



Murali Sundaram, MD 1943-2023

Murali Sundaram passed away peacefully at home in Las Vegas, Nevada, surrounded by his children and grandchildren on July 21, 2023. Murali's journey began in the city of Colombo, Sri Lanka, where he was welcomed into the world to Seetha and T.A. Sundaram on August 22, 1943. The seeds of his passion were sown during his early years on the island, where he discovered his love for swimming and the art of cricket. These youthful pursuits not only shaped his character but also foreshadowed the dedication and skill that would define his life's work.

As the winds of change swept through Sri Lanka(Ceylon), Murali's parents made the difficult decision to send him to Chennai, India. It was here that his brilliance truly blossomed, not only academically but also in the realm of sports. A junior table tennis champion, he carved a name for himself in India, leaving an indelible mark on the sports arena. Yet, his passion for cricket remained unwavering, accompanying him through Loyola College, Guntur Medical School, and even across the seas to England while in training at the Royal Manchester Infirmary in Manchester, UK.

Murali's professional journey was nothing short of extraordinary. With a career spanning over five decades, he navigated the corridors of esteemed institutions, from the University of Saint Lois to the Mayo Clinic and the Cleveland Clinic. His expertise in musculoskeletal radiology was unparalleled, marked by the publication of over 300 journal articles and multiple books. His dedication extended beyond his own research, as he took on the role of editor for "Skeletal Radiology," shaping the landscape of his field.

But Murali's influence extended beyond academic achievements. His presence was felt in the societies of musculoskeletal radiology, where his wisdom and leadership were valued. His role as one of the first presidents of the Society of Skeletal Radiology cemented his place as a trailblazer in his field. The International Skeletal Society became his second home, a stage where his contributions were acknowledged with prestigious awards, including the Medal of ISS and ISS Founders Medal.

A loyal friend, a supportive colleague, and a devoted teacher, he shaped countless lives through his mentorship. His love for his family was immeasurable, and his role as a father and grandfather brought him boundless joy.

Murali's wit, charm, and sense of humor endeared him to all who crossed his path. His legacy as a gentleman, a scholar, and a compassionate soul will forever shine brightly in our hearts.

Murali is survived by his daughters, Aparna Sundaram and Priya Sundaram, his four beloved grandchildren, Coda Max, Lyla Simonelli, Rohan Reyes Sundaram, and Rahul Reyes Sundaram, and his

brothers, Shankar Sundaram and SV Ramanan. He was preceded in death by his cherished son, Gautam Sundaram.

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