



Mokhlesur Rahman (Mukul): 01/01/1965 – 02/05/2020

Tribute to Mukul Bhai: A loving husband, caring father, responsible son, trustworthy friend, helping brother and a dedicated community worker.

Mukul bhai, my elder brother from another mother will always be remembered as a loving, always smiling and a helping big brother. Seven months have gone past, Mukul bhai left us all in a state of disbelief and emptiness. It is very hard to believe that he is no more with us. His presence was so prominent, that his sudden absence from all activities is hurting everyone every moment. For Lisa bhavi or Nile or little Ronel, or for his elderly mother it must have been an unforgettable journey and painful moments. To rest of his friends, senior and junior brothers, we still feel that he will come back soon from an overseas trip.

Mukul bhai was one-year senior to me at BUET. He graduated in 1987 from Civil Engineering Dept. But my close connection with Mukul bhai started from AIT, Bangkok, where we completed our post-graduate degree. From AIT, Mukul bhai moved to Australia in 1990 and joined Sydney Water. I came to Australia in 1992 and was looking for job. Mukul bhai helped many of us to get a job at Sydney Water. He was so helpful and easy to approach, that anyone can become a good fan of him within a very short time. I worked with him at Sydney Water for 18 long years. And I have many fond memories with him. Lisa bhavi also joined Sydney Water and later Mukul Bhai's elder sister also joined Sydney Water. So, Sydney Water became a family affair for him. He was our "Guru" in hydraulic modelling, if we have any problem, we used to go to him for help. And he without any hesitation solved our problem with smile at his face.

His expertise was also in daily home-improvement works. We used to get his valuable advice for any handy-man works for home. Just before he died, he took a massive job to remove carpet and replaced with wooden floors.

We dearly missed him in all party and gatherings. Because he was the most vocal and entertaining character which we all enjoyed.

He loves the kids very much. In every party/gathering, he would mingle with the kids and all the kids love their Mukul uncle very much. Surely, all the kids now missed him a lot.

He always participated in community works and helped many people by raising fund.



In every party/ occasion, Mukul bhai was the central of attraction

Outside professional life, we were very close in socially, culturally and recently in our regular religious activities (Halaqua). Mukul bhai was a very good cook and a food critic too. In every party, he used to make comment about the intricacy of the food items cooked in a very elaborate way. He was also a great lover of music, Bangla drama and Hindi movies.

After working for 18 years we both left Sydney Water at the same time in 2012 and joined Gosford Council and Wyong Council. And in 2016, our Councils merged together and became Central Coast Council. We became very close again professionally.

The day before he died (2 May 2020), I talked to him over the Skype during our work from home arrangement. It was unfortunate that lately he was under tremendous work-related stress from his supervisor. It was very unfair to him that Council did not appreciate his talent.

His sudden death was a big shock for all of us. And due to COVID19 restrictions many of his well-wishers, friends could not attend his janaza prayer and burial.

Finally, I quote a famous saying which Lisa bhavi recently shared at her FB page-

"It hurts to live after someone has died. It just does. It hurt to walk down a hallway or open the fridge. It hurts to put on a pair of socks, to brush your teeth. Food tastes like nothing. Colors go flat. Music hurts, and so do memories. You look at something you'd otherwise find beautiful - a purple sky at sunset or a playground full of kids - and it only somehow deepens the loss. Grief is so lonely this way."



Mum's little boy



Master Chef Mukul Bhai

Insha Allah, Mukul bhai will be rewarded from the almighty Allah for all his good deeds. Rest in peace Mukul Bhai. Insha Allah we will meet again one day.

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