

In Memoriam



Dr. S. Minakshisundaram, BSc, MBBS, MSc
(27-4-1927 – 12-6-2010)

Dr. S. Minakshisundaram was born on 27-4-1927 in a small town, Tindivanam in Tamil Nadu. After graduating from Annamalai University with a BSc degree in 1947, he joined Madras Medical College, Madras, and obtained the MBBS degree in 1955. He worked for a short period in the primary health center in Athur, Salem. His interest in teaching goaded him to join the department of Anatomy, Madras Medical College where he pursued his postgraduate studies and got the MSc Degree in Anatomy in 1954.

As a teacher, he was very effective and his lectures were well appreciated by his students. During his illustrious career as an anatomy teacher, Dr. S. Minakshisundaram has served as Professor of anatomy at Thanjavur Medical College, Madurai Medical College, Kilpauk Medical College, Stanley Medical College and Madras Medical College. Later he became the Assistant Director of Medical Education (ADME), Tamil Nadu Medical Service prior to his retirement in 1985. Even after retirement, he took up assignments as professor of Anatomy in PSG Institute of Medical Sciences, Coimbatore and Vinayaka Mission Medical College, Salem and as principal in Siddharth Medical College, Tumkur, Karnataka.

He has received the prestigious Dr. MM. Cooper Award in 2005 and Bharat Chikatsac Award in 2009. As a person, he was simple, sincere and quick witted with a high sense of humour.

Dr. S. Minakshisundaram died all of a sudden on 12th June, 2010 due to a massive heart attack. He is survived by his wife Dr. Premila, a microbiologist, daughter Dr. Padmaja, an ophthalmologist in USA, son-in-law and a granddaughter. Our Prayers to the Almighty to give enough strength and courage, to the bereaved members of his family, to bear this irreparable loss with fortitude

May his soul rest on peace

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