

Moksha Deepam for Sri Durvasula Sastry garu

Held in Badrinath Hall on October 7th @11:00 AM

in Shiva Vishu Temple, Livermore.

Few words from fellow friends and members

From HCCC

We are shocked to hear the passing away of Sri Durvasula Sastry Garu. Please accept our humble condolences. He was a man of conviction and principles worked tirelessly in building this institution

He was certainly a pioneer Indian in the Bay Area when there was no Indian Restaurants, Cultural programs or Hindu Place of worship. He planted seeds to the organizations such as BATA, SIFA and HCCC and today after more than three decades they all have grown in to vast organizations that provide a platform for younger generations to congregate and share their values, culture and heritage.

Looking back it will be difficult to think how members speaking different languages, from different professional fields and living far from one other and meeting for the first time can unite to build the unique Shiva Vishnu Temple in Livermore. Shastry garu was one of the key person who placed the Institution and organization above his family to fulfill the dream.

Many a times, he was remembered by most of our senior members for a man of words he was and man who never hesitated to speak his mind. He is well known for vigorously defending his position on any policy or task. He was on the Board of Directors of HCCC from the start and the second Chairman of the Temple.

After your family relocated to Alabama, the successive HCCC managements were void of his counsel. They could perform well only because of the sound principles that Sastry garu formulated with others in the establishment of HCCC. We all recognize how Sastry garu's efforts were crucial in the formulation of an Executive Committee and the Board of Directors that went without any complications. This is a big success story of our organization that we owe a debt of gratitude to the departed noble soul.

Lakshmi garu, you were in the executive committee in the past apart from providing a staunch support to Shastry garu on temple matters; your family will always be a part of our temple-family. Please visit the temple with Dinesh and Manoj with their families and friends whenever you visit Bay Area.

We all pray to the deities of the Shiva-Vishnu temple to bless you and the family with courage to endure this loss.

With Warm Regards,
Leela Prasad Koneru

Chairman, HCCC
(On behalf the Priests, Staff, EC, BoD and the Steering Committee)

From HK

EULOGY
Durvasula Sastry

You always heard me and I am sure you will do it again. Sastry, I don't know how to address you, as - Sri Sastry, Sastry Ji, Sastry Garu, Sastry Avare, or Sastry Avargal, you deserve all these attributes and many more.

I am neither a good writer nor a good speaker but I am ignoring these inadequacies in me just to say a few words from my heart. You always spoke your mind without any vengeance or any dubious agenda. You were a damn good fighter for any good cause such as the establishment of our Shiva-Vishnu Temple, Livermore. We owe a debt of gratitude to you. Some of us even humorously yet affectionately called you "Electric Sastry" as you were always full of charge. Your dedication to the cause, leadership, honesty and an attitude of fairness to everybody were a just few hallmarks that defined you.

I feel honored and privileged to be associated with you and to have been able to call you my friend and brother.

As a Hindu believing in the law of Karma, Ishvara has called you back as He might have better plans for you. Nevertheless, losing a person like you from our midst is very painful and hope Ishvara will give us, your loved ones the courage to endure your physical absence. However, the legacy you have left behind is permanent. You will be laid to rest to be with Him.

I can't express my sorrow with words, all that I can say with a heavy heart is GOOD BYE SASTRY.

Narayan
(Your friend and brother)

From Suresh Upadhyayula

Dear Lakshmi garu, Dinesh and Manoj,

Usha and I are saddened and shocked to hear the sudden demise of Sri. Sastry garu. May His soul rest in peace. He has been a great role model in the community. We pray that the almighty

gives you and your family the strength to copeup with this loss. I still have fond memories of visiting your house in Pacifica in 1981 when I just moved to Bay area.

I am attaching a photo of Sastry garu taken in the temple early this year Jan 3rd 2017.

Om Namo Venkatesaya

Suresh Upadhyayula

G.S.Satya

Katyayani and I are very shocked and sad to learn about the passing of our dear family friend Durvasula Sastry. Our deepest condolences to Lakshmi, Dinesh and Manoj and all family members.

Having met Durvasula in 1974, we have life time memories of community involvement, cofounding of our temple, cofounding of FIA and cofounding of South India Fine Arts. All the organizations have been phenomenally successful and being a part of Durvasula legacy. Katyayani, Girish, Ajith and I are grateful for being friends of the Durvasula family. It so happens our family is in New Jersey since yesterday for a family wedding at the Sharadamba temple in Stroudsburg. We pray for Durvasula and his family and we hear his voice, loud and clear as always.

On Shanti.

G.S.Satya

From Seshagiri and Mala

We pray for Sastry Garu's soul to rest in peace. He was a great community leader, who respected all members of the community. We are profoundly grateful to the divine will that blessed the founders of HCCC with the foresight and drive to create a beautiful, authentic temple that will be enjoyed for generations.

Seshagiri and Mala

From Venky and Shyamala

Dear All,

We have lost a true and dear friend. Words cannot convey how Shymala and I feel. We had a close bond and meeting of our minds.

Durvasula's contribution to this community is immeasurable. I spoke to Lakshmi Sastry this morning and offered our condolences and help.

May his soul rest in peace.

Venky and Shyamala

From Srinivasacharyulu

Dear All, It is shocking news for all of us. I cannot express the sadness in words. Really he is mentor for the community. My condolences to Lakshmi Garu, Manoj and Dinesh. Lords of our temple will him in the highest spiritual Manors. The family will get strength to bear this critical situation.

Srinivasacharyulu, and family; Sai and family.

From Neelamraju & Family

Hello temple devotees,

Our sincere condolences to Devarsula family members. I know that he is was one of the founding members of our great temple. He participated very enthusiastically and spends a lot of his time, money and energy towards our temple. Great soul.

May GOD provide enough strength to his family and friends to pass this difficult time.

With regards,

From Srinivas Pyda

It is indeed very sad to know the demise of Sri Durvaasula Sastry garu. Had opportunity to meet and speak with him a few times when he was visiting the Temple. We always took his example of how one could be totally friendly outside, but still can have a differing opinion inside the board room.

Our condolences to the family and may his soul Rest In Peace.

From Bulusu & Family

Very sad news to all of us. My condolences Laxmi and family. He is always remembered as caring and loving person who helped community immensely and never hesitated to speak his mind. A true friend who will be missed.

From Dr. Peraiah & Annapurna Sudanagunta

" We pray for Sastry Garu's soul to rest in peace in Heaven and condolences to Family. We have associated with his family from the days 1972 all Indians start meeting in a church at Sloat Blvd. in San Francisco. That was the time seeds were planted for BATA, SVT and Others.**He has taken the Leadership** and we all has to be grateful to his relentless work and dedication for the cause. He always has spoken his mind regardless but from his heart with conviction. We all shall be very grateful to the divine will " that blessed the founders of HCCC with the foresight and **specially Sastry garu Leadership**" to create a beautiful, authentic temple that will serve the Indian Community for Ever.