



Dr. Surrinder K. Chopra, M.D.

August 30, 1934 - April 12, 2017

Bluefield, VA- Dr. Surrinder K. Chopra, M.D. age 82 prominent area plastic and reconstructive surgeon specializing in hand surgery of Bluefield, VA passed away on Wednesday, April 12, 2017 at University of Virginia Medical Center in Charlottesville, VA with his loving wife of 50 years and his son by his side. Born August 30, 1934 in India, he was a son of the late Shri Harbans Lal Chopra and Mrs. Indira Rani Chopra. He completed his early education in India and graduated from Amritsar Medical College.

He immigrated to England in 1960 where he became a Board Certified Plastic and Reconstructive & Orthopedic Surgeon. He was a certified fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh, Scotland.

Dr. and Dr. (Mrs.) Chopra settled in Bluefield, VA in 1973 where he was recruited by the Bluefield Sanitarium and later became a partner. After a few years of working in Bluefield, Dr. Chopra furthered his training at Tulane University in New Orleans, LA. He was Board Certified by the American Board of Plastic Surgery.

Dr. Chopra was a member of American Medical Association, the American Burn Association, Mercer County Medical Association, Virginia Medical Society, West Virginia Medical Society and Virginia Society of Plastic Surgeons. He served a term as chief of surgery at Bluefield Regional Medical Center and was a past president of the Mercer County Medical Association.

Dr. Chopra retired from his private practice in December 2005.

In addition to his career in medicine, Dr. Chopra was a successful real estate

developer in the area. His projects included developing Westwood Commons, College Square Shopping Center and College Crossing Shopping Center. He served on the Town of Bluefield Planning Commission for multiple terms.

Dr. Chopra had countless hobbies such as being an avid golfer, painter, photographer and collector of antiques. He was an active Member of Fincastle Country Club for over 30 years.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his daughter, Madhu Chopra, brothers Dr. Tilak Raj Chopra, Mr. V.N. Chopra and sister, Mrs. Kanta Chopra. He is survived by his wife, Dr. Kamlesh Chopra and son, Raj Chopra. The family will receive friends from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Monday, April 17, 2017 at Mercer Funeral Home where funeral services will be conducted on Tuesday, April 18, 2017 from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.

The Chopra family would like to thank the countless members of the community who welcomed them here and allowed this to become his home! He loved Bluefield and running into his patients, neighbors and friends, and being greeted with love and gratitude wherever he went.

A special thanks also to physicians, friends and family members who have been a part of our lives and helped us through this especially difficult time. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made in memory of Dr. Chopra to the Madhu Chopra Memorial Foundation, 2113 College Avenue, Suite 23, Bluefield, VA 24605.

Please keep him in your prayers.

Those wishing to share memories or condolence messages with the family may do so by visiting www.MercerFuneralHome.com Mercer Funeral Home & Crematory is serving the family of Dr. Surrinder K. Chopra, M.D.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 17. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Mercer Funeral Home & Crematory
1231 West Cumberland Road
Bluefield, WV 24701
(304) 327-6155
mercerc@mercercfuneralhome.com
<https://www.mercercfuneralhome.com/>

Funeral Service

APR 18. 12:00 PM (ET)

Mercer Funeral Home Chapel
1231 West Cumberland Road
Bluefield, WV 24701

Tribute Wall



“ *Mercer Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Dr. Surrinder K. Chopra, M.D.*



Mercer Funeral Home - April 17, 2017 at 04:23 PM



“ *Dr. Surrinder K. Chopra, M.D.*

October 05, 2023 at 06:08 PM

BM

“ Dear Kamlesh and Raj. I was at Lewis Gale Healthcare Rehab Facility last night, 01-19-2018, and spoke with Dr Raza, who is one of the attending physicians of my daughter, Kelly Rae Miller Neal. He told us of Dr Chopra's passing and we were both shocked. Jack had not told us this and we are heartbroken. We would have contacted you to let you know of our love and support for you and your extended family and friends. Dr Chopra and you, Madu and Raj were dear friends and we cherish the memories of the years we were neighbors. Madu's passing left a hole in our lives as it did yours. Now Dr Chopra joins her in the special memories we hold so dear. Watching our children grow up together, with our dog Tom, protecting and watching over all of the homes bonded us in a way that will remain forever. Always know you are the "special people " who are such an inspiration to how we are called to love and support one another on our journey through life. If we are ever back in Bluefield we will phone you and visit you both. May God bless you both and heal your hearts during this time of grieving and separation from those who were so dear to you and to us. Your abiding friends, Beverly, Kelly Rae, Michael and Marc Miller 01-20-2018

Beverly Kaye Little Miller - January 20, 2018 at 01:23 PM

BM

Please excuse the typo of Madhu's name.

