



Anupam Dasgupta

November 1, 1946 - June 26, 2022

Anupam (Partha) DasGupta, beloved husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle, friend, and colleague residing in Freehold, NJ, passed away on Sunday, June 26. He was 75.

Anupam was born in Shillong, India. His ancestral home was in Sylhet, Bangladesh. He moved to the United States in 1971 as a doctoral student in physics at Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge. His professional life took him to the University of Virginia in Charlottesville, the Computer Sciences Corporation in Silver Spring, MD, and culminated at AT&T in Monmouth County, NJ, where he worked for close to 30 years before retiring in 2015 as a respected and much-admired systems analyst.

Anupam had the unique gift of making each person in his life feel special and deeply loved. His group of friends, relatives, and colleagues spanned the globe. He kept in touch with each person and inquired after them, never missing a birthday or special occasion. He was the repository of the goings-on in everyone's life. He touched each person who came into his life in ways unique to each one. In his death, each has lost someone who would always be with them in happiness and in sorrow, be there for them in ways deeply genuine and heartfelt.

In retirement he continued blossoming in so many ways. He was learning 18 languages casually, four earnestly, on Duolingo, the language learning app. He was in the Diamond League, maintaining a continuous streak of 1,298 days. The language of his soul was Sylheti – of which he was a proud and

enthusiastic speaker. He was a sincere student of piano – never missing a day of practice. He read The New York Times with his morning coffee, spending hours until every significant piece of news had been attended to. Everyone who saw him commented that he looked 55 and not 75. He walked five miles a day as he listened to books, totally immersing himself in them. He was in excellent health, his sudden and totally unexpected death coming as an incredible shock to everyone who knew him.

He was married for fifty years to Kasturi (Rumu) DasGupta, professor of sociology at Georgian Court University. He is survived by his wife, son Joyee, daughters Rupa and Ria, son-in-law Michael, and his beloved grandson Sagan. He leaves behind his brother Debasish, his sister Subhra, sister-in-law Ujjaini, brother-in-law Shyamal, nieces Madhumanti and Sriyanti, nephews Jeet and Joy, and niece-in-law Pratyusha. He is predeceased by his mother Dipali, father Anil Bhusan, and adopted son Christian Selway.

A memorial service will be held on Friday, July 1, at Monmouth Memorial Park from 11-1pm. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to the causes that meant most to Anupam via the ACLU, Doctors Without Borders, Planned Parenthood, and World Kitchen. For online condolences, directions and to share fond memories please visit www.bongarzonefuneralhome.com.

Anupam DasGupta Memorial Service

Friday, July 1

11am-1pm EST

Please click the link below to join the webinar:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81976539758?pwd=2TYSARqJhhTRJFbRr_6aHD-6rvFshX.1

Meeting ID: 81976539758

Passcode: 879103

The family asks that everyone please wear comfortable clothes as the weather will be very hot tomorrow and the memorial service location is small and not air conditioned.

Cemetery Details

Private

Previous Events

Memorial Gathering

JUL 1. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Monmouth Memorial Park
4201 Hwy 33
Tinton Falls, NJ

Tribute Wall

“ In memory of Anupam Jathu.... We have lost an incredible good person... What ever I will say it's not sufficient for him..I'll not be able to describe such a noble, kind hearted, loving, caring person in few of my words...

Our contact started in 2009 when I passed my H. S exam. He appeared in my life like an angel when I was in great need of him to continue my study..... He helped me in so many ways.... Today what I have achieved, it's because of him... Unless he supported me, its never be possible.....

We met for the first time in 2011 in Bardhaman, when I was doing my M. A. .. He captured some pics of me through his own camera and later send me by post...

I went back to purulia in 2012 and took admission in G. N. M. At that time he was very happy for me....Kokhn j ami unar meye hoye gechhi bujhte parini.... After completing my training ,I joined in my service as Staff Nurse- he felt proud for me...

I can't believe how a person can love so much, care for each and every one..

In 2018we met for the second time.. Anupam jathu gave me a book , I also gave a book to him.

