

PROFESSOR RUMY MISTRY

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LIFE CERTIFICATE



God sat in His abode in a state of despair. Holistic Education had suffered grievously. No one seemed willing or able to teach students to become great human beings. Grass-roots change was needed, and it had to begin with heaven itself. There was only one being who could do the job – Professor Rummy Mistry, but he wasn't budging from Mother Earth. A Herculean tug of war ensued. God pulling on the one hand and, Rummy and the Mistry clan resisting valiantly on the other. Indomitable, all of them, they made it almost impossible for the Force to recruit Rummy. After long months, God prevailed and our Rummy is now with Him.

God had endowed Rummy with a wealth of qualities, including long-standing loyalty to the University, great understanding, tolerance, a rare and wonderful generosity, a puckish sense of humor coupled with that inimitable and infectious grin. And the Maker had added on energy, a sharp intellect, enthusiasm, wisdom, fortitude and longevity...and thus He created the ideal husband, parent, grand-parent, relative, friend, neighbor, teacher, mentor and institution and nation builder...

God ingrained in Him an abiding love of the good things – sports, music, movies, company and food and coupled these with the spirited desire never to enjoy them alone. If Google had serious competition from a human, it was in the form of Rummy. His quizzes, 'Just a Minute', 'What's the Good Word' and debates forged generations of ready minds and made students 'less blind, less deaf and less dumb'. His philosophy as a teacher was crystal clear, 'I am here to teach you to think!'

The warp and weft of His life were built of complete integrity and unswerving dedication to His profession. He lived His words, walking His talk and talking His walk. He carried His many riches with unassuming grace. He built nurturing relationships across innumerable generations of students and teachers, always available and ever a source of sustenance and sagacity. The go to person for career counseling, His advice put thousands of children on the right track. He nurtured all those who came in contact with Him. His gentle and noble soul shone through and endeared him to everyone without exception.

The root of a great tree, this sapling grew across continents and sank strong roots in new lands. He nurtured His family to dizzying heights. Professor Veena Mistry, upon whom he doted, administered the University winning laurels. And Kaizad and Shahroukh and their families carry His legacy of excellence forward. Completely at His ease, whether in Baroda or California, He was a true global citizen.

You cannot ever be taken away from us, Rummy. For you have touched and blessed us. You will always live on in our Hearts and minds. We celebrate your wonderful life and incredible contributions. You are a shining role model and an example to all of us.

Issued under the authority vested in me by my eternal gratitude, respect and love...

Parimal Gandhi
Authorized Signatory, Student, Mentee and Neighbor