

(Dedicated to the memory of Professor K. L. Singh)

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Dr. Kanhaya Lal Singh was born on February 15, 1944 in Varanasi, U. P., India. From his childhood he was a very aggressive and determined boy. If he wanted to get some thing then it was difficult to satisfy him until he obtained it.

He was hard working, sincere and highly motivated with his studics. During his University days he developed interest in sports and concentrated on becoming a champion, and he worked very hard to achieve this goal.

In 1965 he came to Canada and was awarded M. S. degree in Mathematics in the year 1967. He taught at the University of South Carolina before going to complete his Ph.D. degree in Mathematics (Fixed point Theory) at the Texas A and M University, College Station, Texas, U.S.A..

After completing his Ph.D. he worked as a Post-Doctoral Fellow at the Lakehead University, Canada and published well over 20 papers.

During that period jobs were scarce and one was lucky to get a permanent position in a good institution. When he was offered a position in Memorial University, after *three* reminders, he finally phoned and told his brother, who was a Professor in that Department that others would think that he was given the job because of his brother and not by his merit or qualifications. He declined the offer and preferred to remain as a post-doctoral-fellow.

He was keen in accepting a position in U. S. A. as he did not like the winter of Canada. He first moved to the University of Minnesota

at Duluth and worked as an Assistant Professor and then accepted a job of Associate Professor in the Fayetteville State University, North Carolina and remained there. Like father like son, he was a very successful teacher, always liked by his students and colleagues. He brought name and fame to the department by his hard work and devotion. He was soon promoted to the rank of Full Professor. In 1989, in recognition of outstanding professional performance he was nominated by the Department of Mathematics and Computer Science, for the Faculty of the year, 1989 but unfortunately could not live and on November 22, 1990 he passed away. The mathematical community suffered a great loss and the university lost a very valuable faculty member.

He has a very impressive list of publications and his collaborators had very high regard for the quality of his work. Once a collaborator remarked that *KL is a moving dictionary of nonlinear analysis*, you ask any thing (information) and that is on his tips. Among his collaborators—Anderson, Guay, Naimpally, Rhoades, Sahney and Whitfield have several joint papers. While he was in hospital, the Head, Department of Mathematics at Duluth phoned his brother and told him that he is such a talented mathematician we feel very sorry to see him hospitalized.

His main hobby in a way was mathematics and he used to devote his full time, energy and money for the pursuit of mathematical knowledge. A medical doctor told his brother, while he was on death bed, that KL has written a paper giving mathematical application in medicine just a few weeks ago.

We all miss his absence and pray to God to give his soul an eternal peace.

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