In 2019 we met again when I came kolkata for my sister's interview.. Anupam jathu took me to his home, and I met with his sister and brother, they are so loving and caring... Whenever he met, he gave me a lots of chocolate..

In 2020we met again at Nandan.. At that time I was at SSKM for some training purpose... Then for the first time he did video call with Habibul (my would be husband, that time) later they used to talk with each other....

In 2020 I got married, he made me video call, that moment was so special for me, I kept the picture of that beautiful moment in my album.

In 2021he came to Kolkata but we did not met due to covid situation. He told me that he will meet on next December, who knows that this December will never come.....

Ekhone amr biswas hoina uni nei.. Sab smy unar hasi mukhti mone pore.uni a6en and thakbn unar kajer madhya diye. Bgagaban/ Allah

r ek aparup sristi 6ilen tini... Vabte abak lage, ki kore ekjon manus eto valo hoi.

Allah r ka6e dua kori apni jelhanei thakbn valo thakbn r amader asirbad krben amra jno apner path anusaran korte pari



Nasma khatun - July 22, 2022 at 01:56 PM

SP

“ 4 files added to the tribute wall



sheela purkayastha - July 10, 2022 at 08:15 AM

DP

“ In memory of my late friend Dr Anupam Dasgupta: Dr Sheela Purkayastha, London,UK.

I first met Anupam in 1971, soon after getting married to his best friend Dr Sudipta Purkayastha. We were at the AIIMS, New Delhi doing our postgraduate studies and Anupam came to visit us on his way to the USA for his higher studies. Soon we became friends and I found him a lovely person, warm and kind hearted young man. Our friendship continued for over 50 Years though we were in two different continents. Kasturi (Rumu) his amazing wife became my close friend too. Gradually our children Sanjay and Hiya met his children Joyee, Rupa and Ria.

We met quite often in India, US & UK. Sudipta and I went to their house in 2018 and they came to us in 2019. We met him in January 2020 while in India. We had a plan to come to visit them September 22 and chatted about it . We often spoke over the phone in different topics most of them were interesting and sometimes just for a laugh. He had a good knowledge about everything one can ask for which sometimes surprised me. However, he often asked me for medical advice to help his family and friend specially in India.

He encouraged me to learn spanish via Duolingo and I knew he was learning many other languages as well.

He loved my bengali cooking especially 'Shorshe Maacher Jhal' so I made sure that it is in my menu when he visited us.

I cannot believe we will never meet againwe will miss him hugely in our lives specially my husband Sudipta who is his childhood friend.

I send my sincere condolences and deepest sympathy to Rumu, Joyee, Rupa and Ria. I love you all very much.

Sudipta and I will keep in touch with the family and keep Anupam in our memories always.

May His soul rest in Peace.

Dr Sheela Purkayastha - July 10, 2022 at 08:00 AM

SP

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Sudipta Purkayastha - July 08, 2022 at 01:11 PM

RB

“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



Rajat Basu - July 05, 2022 at 03:17 PM

“ *In memory of our dear friend Late Dr. Anupam Dasgupta – Rajat Basu on behalf of his Rajabazar Science College friends*

We are all extremely shocked to hear the news of the sudden departure of our dear friend Dr. Anupam Dasgupta from this mortal world on June 26. It is hard to fathom that we shall not see the smiling friendly face of Anupam in our monthly video chat that we started among our college buddies around the globe since the pandemic which he he joined religiously each and every month. All of us will be missing his dry humor and all the discussions that we had month after month both in the chat and also with him individually. We would like to give our heartfelt sympathy to Kasturi and to Joyee, Rupa and Ria. A void that will be hard to fill.

Going back to our college days, Anupam came from Shillong to join our Pure Physics MSc Class in 1965 in Rajabazar Science College, Calcutta. That's when we all first came to know him. Despite being from out of state he became our good friend very quickly with his humility, amicable behavior and friendliness. We all studied together during our MSc class. After MSc many of us lost touch with him since he went to Delhi to start his research career, however, we all reconnected as we slowly filtered into USA for higher studies. He got married to Kasturi and came to Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge and started their life in Baton Rouge where Anupam started his PhD in Physics. And many of you probably know their life story from then on.

