



Premnath S. Dick

June 3, 2017

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Premnath Sahay Dick, age 73, died on Saturday, June 3, 2017, at home in Lancaster following a long illness. Born in Saharsa, Bihar, India, he was the son of the late Rev. Amos D.M. Dick and Nellie Sider Dick who served as long term missionaries to India with the Brethren in Christ Church. Prem was a graduate of Mount Hermon High School, Darjeeling, West Bengal, India and came to the United States in 1962 to continue his education, graduating from Messiah College, Grantham, PA as well as the former Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Philadelphia. While there, he took additional post graduate studies in International Relations of South East Asia at the University of Pennsylvania. In 1968 he went to San Francisco to fulfill his 1-W service at the Life Line Mission. Prem's last two major places of employment were twelve years at East Harlem Interfaith, Inc. in New York and sixteen years of service with Mennonite Central Committee in Akron, PA.

Prem was an active member of Community Mennonite Church of Lancaster and enjoyed having morning coffee and conversation with his many friends. He took a particular interest in mentoring and encouraging youth and young adults to explore the wider world and to use their gifts in service to others. Prem was a gentle soul who had a keen heart for peace and justice issues and deeply valued the dignity and respect of all people. He was a creative writer of poetry, an appreciative listener of jazz, a diligent reader of The New

York Times, a fun Scrabble player, a fan of NCIS, and a lover of peanut butter. He is survived by his wife, Janet Hykes Dick, to whom he was married for 37 years and sons, Sunil Dick of Lancaster, and Sanjay Dick, married to Alicia Jantzi, of Virginia. Prem was a loving and devoted husband and father. The family would like to express their thanks for the excellent care and support given by Dr. Ketan Kulkarni, the staff at LGH Physicians Geriatrics at Home program, and Hospice and Community Care. A Celebration of Life Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, June 24, 1:30 p.m. at Community Mennonite Church of Lancaster, 328 W. Orange Street, Lancaster, PA 17603. Family will greet friends following the service. Donations in his name may be made to the church at the above address. Please visit Prem's Memory Page at www.thegroffs.com

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JUN 24. 1:30 PM (ET)

Community Mennonite Church Of Lancaster
328 West Orange Street
Lancaster, PA

Tribute Wall



“ *Premnath S. Dick*

October 22, 2023 at 11:34 PM



“ *Charles Bandy lit a candle in memory of Premnath S. Dick*



Charles Bandy - December 20, 2017 at 09:57 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Premnath S. Dick.*



June 19, 2017 at 01:59 AM

KE

“ I'm convinced that the Lord must have put Premnath on my mind yesterday during a church service. I thought I haven't heard about him for decades...let me see if my search of Facebook would bring me to him. Glad to have found his current story and I extend my sympathy to the whole family on his death.

I knew Premnath briefly at staff training as we served together in Youth for Christ in the 70's. He was always special to me...sorry we didn't stay in touch over the years. I was a guest in his home for dinner as I traveled with one of my youth club kids. His parents were so gracious as we stopped on our way through Pennsylvania to New York City. He gave me direction as to where to stay in downtown New York which was very helpful. God's Peace to each family member...I look forward to meeting up with him in heaven!

What a tremendous gift he was in India, literally, on the doorstep of his missionary parents...and his giftedness touched so many of us as he shared to his sphere of influence.

*Ken R. Engstrom
513 Ivanhoe Avenue
Northfield, MN 55057*

Ken Engstrom - June 12, 2017 at 02:41 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Premnath S. Dick.



June 08, 2017 at 08:43 AM

MS

“ I had the honor and the pleasure of knowing Prem and the Dick family when Sunil was in my 4th grade class at Wharton Elementary School. I remember Prem, and Janet, as being incredible parents - supportive, encouraging, and loving. Sunil and Sanjay were delightful, wholesome and fun-loving. It always gave me a lift to see Sunil's beaming face everyday when he entered our classroom and I always thought he was quite the chip off the old block, as he mirrored the joy and love of life that emanated from his father. Although I have not seen the family for quite some time I will always remember the positive influence they had on my life and I would like to offer my deepest condolences to Janet, Sunil, and Sanjay. I know Prem will be sorely missed, but I am confident the uplifting memories of his life will stay with you always.

Sincerely
Martin Slaugh

Martin Slaugh - June 08, 2017 at 08:10 AM

PN

“ Reading Prem's obituary took me back to the days when he brought Sanjay to my house for preschool. I'm so sorry for you, Janet, Sunil and Sanjay, as you grieve his passing. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Phyllis Horst Nofziger

Phyllis Nofziger - June 08, 2017 at 06:43 AM

KU

“ We send our deepest condolences to the entire Dick family. It saddens us that we never were able to meet Premnath, however, we were honored to have Sunil in our lives. Sunil spoke so lovingly and highly of his father. The man that Sunil has become speaks volumes to the man that has raised him! We have been so blessed to share in Sunil's life and have that small piece of his love for his family that he shares, that we feel a connection through him. Premnath's loving, gentle, kind, caring soul will live on through his son. Our prayers and thoughts will continue to be with you all during this difficult time. If there is anything you need, please let us know.

Doug and Kim Ulmer

kim ulmer - June 08, 2017 at 06:13 AM

SL

“ Deepest condolences to you Janet and family. As I read about Prem's life I was flooded with memories of my time at the Millersville International House with your family and Prem's patience with me as a 22 yr old novice cook for the International students. The 2 of you both helped me find my way as I transitioned back to the US after a short term mission assignment almost 30 years ago. May the Lord comfort you and give you peace and much joy in remembering Prem's life and the people he touched.

Starla (Mast) Landis

Starla Landis - June 07, 2017 at 09:57 PM

SF

“ Dear Janet, Sunil, and Sanjay,

We send our deepest condolences to you over the loss of your husband and father, and we grieve with you in this time of sorrow. Prem was the dearest of souls, a deeply committed advocate for peace and justice, a wonderful neighbor with a kind word whenever we would see him in the backyard or greet him in our shared alley, and a devoted husband and father. We will miss his smile and generous spirit.

Sandy and Dick Fluck

Sandra Fluck - June 07, 2017 at 08:25 PM

CS

“ Both Costy and I send you our love and prayers in this time of grief. I knew PD from the time he was a child and he along with his parents visited our home while they were on furlough. Then we shared four years of life at Messiah College and graduated in the same class. The obituary writer said it well when he described PD as a "gentle soul." He truly was. His joy was contagious and drew us in to share it. What a privilege it was to spend time with him at our last class reunion this past October.

Costy and Beth Saba - June 07, 2017 at 09:38 AM

RM

“ Our sincere condolences. May you experience God's care and compassion and the support and love of a whole "cloud of witnesses". We remember Prem as a gracious and dedicated colleague during our time with MCC based in Akron. May you have wonderful memories of a life well lived.

Courage, Grace & Serenity.

Gudrun & Ron Mathies, Waterloo, ON

Ronald Mathies - June 07, 2017 at 09:22 AM