

Tribute



Dr. C. Cecilia Isaac
(1927 – 2010)

*“Full many a gem of the purest ray serene
Full many a flower is born to blush unseen”*
- Elegy

Dr. C Cecilia Isaac, Professor of Anatomy, entered into eternity at the age of eighty three on 19-3-2010 after a brief illness. She had a fruitful life as a great teacher of Anatomy in various Government Medical Colleges of Tamil Nadu and after her superannuation in different private Medical Colleges in Chennai till her eighty first year of life.

Dr. Cecilia hailed from Rangoon, Burma, where her father was working in a Government Hospital. She literally walked into India close to Calcutta through the jungles of Burma along with her mother, four brothers and four sisters in the year 1942 during the World War II. The then Indian Government and its Congress leaders helped them to settle down at Madras.

After obtained the MBBS degree from the Stanley Medical College, Madras, Dr. Cecilia passed the M.S. Anatomy examination with a first class in 1965. She was wedded to her profession and her lifestyle was passion for teaching and compassion for the students. She had the distinction of three D’s in her work – Discipline, Dedication and Determination to face challenges. The Anatomy museums of Madras, Thanjavur and Chengalpet Medical colleges vouchsafe for Cecilia’s’ handiwork.

Even after retirement from the Tamil Nadu Government service, she continued to serve as a professor of Anatomy at Sri Ramachandra Medical College and later at the Meenakshi Dental College, at Chennai. In recognition of her contribution to the college and the students, the Vice Chancellor of Meenakshi University honoured her by naming the Anatomy Block at Meenakshi Dental College as Dr. Cecilia Isaac Bock

Her students, who are spread all over India and abroad, fondly remember their revered teacher Dr. C.I.

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