He was a man of many talents, one of his talents that many of you probably do not know is he was a good cricketer and I remember playing cricket with him in Calcutta in our past vs present students cricket match. By far his biggest quality was his cool composure, his deep knowledge on many subjects and above all his helpfulness to all. He has always been an excellent communicator and great in keeping touch with his old friends and a great family man too. He took great interest in our college buddies group chats and inducted many to the group. Whenever he was In Kolkata he used to meet the friends who were staying in and around Kolkata.

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and my wife Chandra, him and me knocked at their door in Baton Rouge and spent the Christmas with them. They showed us around Baton Rouge, New Orleans and also Lake Ponchartrain. Anupam and Kasturi were wonderful hosts and among other things treated us with various creole egg nogs.

On a personal level we have a great family friendship with them and to me it feels like we have lost one of our own family members. The last I saw him in person was in Calcutta in Feb 2020 just prior to the pandemic when we were both there. We were there for only 4 days. He made sure to come and visit us during that short interval.

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Rajat Basu - July 05, 2022 at 02:37 PM

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Rajat Basu - July 05, 2022 at 02:36 PM

NB

“ *Speech for Anupamda’s Memorial from Salil & Nina Banerjee*
Salil:

We have known Anupam for the last 41 years. I first met him when I joined CSC and was placed at NASA’s Goddard Space Flight Center. I actually shared an office with Anupam there for some time and we became good buddies. After that, Nina and I met Kasturi and baby Joyee and since then our two families became very close friends. Soon we moved to NJ, and fortunately for us their family also moved to NJ after a few years and our friendship grew. We found Anupam to be a man of vast knowledge and many talents, a jovial and a happy man, always with a smile; a friend we could always count on for any help or support.

Nina:

Our dear Anupamda gave a new meaning to the phrase “lifelong learning”. Even to this date, Anupamda was taking piano lessons and was learning several languages at the same time.

Salil:

Even in our small bridge club, Anupam became an expert player in just a few months.

Anupam was a deeply religious person and had high respect for the ancient Indian traditions, cultures and scriptures like the Upanishads which came down to us from the Indian sages who lived more than 3000 years ago. So let me quote this from one of the Upanishads which seemed very appropriate to me..

The wise man beholds all beings in the self and the self in all beings. For that reason, he loves everyone.

I think that is our Anupam.

Nina:

I just have few last words to say about our dear Anupamda. He was a genuinely warm-hearted & caring older brother to both of us and I think many of us. He was a generous soul. We could always count on him to drop everything to help anyone in need, whether it was a close friend or someone he just met.

Though we are sad to have lost our brother, we are happy to have been blessed with so many years of knowing Anupamda. He will continue to live in our fondest memories! May God bless his beautiful family!

Rest in peace, dear brother!

Nina & Salil Banerjee - July 05, 2022 at 12:47 PM

BH

“ *Bongarzone Funeral Home lit a candle in memory of Anupam Dasgupta*



Bongarzone Funeral Home - July 04, 2022 at 11:43 PM

CC

“ *My heart is so saddened by this loss. Anupam brightened the lives of all that knew him through his kindness, his smile and his warmth. He made everyone feel comfortable; a truly genuine person. Working with him at AT&T was an honor. Behind his humble demeanor was a sharp mind. I am thankful for his friendship and will always smile when I think of him. My deepest condolences to Rumu, the children and all the family.*

Christine Coari

Christine Coari - July 03, 2022 at 07:28 AM

KD

Dear Chris, I hope you will see this - please do come over to the house one day soon. Anupam was looking forward to our next get together - I don't have your phone number. I am in denial - it's simply unbearable.
Rumu

