



## ROTARIAN PP COLONEL KRISHNA MATHUR

There is a saying "Old soldiers never die....they only fade away". Rotarian Colonel Krishna Mathur faded away at 2 am on Friday 22nd July.



He is now riding his steel charger

on the Heavenly plains and has reached Valhalla.

Krish as we all affectionately called him can best be described as a

Man of Substance. He had three prominent loves in his life.

He loved the Army into which he was Commissioned at the young age of 20years. He lived the Chetwood Motto to the hilt. He was a true Soldiers Soldier. He was very proud of his Regiment 77 Armoured and was in the 1965 Operations with them.

He loved his Rotary Club and always held it close to his heart. In his many years in Rotary his splendid contributions were appreciated and he was privileged to be President of our Club.

He loved his Family. He was a loving and devoted husband to his darling wife Praveena. Together they were an excellent Team and an inspiration as a Couple. He was a caring Father to Sanjay and Pammi

and Tarun and Rinku. He absolutely

adored his grandchildren Alisha, Ambika, Alana and Amara.

We will miss Krish very dearly. As words of comfort

I will quote from a poem

"For the Fallen" by Lawrence Binyon.....

"He shall grow not old

As we that are left grow old.

Age shall not weary him

Nor the years condemn.

At the going down of the sun and in the morning

We will remember him."

Farewell dear Krish.

Your friend since 1963...

- Rtn Collin Louzado



### Col. Krish Mathur

I used to call him Sir-ji

I have known many human beings: he was among the best of them

I have known many military officers: he was among the best of them

I have known many Rotarians: he was among the best of them

I have had many friends, but it was a special privilege to have him as friend

Sir-ji: we will miss you

- Rtn. Kamaljit Dugal

### **A TRIBUTE TO OUR PAST PRESIDENT AND A GENTLEMAN COL KRISHNA MATHUR**

COL .Krisna Mathur lovingly known as KRISH to all his friends was the most loving, soft spoken and gentle human being He was very polished and a disciplinarian in all that he accomplished A thorough gentle man, I never heard him raise his voice or pass a rude remark or rebuke anyone He was fun loving and a ladies man as I could well describe him

We had many a lovely time ,be it a party, picnic , or any Rotary Function during his tenure as Club President Krishs wife Praveena and two sons Sanjay and William ( as we all knew him) were as gentle and very courteous Krish we at Rotary are going to miss you. God give his family strength to bear his loss.

- Turan Kapil Desai

Rtn Krishna Mathur was a very senior member of our club. I had the honour of giving Rotary information to him at my residence before he was inducted . For many years he used to hold a fellowship dinner meeting at his residence every year. We lost a very valuable member of our club.

**Rtn PP Kishor Rathi**

### **SALUTE TO A SOLDIER**

The news of Rtn Col. Krishna's sad demise shattered me. I spoke to only last week he sounded very well. I used to call him every week inquiring about both of them. Praveena and me studied together in college in late 50s. He very proudly used to talk about Varsha attending The Republic Day. That brought us closer. He was a wonderful human being and a very friendly and affectionate gentleman. A hard task master, we got along very well and in touch with each other, the couple used to carry themselves with great poise and style. He used to feel very happy talking to me a very warm hearted soul. I will miss him a lot its a great personal loss to me and Varsha. May God give him eternal peace.

- Rtn PP Chandrasen Shirole

I am very much saddened to hear about Col. Krish's passing away. He was a very fine gentleman, extremely sincere and friendly. Always immaculately dressed, he was a person of few words.

He was the Director without Portfolio when I was the President of the Club in the year 2004-05. I closely interacted with him then and he gave very valuable inputs and guidance.

Whenever he was there at the meeting, he would always make it point to chat with me and Meenakshi.

Our condolences to R'Ann Praveena and other members of the family.

May his soul attain Sadgati.

During my Presidential year he was instrumental in starting two Rotaract clubs in Sadhana College of Management Studies and Leadership Development.... CD agarwal

Rtn. PP Chandrashekhar Agarwal

Extremely grieved to learn about sad passing away of Rtn Col. Krish. A thorough gentleman who lived his life to perfection. Always humble and respectful. He touched many lives. My daughter Neelee and nephew Nirav expressed their sorrows and condolences when I gave them the bad news. He had excellent connections with R C Mission Viejo, Calif and our two club's had sister relationship with each other. Our heartfelt condolences to Praveena and family members to bear this great loss. May his soul attain Moksha.

- Prafull & Sunita

We are deeply grieved after learning about passing away of PP Rtn. Col. Krishna Mathur, a thorough gentleman and a Rotarian to the core. We always saw a distinguished officer behind his tall & pleasant personality.

He shall always be remembered for his ever smiling face, soft voice and being very courteous.

May God bless & grant Moksha to the departed soul. Our heart felt condolences to Ann. Praveena and other members of his family.

Om Shanti !

- Shalini & Pradeep Govil



## LATE RTN PP COLONEL KRISHNA MATHUR

Rtn PP Colonel Krishna Mathur, whom we have affectionately known as 'Krish', would have turned 90 on the 26th of September this year. He was ever the true gentleman, always impeccably dressed and with polished manners which never failed to impress everyone. And Praveena has been the perfect counterpoint, with her frank and direct humour, and her ever bright and positive outlook.

