



Dr. Niranjani “Niru” Natwerlal Jani, M.D. really shouldn’t need an obituary or any introduction. He lived and continues to live in the hearts and memories of his family, friends, colleagues, students, and patients for generations to come.

He was born in Tanzania to Dr. Natwerlal and Mrs. Chandrika Jani. Growing up as the son of the Tanzanian President Nyerere’s Appointed Physician, Dr. Niranjani Jani could fondly recollect assisting his father with surgeries as a young man. He had over a dozen dogs, cats, and exotic animals. He was a man of strong and unwavering faith who proudly adhered to the priestly values of his heritage, abstaining from intoxicants and meat his entire life but always befriending and supporting anyone, regardless of their values, faith, or practices.

As an adolescent, he relocated to England, UK. He attended a school in Sudbury, Suffolk; a rural county much like the Eastern Shore where he eventually dedicated his life to serving underserved communities.

He attended Indiana University and eventually attended medical school in Mexico. He then married the love of his life, Dr. Sushma Jani, in Mumbai, India. They moved to Indiana and attended Indiana University School of Medicine’s Psychiatry Residency Program.

He was eventually accepted to Georgetown University School of Medicine’s Consultation Liaison Psychiatry fellowship. Dr. Sushma Jani went to Johns Hopkins University and became a Child and Adolescent Psychiatrist.

They gave birth to Dr. Sun Janii, a Child and Adolescent Psychiatrist who trained at Harvard Medical School’s Massachusetts General Hospital/McLean Hospital program. Dr. Jani became a neurology resident at Georgetown who then specialized in Sleep Medicine. While he was a neurology resident, his son Dr. Raja Jani, now a neurosurgeon, was born. His youngest daughter, Roma, now a civil engineer, was born while Dr. Sushma Jani was a pediatrics resident.

Dr. Niranjani Jani’s children are the light of his life not only because he was proud of them and their accomplishments, but they were proud of him as their father, mentor, teacher, and their whole world. As he worked with colleagues, students, and staff at Maple Shade Youth and Family Services, Community Behavioral Health, and George Washington University, his interactions helped us all become better versions of ourselves. As the Chief Administrator, he overlooks a hundred employees in two successful organizations, their gardens, buildings, furniture, and had a true love of creating patient care spaces that allowed for treatment in dignity. He was especially proud for the opportunity to work in a unique family practice setting with his wife and daughter, Dr. Sushma and Dr. Suni Jani, as they had wonderful experiences sharing and caring for many patients together.

He passed away on January 15, 2021 in a peaceful setting surrounded by his loving family. Until the very end, he continued to care for the wellbeing of his patients, staff, and family. His legacy is eternal and his life continues in the memories, prayers, well wishes, and love of those who knew him.

In his memory, Dr. Jani requests donations to Global Health Linkages, Inc. (globalhealthlinkages.org), a 501(c) 3 non-profit organization that creates technological and financial solutions to overcome healthcare access issues:
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