Beverly Kaye Little Miller - January 20, 2018 at 01:31 PM

DC

“ I am sorry to hear of Dr. Chopra's passing. I have so much appreciation for him. In 1987, this scared 18 year old gave birth to a child with a cleft lip/palate and he visited me in my hospital room and told me everything was going to just fine. And it was. He had a wonderful manner about him and our family loved him. He and my Dad Steve shared many conversations. I will always think of him with fondness. May you find peace and comfort in the days ahead. I was truly blessed to have been touched by this fine mans life. Rest easy Dr. Chopra.

*Doris Poore Cox
Rev. Steve and Janice Poore*

Doris Cox - April 19, 2017 at 11:12 AM

AM

“ Very sorry to hear about Dr. Chopra's passing. I remember him fondly from living on Quail Drive and wish your family peace and comfort.

Amy - April 18, 2017 at 10:13 AM

RJ

“ REYNALDO J. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Dr. Surrinder K. Chopra, M.D..



REYNALDO J. - April 17, 2017 at 09:30 PM

PR

“ So sorry to hear about the passing of Dr. Chopra. He was a Bluefield icon and will always be remembered. Deep sympathies for his family. Parveen and Dr. Riaz

Parveen Riaz - April 17, 2017 at 10:45 AM

LC

“ Raj and Ms.Chopra, our hearts are saddened by the death of Dr. Chopra. We have temporarily lost his presence in this world and the shining glow of his smile and gentle spirit, but I know he lives in a new place. His contributions in our world were great. Not only was he one of the most accomplished physicians, he had the total package which included the caring, compassionate spirit. I feel very blessed and thankful that he chose to practice in this area and the real estate development contributions of the finest quality buildings have been a wonderful addition to this area. Please know that our hearts share your grief..

Lynn Payne & Chester - April 17, 2017 at 08:47 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Dr. Surrinder K. Chopra, M.D..



April 17, 2017 at 07:07 AM

MW

“ So sorry to hear about Dr. Chopra. He was the one of the finest burn surgeons I had the pleasure of meeting. My thoughts and prayers are with your family in this your time of sorrow.



Minnie Wright - April 17, 2017 at 05:08 AM

TL

“ Mrs Chopra and Raj,

So sorry to hear about Dr Chopra. Such a fine doctor. Thoughts and prayers to you both.

Terri Lightfoot - April 16, 2017 at 07:13 PM

JR

“ Words cannot express the sadness and sorrow both Toni and I feel on word that our very good friend Chop had passed away. From the many many rounds of golf, riding in a cart with him I got to know him well and what a good hearted, loving person he was. His continuous stories and jokes will always be with me. As an accomplished surgeon, where we first met him and really began to love and respect him , we realized what a family oriented person he was.

He will be sorely missed by both of us. We are very sorry that we will be out of town and will miss being with the family tomorrow. We love both of you very much. Jim and Toni Russell

Jim & Toni Russell - April 16, 2017 at 09:28 AM

DH

“ Can still hear you yelling, "oh no" from 3 fairways away. Will miss a good man with a big heart. Don Hartery.

Don Hartery - April 15, 2017 at 03:36 PM

SL

“ Dr. Chopra literally saved my left hand in 1996. In saving a stray cat, I was bitten badly and ended in the E.R. operating room one Monday night about midnight. Thank goodness Dr. Chopra could come and operate on my hand. After staying 5 days in the hospital, in returning to his office, I felt the sincere caring and concern of Dr. Chopra. I saw him a number of times at the bank where I worked and he remembered my hand and I showed him and thanked him every time. I send my deepest condolences to all his family.

*With Deepest Sympathy
Sally Lambert
Rocky Gap, Virginia*

Sally Lambert - April 15, 2017 at 02:07 PM

LB

“ My heart goes out to your family. I remember meeting Madhu in 4th grade and enjoyed knowing her through school.

Lisa Griffith Bradford - April 15, 2017 at 12:19 PM

TS

“ Dear Raj, We were so sorry to hear of the passing of your Father. We know how close you are with your family. Please know you will be in our thoughts and prayers. Peace be with you and your family,
Tim and Miranda Stutler

Tim and Miranda Stutler - April 15, 2017 at 11:54 AM

JL

“ RIP DR. Surrinder Chopra. Job well done!



John O. Lowe - April 15, 2017 at 09:03 AM

S&

“ Raj, We are so sorry about the death of your father. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your entire family.
Staff of Southern Gas & Oil

Staff of southern gas & oil - April 14, 2017 at 03:27 PM

BA

“ I have to work so will not be able to attend any part of the service. Dr Chopra was a wonderful doctor, a kind man and a good friend. It was my privilege to work with him for many years in the ER. His smile could light up a room and knowing him changed my life in many ways. I remember him fondly, always, and I will miss him greatly. Thank you all for sharing him with me.. Love to you and prayers for peace in your hearts

Becky Allen - April 14, 2017 at 03:08 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Dr. Surrinder K. Chopra, M.D..



