



Dr. K.S. Xavier

June 1, 1930 - March 24, 2011

ADRIAN – Dr. K. S. Xavier, 80, of Adrian, passed away Thursday, March 24, 2011, at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor.

He was born June 1, 1930 in Kerala, India, the oldest son of Sebastian and Sandhanamma (Joseph) Kochuparambil and on February 10, 1958, he married Anne Sebastian in India. Anne, his wife of 53 years, survives.

Dr. Xavier received his Bachelor's Degree from the University of Madras. In 1959, he immigrated to the United States and earned a Doctorate from Wayne State University in 1967. He was a biology and botany professor at Adrian College from 1967 to 1992, where he specialized in plant tissue culture. He lectured all over the world sharing his knowledge in plant studies. In addition to teaching, he owned and operated Xavier's Lenawee Floral from 1978 to 2000. He had a passion for orchids, and developed a new hybrid.

Dr. Xavier was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church, the Knights of Columbus, American Orchid Society and the Adrian Rotary Club.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by their children: Sally Sachdev of Dexter; Sunil (Katherine) Xavier of Washington, D.C.; and Sumbath "Sam" (Bindu) Xavier of Los Angeles; two brothers, Pascal (Amy) Bailon, Joseph (Rani) Sebastian; two sisters, Amminy Sebastian and Rajamma (Luke)

Fernandez; grandchildren, Monica and Vijay Sachdev, Maeve, Margaret and Kylie Xavier, Samuel and Briana Xavier. He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Cleetus.

Mass of the Resurrection for K.S. will be on Monday, March 28, 2011, at 10:00 a.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church with Father Bob Schramm and Father Dominic presiding. Visitation will be held at Wagley Funeral Home on Sunday, March 28 from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. with a Vigil Service at 7 p.m. Memorial contributions may be made to Adrian College, envelopes are available at Wagley Funeral Home. On line condolences may be made to the family at www.wagleyfuneralhome.com

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 27. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wagley Funeral Home and Cremation Service
1501 W. Maumee St.
Adrian, MI

Service

MAR 28. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Mary's Catholic Church
305 Division Street
Adrian, MI

Tribute Wall



“ *Dr. K.S. Xavier*

January 28, 2023 at 12:24 PM



“ *Dear Xavier Family, Please accept our condolences and may the soul of K.S rest in peace. The Almighty God in His goodness may give all of you the strength in this sorrowful time to bear your loss. Pascoela & family, Goa - India.##imported-begin##Pascoela Mascarenhas##imported-end##*

April 10, 2011 at 10:08 AM



“ *My sincere condolences to Dr. Xavier's family. Dr. Xavier has been and will always be remembered in my heart as the most special person that influenced my education. He was a wonderful person. Glenn Fausz DDS.....Class of 1971.##imported-begin##Glenn Fausz##imported-end##*

March 30, 2011 at 03:57 PM



“ *My Deepest condolences to the family of a wonderful, caring, generous man, Dr. Xavier. He will be greatly missed by family, friends, and many others who has had the pleasure of meeting Xavier Uncle. He has touched many lives, and will continue his legacy through his wonderful family. Our family's thoughts and prayers are with your family during this time.*

Sincerely,

Dipa Sharma##imported-begin##Dipa Sharma##imported-end##

March 29, 2011 at 11:13 AM



“ I was sad to hear I lost a good friend today. I really enjoyed our time we spent at the flower shop together. My deepest condolences to the family.##imported-begin##Mike Burciaga Jr.##imported-end##

March 28, 2011 at 10:08 PM



“ Dear Mrs. Xavier and family,

I had the privilege of caring for "Xavier", as we called him, at dialysis. I was the nurse who admitted him to the Adrian unit the past two times. What a gracious and kind man he was. Never complained and fought his battle with kidney failure with honor. You and your family were always so kind to us, the staff and took excellent care of Xavier. God Bless you all. Lori Haller, RN##imported-begin##Lori Haller##imported-end##

March 28, 2011 at 03:35 PM



“ You are in our prayers, May the Lord give you strength and comfort at this time . Our heart cries out to the family. But I am sure that Our Lord will say well done and welcome home. we will see him again those who believe.##imported-begin##Louis and Liz Lopes##imported-end##

March 28, 2011 at 08:21 AM



“ Dear Annie chechi & family,

It is really very sad to hear about Xavier achachan`s passing away. May his soul rest in peace and may God in His goodness give all of you the strength to bear your loss. Achachan was one person we met in USA who left an imprint on us by his gentleness, humour, knowledge, culinary skills, etc, etc. We used to frequently talk about him and Annie chechi and the deep bondage they had for one another.##imported-begin##Usha Seshadri##imported-end##

March 28, 2011 at 01:51 AM



“ I had Dr. Xavier for freshman biology at Adrian College in 1970-71. I have very fond memories.

I would love to share a funny story...On one particular exam we had to identify the diagrams of specific molecules. When I couldn't figure out one of them, I adjusted the diagram to make it into a "string of circus elephants." Dr. Xavier shared with the class what I had done, and I got a standing ovation. I also got credit for the answer!

