

## Heartfelt Tribute to Late Prof KD Varma

**Prof KD Varma** hailed from Mainpuri and was born on 15<sup>th</sup> July 1939. He did his MBBS (1956), MS Surgery (1964), FICS (1976), FACS (1980), Fellowship in Nuclear Medicine (Germany) in 1968 and FRCS (Hon.) in 2019. King George's Medical College was his alma mater and he was appointed as a Lecturer in Surgery Department in 1965, Reader in 1977, Professor in 1986, Head of the Department and Chief Medical Superintendent in 1998. He retired in July 1999.

He is survived by a very kind and supportive wife Mrs. Sunita ji, our cherished *Bhabhi*, and a son and a daughter. He had thousands of his obedient students and trained surgeons all over the globe. I am honored to say that fortunately I was closest and had longest association with him in the college and also outside in his private practice. He was very fond of greenery, pets, fish ponds and he almost had a beautiful mansion with impeccably maintained green lawn and had a poetic stint with singing famous heart-touching *gazals*. We as residents and later also as consultant used to have lavish dinners at his home. He was a strict disciplinarian, punctual, straight forward, highly academic and used to quote papers and books in discussions to surprise us by his memory.

He established the first Endocrine Surgery Unit in KGMC which later was upgraded as a vibrant department with MCh courses running well. He also became President of IAES, UP Chapter of ASI, governing council member of ASI and Founder President of Lucknow College of Surgeons.

Teachers have three loves: love of learning, love of learners, and the love of bringing the first two loves together. Education is our passport to the future which he, as a great teacher and mentor, issued to us, acceptable with regards globally. A good teacher is the most blessed thing we can ever have in our life. He used to give a lot of tips in managing children studying outside at far-off places. I am highly indebted to him for teaching burning lessons of parenthood when children are in professional courses and grown up. He trained residents in graduated and structured manner and also taught how live. He thundered with positive approach and taught all the same.

His hobbies included gardening, keeping variety of animals as his pets, fish aquariums, ponds and music. He was an example of old time "GURUS".

He retired in 1999 and worked till last as a consultant surgeon and chief in surgery at Vivekanand Hospital, Lucknow.

Recently, he contracted corona infection and left for his heavenly abode.

He will always remain in our hearts. You will always glitter in our memories and we will receive your divine blessings from heaven.



**Ramakant  
Your "Rama"**