April 14, 2017 at 11:31 AM

KH

“ So very sad to hear about Dr. Chopra, he was an excellent surgeon and an excellent co-worker. Always happy and pleasant to be around, he will be missed by so many. My prayers are with the family during this difficult time.

Karen Hoops-Simon - April 14, 2017 at 07:20 AM

MJ

“ So sorry to hear about the passing of Dr.Chopra, he was such a good and caring person..Our thoughts and prayers are with Mrs.Chopra and the rest of the family.

Mark and Donna Jones - April 14, 2017 at 04:05 AM

AB

“ I worked at Bluefield and had known Dr. Chopra for many years. He was a kind man and excellent surgeon. Condolences and prayers for the family. Ann Boyd

Ann Boyd - April 13, 2017 at 08:53 PM

KH

“ Prayers to you both. You were such good friends to mom and dad. They loved you all. He was a great man and will be missed by many. Love Kathy Hyder Hairston

Kathy Hyder Hairston - April 13, 2017 at 02:56 PM

SW

“ *My sympathies to the lovely family of Dr. Chopra. My mom taught his children, and came to admire him and his family very much. He was everything a doctor should be-skilled and compassionate. A fine person, and his passing is a great loss for his family and his community. My prayers are with his wife and son.*

Sarah Stacy Wall

Sarah Wall - April 13, 2017 at 10:48 AM

JM

Heartfelt condolences at the demise of Dr.Chopra ,a fellow AMDAANIAN

jasbir s makar,md - April 16, 2017 at 05:10 PM

SH

“ *Dr. Chopra did several surgeries on my daughter back in 93 and 94. Her hand/wrist went through a window on door. Severe injuries. 7 hour surgery for the first one. He was very good to her and to us and worked hard on helping her regain 85% usage back on her hand/wrist/fingers. And then a couple more surgeries later. She regained about 85% of it back but only because he worked hard to make it happen. He was a wonderful doctor. My daughter Amanda Brown Froy loved him....*

Sharon Wolfe

Sharon - April 13, 2017 at 10:44 AM

MA

“ *I am so sorry to hear of Dr Chopra's passing. I worked with him at Bluefield Sanitarium in the 1970's and alway knew him as an excellent physician! He was always a gentleman to everyone working with him! He was a wonderful person! I'm saddened!*

Martha Aldridge - April 13, 2017 at 08:33 AM

 Kenny Herndon

“ So very sorry to hear that Dr. Chopra passed away. He was such a very nice, intelligent, talented man, friend and customer that will be missed. This is so shocking. He appeared to be in good health when I last saw him, installing his new computer for him just a few months ago. Prayers to Raj and Mrs. Chopra.

Kenny Herndon - April 12, 2017 at 09:27 PM

DM

“ Saw him frequently rounding at St Lukes, always a gentleman, always the same. A great Dr and a personal friend. Prayers to the family. He did so much good in his life.

Donna S Marshall - April 12, 2017 at 08:29 PM

DL

“ Dr. Chopra was a kind and caring doctor. He helped me so much when my dad was in ICU. My thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends. Diane Leedy

Diane Leedy - April 12, 2017 at 07:55 PM

KN

“ Raj and Mrs Chopra I am so sorry to hear of Dr Chopra's passing. He was a kind and caring person. It was my privilege to know him, Mrs Chopra and Raj. He will be remembered for his skill as a surgeon and vast medical knowledge. God Bless you both. Praying for you both.

Karen Norris - April 12, 2017 at 06:53 PM

GH

“ A great hand surgeon. Bluefield has a big loss.

Ginger Hawkins - April 12, 2017 at 06:48 PM

BM

“ So sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with the family. He was an awesome surgeon. He saved my husband's thumb. He will be missed.



Billy and Sharon Mabe - April 12, 2017 at 06:32 PM

SH

“ I am so very sorry ...Dr. Chopra was known and loved by many...prayers to all the family.

Sandra Hancock - April 12, 2017 at 06:23 PM

TK

Raj we are so sorry for the loss of your dad you an your family are in our prayers we will miss him an your mom riding by the townhouse some days they always was smiling an waved at us he operated on our daddy years ago he was a very good surgeon an a kind heart he will be missed by so many people that he touched their lives in some way . Keeping you an you family in our prayers Raj Tam an sister Darlene

Tammy Kimberlin - April 14, 2017 at 04:38 AM

KB

I was fortunate to meet Dr. Chopra and family on a Bluefield visit in the 1980s with Madhu. May they both RIP, reunited together again for eternity.

Kevin Brown - October 22, 2019 at 11:31 AM