



## Dr. Koppolu P. Sarma

May 31, 1946 - October 2, 2018

It is with heavy hearts that we mourn the passing of our beloved father, grandfather, doctor, and friend, Dr. Koppolu Sarma. Dr. Sarma passed suddenly on October 2, 2018 and his loss will be felt by all who were privileged to know him. His contributions to our community are unparalleled and will benefit generations to come.

Dr. Koppolu P. Sarma came to the U.S. after he trained in Hyderabad, India in 1972. They initially settled in New York but then moved to Chicago and finally settled in Northwest Indiana.

For the last 38 years, Dr. Sarma has been practicing Radiation Oncology in Northwest Indiana, a place that he now calls home. Dr. Sarma pioneered radiation oncology programs at both Saint Mary Medical Center and Porter Memorial hospital. Along with his many leadership positions in the medical community, Dr. Sarma has always made time for his friends and family.

Dr. Sarma, a founding member of the Indian Medical Association, eventually served as the organization's third President in 1983. Together with his wife, Shakuntala, and the close-knit NW Indiana Indian community, Dr. Sarma played a pivotal role in executing the construction of the Bharatiya Temple of Northwest Indiana, which opened its doors in 2010.

Dr. Sarma is survived by his wife, Shakuntala, and their three children Chandrika (Michael Farrell), Himagiri, and Havishakrishna (Anuja). He will also be missed by his dear grandchildren Kieran, Maya, and Laila.

There will be a visitation at Burns Funeral Home, 10101 Broadway, Crown

Point, IN on Friday, October 5th from 3 to 6 pm. In lieu of flowers or gifts, the family requests donations to the Indian American Cultural Center or NWIHRC. These donations can be made at the visitation.[www.burnsfuneral.com](http://www.burnsfuneral.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT 5. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Burns Funeral Home & Crematory - Crown Point

10101 Broadway

Crown Point, IN 46307

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dr. Koppolu P. Sarma.* ”



October 05, 2018 at 12:47 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Dr. Koppolu P. Sarma.* ”



October 05, 2018 at 12:45 PM



“ *Michael Dickerson purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Dr. Koppolu P. Sarma.* ”



**Michael Dickerson** - October 05, 2018 at 08:48 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Dr. Koppolu P. Sarma.* ”



October 04, 2018 at 11:55 PM



“ Dear Sarma Family. I am so sorry for your loss. Dr. Sarma was kind and caring to my family and me during my Mother's cancer. He always took time with her to make sure she understood what tests they would be doing.

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**Cathy Carson** - October 04, 2018 at 10:46 PM



“ Jennifer May Braun purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Dr. Koppolu P. Sarma.



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**Jennifer May Braun** - October 04, 2018 at 03:37 PM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Dr. Koppolu P. Sarma.

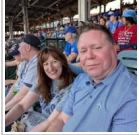


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October 04, 2018 at 01:12 PM



“ Dear Shakuntala, It has been a long time since seeing you,, but I am Praying God will hold you close today and your faith in Him will give you strength and peace at this time of your loss. Clarissa Fuller

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**Clarissa Fuller** - October 04, 2018 at 12:20 PM



“ He hired me 22 years ago fresh out of radiation therapy school. Throughout my entire career, he has been there treating me like a daughter and always encouraging me to write papers, teach, go on to be a physicist, open a locum business..... His aspirations have always been higher than mine. Having someone believing in you is a pretty awesome asset. He allowed me to train on the job under his physicist to become a dosimetrist. He was also the one that called the GI lab when I was so sick and got me set up with another GI Dr when mine couldn't see me. After he hired me, I learned that he gave my Dad his radiation therapy treatments. I found comfort in getting to know him because he did everything in his power for all his patients and I am sure he did the same for my Dad. Him and his family will always hold a very special place in my heart.  
Jennifer Braun

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**Jennifer May Braun** - October 04, 2018 at 11:10 AM



“ My condolences and prayers to the Sarma family, I had the pleasure of meeting Dr. Sarma nearly 20 years ago while assisting with clerical work for the IACC and IMA, he was always such a kind and friendly man, he welcomed me openly as did Mrs. Sarma into their home for IACC meetings. Dr. Sarma you will be missed.

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**Kristi Livingston** - October 03, 2018 at 05:19 PM