

# Raghupati Sahai Hitkari

Always In Our Hearts

With much sorrow, we announce the passing of Raghupati Sahai Hitkari (Raghu) after a courageous battle with Lewy body dementia and Parkinson's disease. With his family by his side, Raghu passed away peacefully on February 1, 2023, in Victoria, British Columbia.

Raghu is remembered by his devoted and loving wife of 53 years, Christina, and their four children, Nundani (Kyle), Jason (Lucy), Kamini (Jason) and Shalini (Jeffrey). He will also be missed by his ten cherished grandchildren; Madeleine, Luke, Clementine, Philippa, Evangeline, Delilah, Isabella, Lleyton, Juliette and Lauchlyn; and extended family and friends in Canada, India and the United States.

Raghu was born in Aligarh, India, on August 21, 1941, as the youngest of six children to parents Har and Lalli Hitkari. Sadly, he was predeceased by his parents as well as his brothers and one sister; however, he is survived by his sister, Nirmala Sinha, who resides in Lucknow, India.

After completing his Master's degree in Mathematics and Bachelor's degree in Computer Science at the Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur, India, Raghu accepted a scholarship to complete his Master's in Computer Science at the University of Alberta in Edmonton, Canada, in 1967. Soon after, Raghu met his future wife, Christina, at a Valentine's Day Dance, and they were married in 1969. Throughout his pioneering career in Information Technology, Raghu held progressive leadership positions in various sectors, including academia, oil and gas, and public service. He concluded his professional journey when he retired from the Ministry of Forests in 2003. Raghu and Christina embarked on many adventures as they lived abroad in Saudi Arabia and England and travelled extensively while

raising their four children. In 1992, the Hitkari family happily settled in Victoria, Canada and led a rich and fulfilling life.

It is impossible to encapsulate such a beloved person in just a few lines. Raghu will be remembered as an honourable and devoted family man and a loyal friend with a playful sense of humour. Possessing a sharp intellect, Raghu was well-read and always on top of world events; he enjoyed nothing more than good conversation over a cup of tea, his wife's cooking, laughing with his children, travelling, collecting marine art, numismatics, playing Scrabble and Canasta, gardening, listening to classical Indian music, telling "Dad" jokes, and hunting and fishing. Raghu was someone who cherished his family and friends and, in return, was loved and respected by all.

From your children: we are forever grateful for your love, patience, dedication and faith in us, shaping us into who we are today. Your legacy lives on through us, and we hope you are as proud of us as we are to have you as our father. You loved each of us all our lives and always welcomed us with open arms, asking us to stay just a little longer each time we visited. Now, we wish with all our hearts that you could have stayed with us a little bit longer. We love you, Dad.

The family extends heartfelt gratitude to the staff at Clover Point Care Home, who provided Raghu with exceptionally kind and compassionate care during his stay. Your support meant a great deal to us and will not be forgotten.

A Celebration of Life will be held in August 2023.

Condolences and may be offered to the family below.

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