Shri. Shyam Kothari, aged 53, was the former President of Loyola Alumni Association for 12 years and a Loyola student of PUC (1978-1979) and B.Com (1979-1982) 2nd batch of the Autonomous College. He was an affable and friendly person who always had a regular contact with his classmates and the management of Loyola College all through his life. He was known for his love and loyalty to his Alma Mater. He was a great business leader and earned the respect of the business community. These characteristics are endorsed by Business magnets and many of his classmates.

“He was a great judge of people, magnanimous and kind” says - S.R. Venketrama Raja, Vice chairman of Ramco Group.

One of his classmates, Mr. T. Kumar describes Him “He has been a quiet and attentive student, very warm with other students in the class, without any airs or arrogance, nor any snobbishness associated with the rich. He was humble, simple and always cheerful. He stayed the same, later in his life as well”
He was very passionate to serve his Alma Mater. He singlehandedly contacted all batch mates and Alumni for a memorable get together in 2010, where the idea for a separate building for School of Commerce and Economics was proposed and the Global Alumni Congress plan was discussed. He also went to Delhi, Cochin and other cities to gather support for the world Alumni Congress in 2010.

Loyola paid homage to her illustrious son on 5th of March, 2015 in Bertram Hall at the Loyola Campus. Justice. Shri. Cyriac Joseph Retired Judge Supreme Court, Unveiled the Portrait, Rev. Fr. A.M. Jeyapathy Francis, S.J., Rector, Loyola College Garlanded the Portrait, Rev. Dr. Fr. G. Joseph Antony Samy, S.J., Principal, Loyola College paid his tribute on behalf of the Management, Staff & Students.

Rev. Dr. Fr. S. Xavier Alphonse, S.J., Director of Alumni Association paid homage on behalf of the entire Alumni Association and Mr. Sreekanteswaran one of his closest associates who has been his friend for the last 40 years recalled his association with him and also spoke of his great love for his family especially his mother, friends, and staff.

A large number of Alumni including his classmates & mentor Rev. Dr. N. Casimir Raj, S.J., paid floral tribute to this great son of Loyola.