Kasturi DasGupta - July 03, 2022 at 07:47 AM

TC

“ *Rumu, So sorry for your loss.*

Thomas Cannavo - July 01, 2022 at 12:13 PM

KB

“ *Anupam-da was the living embodiment of loving kindness. One of truly remarkable aspect of his personality (amongst the myriad of his remarkable qualities, attributes and talents) was he made you feel his equal and never for once would you know (unless you came to know him closely) behind those kind, non-judgemental eyes was a mind as sharp as tack. He would give it away though with his inimitable sense of humor and ready wit. It pains me beyond words to come to grips with this profound sadness and grief. May we honor him and his role-model of a family by trying to live by his values, kindness and the example he set for all of us. You will be missed. Very much.*

Kunal Bose - July 01, 2022 at 08:48 AM

CM

“ *Dr. Dasgupta, Ria, And Family....Many prayers and condolences to the family.*

*Chris Maloney
(GCU Campus Safety Dept)*

Christopher Maloney - July 01, 2022 at 08:24 AM

HS

“ *What sad news to hear of Anupam's passing. Thinking of him brings a smile to my face and warmth in my heart.*

Hank Steinberg

Hank Steinberg - June 30, 2022 at 08:32 PM

ZA

“ *In the summer of 2000 or 2001, I spent a wonderful summer month with Ba. I will never forget his smile when I tried to be like him during one of our dinners and eat the same peppers he was popping in his mouth with his bare hands. I felt the warmth of his soul that day and everyday I was fortunate enough to share with him.*

Zachie - June 30, 2022 at 07:37 PM

RI

Thank you for your sweet remembrance. He loved you very much.

Ria - August 03, 2022 at 03:54 PM

SK

“ *Dr.Daspupta, Rumu, Ria and the rest of your family ... it is with great sadness that I have read about the passing of your husband, father, and all that he was to your family. His incredible legacy will live on through all of you and anyone who was lucky enough to know him. You have my deepest sympathy.*

Stan Koba - June 30, 2022 at 01:34 PM

RI

Thank you, Mr. Koba. It means so much to see your message here.

Ria - August 03, 2022 at 03:55 PM

CC

“ It was a terrible, unbelievable piece of news I received on 27th June morning. Partho was known to me since childhood as a brilliant student and a very humble, somewhat shy and sweet tempered boy. Though my classmate, he was two years junior who appeared for his Matriculation very young. We became closer through my most favourite sister, Rumu and we maintained our mutual respect through our busy times. Of late our communication increased as we developed common interests and could afford more time. Could never dream of such an end. Shocking absolutely. Will miss you a lot Partho. Be happy and keep smiling wherever you are.

Champa Sen Choudhury - June 30, 2022 at 11:43 AM

PD

“ It is difficult to digest / register that he is no more having spoken to him about two weeks back. He always enquired about cousin's / family member's whenever he came to India (Kolkata) every year. His smiling face , caring ,gentle nature and joyful ness will be missed by all of us .
He will always remain in our heart's - Pradyut (Bablu - Mumbai)

Pradyut Datta - June 30, 2022 at 11:08 AM

CG

“ Grief when it comes, it is nothing like we expect it to be. We know that loss is a part of life, yet it’s never easy to lose someone, that to this suddenly. Anupam uncle has been a father figure to me, a testament to true friendship to my father. His visits were fondly looked forward to. He knew how to make people feel comfortable and loved. Enchanting the world not just through his lenses but his sensitive and sharp mind. We share fond memories of him, Rumu aunty during their visits in Calcutta. When my mother passed recently, he made time to check up on us and made sure to attend my wedding. Little things matter, and he knew how to make them so. I’m so very sorry for the loss, whom we know was a bright spot in our lives.

Our thoughts are with the DasGupta family.

Chaiti (Sumita) and Ganesh

Chaiti and Ganesh - June 30, 2022 at 09:43 AM

CK

“ They say friends are the family we choose. Loss of a friendship which spanned for more than 60 years is a cruel and cold companion. Warmth is found through fond memories. Reflecting on the time we spent growing up in Shillong, having families, careers, eventually retirement. Being in different continents never deterred Anupam from being in touch and being there for me and my family. A genuine person at heart with immense warmth for everyone. He will be missed terribly.

