrior woman from Bradford today. Nuzhat was kind, sincere and gentle.... but fierce when she needed to be. Challenging the status quo on patriarchy and encouraging the rest of us to do the same. We continue and carry the baton forwards. My heart breaks for her family and friends who are really feeling this loss while accepting God's plan. From God we come, to Him we return.

Jehangir Malik (British Red Cross)

Innalhi wa inalhi Rajoun.

The gathering Sunday night for her with recitation of Quran and beautiful words of reminder from Brother Maroof were extremely moving. Sr Nuzhat will be dearly missed by many.

May Allah have mercy on her soul.





 **Chris Howson**

Sad news indeed. A kind, intelligent and beautiful soul. Prayers for all her friends and family.

 **Nasreen**

I pray for the highest rank for her, sabr for her family, and may we all learn and take inspiration from Nuzhats life and work.

 **Liz Carnelley**

So sad to hear this. Such a lovely, kind, warm, generous and feisty woman with so much drive, and so gifted.

 **Naseem**

Innalillahi wainnaalyhirajoon. May Allah envelope our dear Nuzhat in His loving mercy and grace and grant her the highest place in His Jannah. Ameen 🙏. May Allah grant her family with sabr in these the most difficult of times. Ameen

 **Elaine de Villiers**

We give thanks that our lives have been touched by our gracious friend, Nuzhat. We pray for comfort for Marroof and family.

✉ **Tahir Mahmood**

Amazing lady had so much concern for helping the community and young people. May Allah exalt her status in jannah so high and also join with her amazing family mashallah aswell.



✉ **Furqan Naeem**

Innah lilahi wa innah ilayhi raajioon. A true gem of the Bradford community. May Allah grant her the highest of Jannah

✉ **Akram Khan-Cheema**

Inalilahi waina'alaihirajioon ... we have lost a true fighter. May Allah grant her janatul firdos. She and her beautiful personality will be missed.

✉ **Saiqa**

A great loss. May she enjoy eternal bliss and nearness to her Lord. May Allah swt shower her family with mercy and grant them all sabr and strength.

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 **Iffat**

Inna llilah e wa inna elehi rajihoon. May Allah make her next journey easy and grant her the highest of ranks in jannat ul firdous. May Allah give her family sabr and make her children an asbab of reward in her eternal life.

 **Samaira**

Really heartbroken at the moment, SubhanAllah Nuzhat was truly a beautiful soul with a beautiful and sincere heart a great friend to many of us. She will be missed most definitely, but I thank Allah swa for gifting us with Deen the most blessed of gifts for He is the One who has put the love between us all for His sake. What more sincere love can we ask for, and we can carry on the gifts for our darling Nuzhat through our duas alhamdulillah. May He the Most Merciful accept her with the best of acceptance and have mercy on her soul, forgive her sins and reward her with the highest of places near Him. May He grant sabr to all her family and friends at this the most difficult of times Ameen.



Asma

May Allah swt grant ease and comfort for our dear sister's journey ahead.

I remember coming down from Glasgow for YM camps and being received by her beautiful smile - May Allah accept all her warmth and beautiful deeds and make our dear sisters illness a means of purification and elevation for her Ameen.

Our thoughts and prayers are with her beloved family that Allah grants them Sabrun Jamil and reunites them all in the highest Jannah Ameen Ya Rab.





Dr Shuruq Naguib (Chair, Muslim Women's Council)

Over the few years I have known Nuzhat, I saw in her a luminous embodiment of the Muslim woman, bearing her identity with conviction; the believing woman grounded in her faith; the devout woman, orienting her inward and outward life to God; the truthful woman, whose words and actions mirrored her core values; the humble woman, whose humility came from a strong depth of character; the woman who gave of her wealth, energy, and intellect in charity; the patient woman, who met her years of illness with spiritual quietude and steady striving; the woman who fasted and guarded what God has admonished men and women to guard; the woman who remembered God often, May God give her the forgiveness and great reward He prepared for men and women like her, whom He described in the verse she loved and cited much:





“Surely, Muslim men and Muslim women, believing men and believing women, devout men and devout women, truthful men and truthful women, patient men and patient women, humble men and humble women, and the men who give in charity and the women who give in charity, and the men who fast and the women who fast, and the men who guard their chastity and the women who guard theirs, and the men who remember Allah much and the women who remember (Him) - for them, Allah has prepared forgiveness and a great reward.”

[Qur'an 33:35]

