

CHANDRAPPA SIDRAMAPPA RESHMI, MD



It is with profound sorrow that we announce the passing of Chandrappa Sidramappa Reshmi, MD, of Whitehall, PA, due to natural causes at his home in India on August 12 at the age of 89. Born in 1934, the second youngest of six children in a small South Indian village, inspired by his grandmother's failing vision to become an ophthalmic surgeon, he completed medical school and sought to advance his

knowledge of the latest techniques in cataract surgery in America. He was ultimately offered an internship in Lorain, Ohio, where he met his future wife. Dr. Reshmi's additional training led them to Montreal, Canada, New York City, NY and Boston, MA where they welcomed a daughter. Upon completion, they settled in Pittsburgh, PA where he began private practice and surgery at St. Francis Medical Center, soon after welcoming a son to the family.

Dr. Reshmi gained recognition for significantly improving outcomes in cataract and lens implant surgery, becoming a filmmaker and instructor of his own surgical techniques at ophthalmic conferences across the globe. He was known as a seasoned judge for surgical films submitted to the European Society for Cataract surgeons, having held the position for over two decades. He spent many Friday afternoons at the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine, mentoring young residents and fellows who aspired to become ophthalmologists. His love for the field of ophthalmology led him to retire not once, but twice - returning seasonally to India to volunteer his surgical services at cataract camps for the poor. He will forever be remembered for his intellect, professionalism, optimism, his warm, friendly, and fun demeanor that turned patients into friends, his ability to carry on conversations regardless of social group, and above all, his pure joy in giving back through philanthropy - helping anyone in need, in whatever capacity he could.

He is survived by his wife (Kathleen) of 55 years; his daughter, Shalini; his son, Chandra J.; and granddaughter, Ava. Please email cjreshmi@yahoo.com if you would like an invitation to Dr. Reshmi's celebration of life memorial service, to be held at a future date in Pittsburgh.

In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting donations be sent in memory of Dr. Reshmi to: Blind & Vision Rehabilitation Services of Pittsburgh (bvrsppittsburgh.org), Attn: Leslie Montgomery, 1816 Locust Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15219, Phone: 412-368-4400.

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