May he rest in peace.

Basu (Col S Kar)



Col Subrata Kar - June 30, 2022 at 09:38 AM

RK

“ My condolences to him family. I have known Anupam since he joined AT&T, he was my next room office mate at AT&T's Red Hill location. He was a very nice person and last time I talked (in a zoom session) with him was a little over a year back.

Sincerely,

Ram Khare

Ram Khare - June 30, 2022 at 08:47 AM

JD

“ Parthakaku was not just an uncle for me but a friend as well. A truly accomplished and a kind person that he was, his untimely demise is absolutely shocking and painful. This is an irreparable loss for all of us. Keeping the entire family in my thoughts and prayers. Will immensely miss you Kaku!

Jayashree & Devkamal Dutta - June 30, 2022 at 08:35 AM

SD

“ সত্যি।
Anupam had a special role in our life. Friendship is chosen and not automatic. The loss of best friend is difficult to bear.

Sukalyan Deb - June 30, 2022 at 03:19 AM

SD

“ I have lost my dearest childhood friend, was so shattered and shocked to hear that my best friend is no more.

Those special memories of our Shillong days, of our adda when he used to visit me in Guwahati in his India trips will always make me smile. I remember and treasure our mischievous and fun days in Jail Road Boys School.

He always meant so much to me, and will always do!

May Almighty always bless his beautiful soul!

Sukalyan Deb - June 30, 2022 at 03:18 AM

PS

“ What can I say about this man he was not only my dearest Uncle but also a friend he was my second father, my best friend with whom I could share everything. I love him to the moon and back can't accept this sudden death at all. I am devastated by the fact that he's no more I still feel he would call me and ask me Kemon Achish re ..



I lost a man whom I loved and respected the most in my life I cannot imagine my life without him

Jethu I miss u soo much pls come to us..... Love u sooo much

Priyanka Shihorwala - June 30, 2022 at 01:46 AM

VM

“ My deepest condolences to Rumu, Ría, Rupa, Sagan and Joyee. I pray you find strength in your heart during this time of sorrow. I love you and remember you always
Sincerely,
Virginia McGlone

Virginia McGlone - June 29, 2022 at 08:30 PM

PD

“ Lifting you in prayer and wishing you strength and comfort during this difficult time.
Paul DaPonte

Paul DaPonte - June 29, 2022 at 04:01 PM

JC

“ May God grant Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. 🙏

Joanna Connelly - June 29, 2022 at 07:27 AM

ST

Early on 27 July we were numbed by the shocking and unbearable news made more poignant as we had been trying to contact each other in the days immediately before his untimely demise.

Anupam was one of those rare self-effacing individuals who showed a genuine interest in people. He was devoted to his wider family who always looked forward to his visits with eager anticipation. We will sorely miss his caring and gentle nature, joyfulness and sense of humour. His premature departure from our midst will leave a deep void in our lives. It is hard to imagine life without him and our regular chats on the phone when we shared our interest in politics and the big issues of the day.

We will continue to cherish the many happy memories of our times with him.

Swapan, Tultul and Avik

Swapan and Tultul - July 01, 2022 at 08:24 AM

SP

Dearest Anupam

It's unthinkable & unfortunate for us that you left for heavenly abode after our friendship of 68 years, which started as a childhood rivalry (apparently you still had bad dreams), but grew into a huge tree of an eternal friendship with family ties & bonds. Innumerable memories to note be then be at Shillong, Kolkata, UK, USA. I'll cherish all the memories & keep them alive. In fact, we planned to renewing our friendship in August in NJ. You assured that you would be there to greet us. Destiny had other view.

I'll miss so many of our regular conversations esp about a quick medical advice for yourself, families & friends. You organised the WhatsApp group of our schoolmates which we'll keep it alive in honour of your memories. We are very blessed to have a such a wonderful friend with us.

*With lots of love, admiration,
Sudipta*

Sudipta Purkayastha - July 08, 2022 at 01:02 PM