



Rattan Chuck LAL

September 13, 1940 - June 13, 2018

Chuck Rattan Lal passed away at his home in Greenville, CA on June 13, 2018. He was seventy-seven years old.

Born in the Fiji Islands on September 13, 1940 Chuck grew up with parents Achar and Parvati Singh in Suva, the capital of Fiji, and nearby Samabula. Before coming to the US, he was a British Citizen, as Fiji was a British Crown Colony at the time of his birth and until 1970. Some of his favorite memories include seeing Queen Elizabeth twice when she toured the Crown Colonies, once in Suva, Fiji, and once while he was working in New Zealand. He waved at the Queen and she waved back. As a young man, he worked at a ranch in New Zealand for three summers. Chuck was a farmer and also worked in construction. He received his visa and arrived in the United States in 1963, arriving on a P and O Orient Line ship, the Oriana. He began working in the US pruning and picking fruit trees. He then worked in the golf course construction industry and finally golf course maintenance. It was during this time that he met and married his wife Brenda. They raised three boys and made sure their children received a higher education. Leading by example, they taught their children values such as hard work, honesty, respect, integrity, loyalty and filial piety. He worked at Lake Almanor West County Club for twenty-six years, many of those spent as an Assistant Golf Course Superintendent.

Chuck was a loving husband and father that spent a lot of time with his boys as they were growing up. They worked side by side and together they built their home beginning in 1985. He taught them many valuable life skills and passed on a strong work ethic. His father-in-law often said that Chuck was the hardest working man he'd ever met. He was driven to work from sunup to sundown and do the best job possible in everything he did. One of his famous sayings was "Don't do a bum job!"

Chuck proudly received his U.S. Citizenship in 1970 and would often recite the questions and answers from his citizenship exam. He was an avid fisherman, deer hunter, woodworker and San Francisco 49er fan. He was very good at telling stories and saw the humor in most situations. Chuck spoke several languages and could read and write in

Sanskrit. He was good with kids and loved babies.

Chuck is survived by: his wife of fifty-two years, Brenda; son Jason and daughter-in-law Nicole Lal and their three sons Henry, Jameson and Miles; son Danny and daughter-in-law Erin Lal, and grandchildren Nicholas Lal, Zavannah Lal and Cayden Taddei; son James Lal; sister Kachi Didi Bir; sister Bhagwati Muni Sen; brother Latchman Frank Rai; sister Shanti Prasad; brother Paggu Patrick Singh; sister Lashkar Kaur Bibi Gosal; brother Sam Singh; longtime friends Richard Hamilton, Rich Wells and Dave Singh; and many cousins, nieces and nephews.

Chuck was cremated and his ashes will be interred August 4, 2018 at 11 am at the Greenville Cemetery. He is, and will always be, greatly missed.

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Cemetery

Greenville District Cemetery

100 Hideaway Lane

Greenville, CA,

Comments



“ Dad,

You were the best father. You set a good example and always made us do things right so we could grow up to be responsible adults. Because of you, Army basic training was easy, my Black Belt tests were easy, college was easy, getting my contractor's license was easy. You taught me the value of hard work, to show self-respect, to live an honorable life, to be truthful, to quietly help those in need, to not judge others, to take the high road, and to try not to be bothered by things you can't control.

You showed me how to be a good father, a good husband and a good member of my community. I am thankful to have had you in my life for as long as I did, and although I will always miss you I am glad you're not in pain and suffering any more.

I am proud to be your son, and will always strive to make you proud as you look down on me from Heaven. I'm proud to be a Lal, and will always endeavor to keep our name honorable, as you did.

I will look out for everyone in your place. Thanks for everything Dad. I love and miss you.

Love always,

Jason

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