



Rajendra Pennepalli MD

June 21, 1949 - February 15, 2019

Dr. Rajendra Pennepalli, 69, of Bourbonnais, passed away peacefully on Friday, February 15, 2019 at his home surrounded by family. He was born on June 21, 1949 in Naidupeta, India, the son of P.C.V. Subrahmanyam and Rukmini Devi Pennepalli. He married Sarayu Thotapalli on August 20, 1977 in Nellore, India.

Dr. Pennepalli practiced internal medicine in Chebanse, IL for more than 30 years. He loved helping others and was known and loved for his quiet, respectful and caring nature. In his spare time he enjoyed reading, music, and spending time with family near and far.

He is survived by his wife, Sarayu Pennepalli, of Bourbonnais; one son and daughter-in-law, Dheerendra Pennepalli (Maria Hernandez), of Chicago; one daughter and son-in-law, Smitha Tassone (Tim Tassone), of Saint Paul, MN; two grandchildren, Veda Tassone and Reva Tassone; and five siblings, Indira Devi, of India, Sarada P. Reddy, of Oakbrook, Giraja Karanam, of Houston, TX, Mohan Krishna Pennepalli, of India, and Usha Purini, of India.

He was preceded in death by his mother; his father; and one brother, Gopala Krishna Pennepalli.

Cremation rites have been accorded. A memorial visitation will be held from

10:00 am until 12:00 pm on Monday, February 18, 2019 at Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home in Bourbonnais.

Memorials may be made to HEAL Charities. HEAL is a US registered charity committed to providing shelter, support, education, and healthcare to children in India.

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

FEB 18. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Bourbonnais - Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes, Inc.
295 Main St., NW
Bourbonnais, IL 60914
(815) 932-1214
cgfuneral@gmail.com

Tribute Wall

NC

“ We have lost a very kind and compassionate human being from our community . May his soul rest in peace and May God give his family strength. Our condolences to the family.
Ritu and Naresh Chandan

naresh chandan - February 19, 2019 at 11:56 AM

AP

“ I appreciate his service as a doctor and his willingness to serve the community. The family is in my prayers.
Ardella Perry-Osler

Ardella Perry-Osler - February 19, 2019 at 08:46 AM



Thank you 🙏

Sarayu Pennepalli - March 22, 2019 at 12:21 PM

PP

“ Love and affection don't have to be expressed just by words and hugs. Some people can make you feel loved just by their physical presence in the room. One such person is my uncle, Raja babai (Raja Uncle).

When I was at school in Peoria, doing my MS, first time being away from home, feeling alone and homesick, Rajababai and Sarayakka made me feel at home. I used to come to them very frequently, just like college going kids coming home for every break (and sometimes, just for a weekend). I don't remember Rajababai asking me to come home for the weekend or for the break, but, I felt that I was always welcomed to his home (even though he doesn't utter a word, as usual). Such was his affection, filled in the air surrounded by him.

He had funny nick names for all the kids in the family, and, he always called us with those names, but, never with our actual names, until we became adults. If anyone else calls us with those nick names, it would make us mad. But, if Rajababai calls us with that name, it made us happy.

I am so fortunate to have him as my uncle. Losing him is like losing my father yet another time.

I am sure his soul will rest in peace, because, it knows no other way to rest.

Prasanth Pennepalli - February 18, 2019 at 04:17 PM



Yes. Love is an expression of soul. No need for words. Thank you so much Bapu.

Sarayu Pennepalli - March 22, 2019 at 12:29 PM

DA

“ Dr. Pennepalli was a kind and caring doctor who was always concerned about his patients as people not just patients. He was my doctor for many years and I will miss him very much. My sympathy to his family.

Deloris Abrassart - February 18, 2019 at 03:36 PM



Thank you 🙏

Sarayu Pennepalli - March 22, 2019 at 12:30 PM

LE

“ Dr. Pennepalli took care of my mother in her last days and was very concerned and kind. He then became my doctor and I appreciated his kind and caring manner. I was always at ease with him and trusted him to fix whatever was wrong. He remembered my past and I was a person to him, not just a patient. I miss him.