Over the years, my parents, Ron and Helene Bleecker have continued a friendship with Dr. Xavier. And I remember even contacting him at his flower shop in order to send an orchid to my parent.

I am so sorry for your loss.

*Warmest regards,
Deb (Bleecker) Kaylor##imported-begin##Debbie (Bleecker)
Kaylor##imported-end##*

March 27, 2011 at 02:49 PM



“ Dear Anne and family,
Ron often spoke of K.S. and how much he enjoyed working with him
at the College. He was a true gentleman and friend. Please accept
our condolences. He will be missed.##imported-begin##Ron and
Helene Bleecker##imported-end##

March 27, 2011 at 01:59 PM



“ Achen and I are with you, Annie chechi and family in your time of
great loss. Though i have never met Xavier achachen, everyone who
knew him spoke of him as being a wonderful, kind and loving
person. May his S9oul rest in peace and may God be with each one
of us who greatly mourn his passing.##imported-
begin##BinaEapen##imported-end##

March 27, 2011 at 01:34 PM



“ Dear Annie and Family,

Carol and I are deeply saddened to hear that my teacher, mentor, advisor, and most of all, our friend has passed. Please accept our sincere condolence. K.S. touched the minds and hearts of so many. We will all miss him.

There have been few people who has positively impacted my life as much as K.S. As his lab assistant, I had the opportunity to spend many hours discussing not only biology topics, but even more important subjects like, work ethic, dedication, focus, commitment, respect, friendship, love for life, and love for family. K.S. loved nothing more then his family.

K.S. was more then a professor of science, he was a positive roll model and influence for hundreds of college students.

Annie, during the past 40 years, Carol and I have enjoyed our visits with both of you in Florida and Adrian.

We will pray for you and your family during these difficult times.##imported-begin##Al and Carol De Renzo##imported-end##

March 26, 2011 at 09:32 PM



“ May God comfort you in your loss. We remember Dr. Xavier with fondness.##imported-begin##Paul and Beverly (Betz) Bucar, Class of '78 Adrian College##imported-end##

March 26, 2011 at 06:01 PM



“ Annie, Sally, Sunil and Sampath.....can't forget Xavier, Annie and your dear family for welcoming me to the US and into your home when I first arrived in 1964 and your family have been our close friends ever since. Xavier was Edwin's 'Marshay' and mentor. R.I.P. dear Xavier.##imported-begin##Rosemarie Olivero##imported-end##

March 26, 2011 at 04:26 PM



“ Dear Anne and family; I'm so sorry about K.S. I will be praying for you in your loss. Please express my condolences to your children and family.

Yours in Christ,
Louretta Schell##imported-begin##Louretta Schell##imported-end##

March 26, 2011 at 02:42 PM



“ Achachen will be missed by all of us. We had so much fun with him and chechi and all our friends that he met. He left a lasting impression of kindness, love and a warm smile we will never forget.. We were impressed with his talents, admired his knowledge and his cooking skills. His love for plants and nature was evident with seeing all he did on his farm and greenhouse and his house in Florida. He will be truly missed. We pray God gives his family and Chechi the strength and faith due to the great loss. I take this opportunity to send condolences from our families in India and friends of ours who could not be at the funeral. To the kids: Sunil, Sam and Sally....Your dad was the best!!!

Love

The Eapens##imported-begin##Fina and Rajiv Eapen##imported-end##

March 26, 2011 at 02:10 PM



“ May the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen Xavierchettan was a,good, humble and friendly man.I was present for his wedding, also for the send off party in his parent's house in Ernakulam with Valiammachy before he left for U.S.I always appreciated his patience with people interested in plant physiology and Botany. May his soul rest in peace##imported-begin##Thomas Percy##imported-end##

March 26, 2011 at 11:36 AM



“ Dear Xavier Family,

We are so saddened to hear the news. And we all mourn with you.

Xavier and Annie were my elder cousins and we spent many memorable visits together over these many years. Xavier had a big heart full of affection and caring for all his family and friends.

God bless all of you in this time of loss. We will always treasure our memories of K.S.

Benoy & Sue Joseph###imported-begin##Benoy and Sue Joseph###imported-end##

March 26, 2011 at 11:29 AM



“ So sorry to hear about the passing of Dr. Xavier. I knew him when I was a student at Adrian College. He was a great professor and really cared about his students. He also was a big help to Laurie when she explored going to med school. When I look back on my days at AC, knowing Dr. Xavier was great memory. I cherish those days and his friendship. All the best to his family at this most difficult time.###imported-begin##Steve and Laurie Barkway###imported-end##

March 26, 2011 at 10:44 AM



“ So sorry to hear of K.S.'s passing. He was a kind and gentle person and a respected scholar. We will miss him.###imported-begin##Gordon & Judith Hammerle###imported-end##

March 26, 2011 at 09:39 AM



“ *Please accept my condolences on the death of K.S. We worked together at Adrian and I was often in the flower shop. He was a good man with a good family.*

Anne##imported-begin##Anne Johnson##imported-end##

March 25, 2011 at 09:37 PM