Krish joined our Club on the 22nd of August 1983, the year when Dr. Ravi Gulati was our President. He had

retired from the army in the year 1981 and had settled at Pune. He had graduated from the National Defence Academy and the Indian Military Academy on his journey to be commissioned as an Army officer in the 7th Cavalry Regiment of the Armoured Corps. Krish was the President of our club in RY 1990-91, and he and Praveena have been solid pillars of the good work done by our club over the last 39 years.

Ever since I joined the club in October 2006, Krish would regularly call me on the phone and ask me what I was doing for the club. His enthusiasm to promote interaction with our sister clubs, such as RC Mission Viejo, was infectious and I was in touch with that club for many years thanks to Krish.

The Covid lock-downs appear to have affected Krish in a big way. He restricted his movement out of the house to maintain 'social-distancing'. He could not take advantage of our club's move to the online Zoom platform for continuing our meetings. He was not comfortable with the use of this new technology, and so did not attend a single online meeting throughout the two years and more when we were restricted to meeting each other online every week.

During the lock-down period, I had received a message from my erstwhile army colleague who was posted at Manipur. There was a school teacher there who was trying to get in touch with the Mathurs.



It turned out that when she was a young girl some 45 years or so ago, an orphan from a very poor family, Krish and Praveena, who were posted at Manipur at that time, had paid for her schooling and books to ensure that she gets a good education. She was now a school teacher, with a family and children of her own and she wanted to pay them her respects. I put them in touch, and Praveena again sent a token amount to her through my friend, as a blessing for her. Krish and Praveena were Rotarians, even before joining Rotary!

The last club meeting that Krish and Praveena attended was on the 4th of April, the Parsi New

Year festival program. I had call and requested them to attend. He had declined at first, as Praveena was wheelchair-bound, but it then was Praveena who insisted that they attend. It was a pleasure to see them out of the house and at our club meeting after a gap of over two years.

With the passing of Krish, we have lost a dedicated Rotarian, a true soldier, and a thorough gentleman. He has left a gap which will be difficult to fill. We pray that his soul attains moksha, and that Praveena and the family find the strength to bear his absence.

~ Rtn IPP Col Bharat Haladi



Late col Krishna Mathur was very fine and thorough gentleman. He was very senior Rotarian. I don't know his exact date of joining but when I joined in 2000 he was considered as senior Rotarian at that time. He was man of principal and very honest man. He took part in many rotary activities. He was having very cordial relationship with South Command. He used to organize first lecture of Commanding officer in Charge for every new Rotary year. He was also generous donar to rotary foundation. This is a great loss to our club. We have lost a sincere and dedicated Rotarian. May his soul attain Moksha. May God give courage to bear the loss to bereaved family members.

- PP Mukund Atre

PP Col Krishna Mathur, Krish as he was affectionately called was one of the finest affectionate and warm hearted person, who fortunately for me and our family counted us as his friends. Always impeccably dressed, he was the epitome of a true officer and a gentleman. Encouraging and advising gently in Rotary matters and always eager for fellowship I would look forward to his sage counsel and calm demeanor on many a occasion for multiple reasons ! He would also encourage my daughters Rebecca and Zeba who were Rotractors and persuade to them to excel ....

Zubeen and our family joins me in grief and pray that the Almighty gives Praveena and the Mathur family, the fortitude to bear this irreparable loss . May the gentle soul of our dear friend rest in eternal peace. Amen .

Mansoor Dalal and Family.

Rtn. PP Krishna Mathur, the quintessential army colonel was a delight to see and meet, especially in his year as president. That was 1990-91 and I first met him in a District Seminar. I introduced myself as the President Elect of Rotary Club of Pune Cantonment and he immediately replied, "Oh ! Bhojwani's Club". PDG Laxmikant Bhojwani in his year as governor had started some eleven clubs in District 313 and Pune Cantonment was one of them. We used to meet often in my neighbourhood as the gate to his society's entrance was across the lane in front of my house in those days. PDG Dr Laxmikant was quite close to Col. Mathur and was his proposer in Rotary Club of Poona.

Later I joined the Rotary Club of Poona in 1997 and we met more often. He would ring up and discuss some Rotary matters on phone as he was quite active in the District in those days. Often he came to my house in his chauffeur driven ambassador car and we would go together to some district event or committee meeting . He was active in the club also and was responsible for making Rotary Club of Mission Viejo, California as a sister club of the Rotary Club of Poona. As bulleting editor, it was a real task to print a part of an article from Mission Viejo bulletin because of the divergence of projects.

He was always impeccably dressed. He and Praveena were ' made for each other ' couple. Both looked distinguished and outdid each other in etiquette and good manners. He was affable and courteous at all times and it was a pleasure to talk to him.

Krish ! We will miss you. May you find your proper domain in the House of God!

Rtn PP Sanjay Kher



Alana Mathur  
Hi I'm Colonel Krishna Mathur's grand daughter my dad told me you would be doing a post on the rotary bulletin could you include he was the most loving grandfather and he would always give us a hat to take of his.



### Upcoming Program

1st August  
Induction of  
New Members

Attendance Report	
July 18th, 2022	
Rtns	40
Anns	17
Spouse	02
Guests	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>61</b>