Linda Earls - February 18, 2019 at 03:32 PM



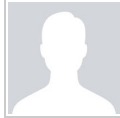
Thank you so much 🙏

Sarayu Pennepalli - March 22, 2019 at 12:31 PM

PM

“ I was so saddened to learn of the passing of my friend and colleague "Raj". I would be hard pressed to name a more gentle man in our local medical community. Anytime I received a phone call, it always started with "Chief, I have a patient..." His kindness towards his patients and to me will always be remembered with fondness ... I shed a tear today, as many do, but celebrate the life of a great Man. Paul Rowland MD

paul rowland md - February 18, 2019 at 02:53 PM



Thank you very much 🙏

Sarayu Pennepalli - March 22, 2019 at 12:32 PM

KB

“ I worked with Dr. for over 11 years until I retired. He loved all of his patients and could remember things from many years ago like there meds and allergies it was amazing. Every day I would here his patience praise him. I'm sorry that we are out of town and won't be able to attend his memorial. Sara, Drew and Smitha, he loved you very much! You have my sympathy, love, Karen Billingsley

Karen Billingsley - February 18, 2019 at 11:18 AM



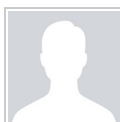
Thank you Karen 🙏

Sarayu Pennepalli - March 22, 2019 at 12:34 PM

BH

“ a great Doctor when to him for 30 years just a great man to talk with . have miss him may he rest in peace so sorry for your loss
Bill Hubert

Bill Hubert - February 18, 2019 at 09:29 AM



Yes. He is a listener. Thank you 🙏

Sarayu Pennepalli - March 22, 2019 at 12:35 PM

RO

“ I am heartbroken to find out my ole buddy Dr. Pennepalli has passed. He was always very kind, gentle, and caring. I remember him telling my Dad he had cancer and looked as if it was his own father. I will surely miss him and keep his family in my prayers.

randy oconnor - February 18, 2019 at 12:15 AM



Thank you so much 🙏

Sarayu Pennepalli - March 22, 2019 at 12:37 PM

CW

“ Dr. Pennepalli was a sweet, kind, and humble man. I had the privilege of taking care of him many times as his health declined. We had many great conversations. My oldest son Christopher Milone and his son were friends through school . Dr. never complained . And his beautiful wife was always by his side. My deepest sympathy to his family. He will truly be missed .

cheryl wheeler - February 17, 2019 at 06:40 PM



Thank you so much Cheryl. You're right never complains. I learned the meaning of the word PATIENCE 🙏

Sarayu Pennepalli - March 22, 2019 at 12:48 PM

PB

“ Dr. Pennepalli was a very caring physician and man. He will truly be missed and especially by the community of Chebanse.

Pat Billadeau - February 16, 2019 at 03:44 PM



Thank you 🙏

Sarayu Pennepalli - March 22, 2019 at 12:48 PM



“ With Sympathy Tazo Tea Basket was purchased for the family of Rajendra Pennepalli MD.



February 16, 2019 at 12:29 PM



“ Sry to hear of the loss of the doc. He was such a sweet guy and a good dr. He will be missed by all Lisa henrichs and nellie odom

Lisa henrichs - February 16, 2019 at 11:53 AM



“ I am deeply saddened to hear of doc's loss. He was such a humble, shy man. I would always try to joke with him and he never knew how to take me. Dawn met Mrs. Pennepalli once and told me she was beautiful. The next time I saw him I was joking with him asking how he managed to get a beautiful wife. He wasn't sure how to answer and turned red. Finally he said in his quiet voice, "well, ...well, you've got a beautiful wife too." What a great response - I thought I'd die laughing. I'll miss you, doc. You were a good man.

Alan Webber

Alan Webber - February 16, 2019 at 11:40 AM



“ Sorry for your loss. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Brenda and Les Hedger

Les Hedger - February 16, 2019 at 11:04 AM

PS

Dr Pennepalli was my Moms Irene Foreman, and mine ever since he took over Dr Siaroff's practice. He was a very sweet kind compassionate Man. I will miss him so much. Sorry for the family's loss! Prayers for comfort and healing. ❤️❤️🙏😞

Paulas Sims - February 16, 2019 at 11:37 AM

MC

“ What a beautiful human being. His kindness and genuine caring was almost angelic. He was the same the first day he came until we lost him. Even when his own health was being challenged he took time to ask about mine. The world has lost a gentle hero. My utmost respect and sympathy to his family from ours. We grieve with.

Michael Caraway - February 15, 2019 at 11:19 PM



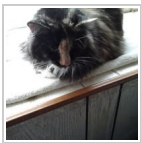
Thank you Micheal 🙏

Sarayu Pennepalli - April 17, 2019 at 07:18 AM

FB

“ My Doctor for many years---saved my life! Will be remembered for his kindness and caring manner.

Foy Baker - February 15, 2019 at 11:13 PM



“ thinking of all at this time, Dr. Pennepalli was our doctor for a long time. he will be missed, from Steve Olson and Patricia Olson



Patricia Olson - February 15, 2019 at 10:08 PM

BF

“ Working for him over 15 years ... a great man and doctor...the one time I had to treat him when he had allergic reaction to an antibiotic.. giving him an injection then driving him quickly to hospital. 11 miles.. I was terrified and he probably was of my driving but I got him there!!

Barb Foley - February 15, 2019 at 10:07 PM