

Ben Shankar Passes away

It is with deep regret we report the death of Ben Shankar Krishnamoorthy, in the early hours of Tuesday November 21, 2017 at his residence in Nacharam. He had been unwell for the past few weeks. He was 67, and his survived by his wife son and daughter.

One of the most affable Bens with an extra ordinary sense of humour, Ben Shankar had the uncanny knack of cracking a joke on himself and laughing at it. Known for his meticulous planning and dedication, Ben Shankar was one of the most active movers

of the Reunion of May 17, 2017. Very easy going and quite gregarious that he was, he struck a good friendship with much younger Bens and was always ready for sharing his time and effort for the club's activities.

One of his unfulfilled dreams was to organize a meeting of the **Bens Core Focus Group** and discuss the Golden Jubilee Celebrations of the club. Benjamin Franklin Memorial Club will miss a wonderful human being, we pray his soul rests in peace. - Editor

Bens bid tearful adieu

BNS (Nov 21)

Bens gathered at the Indira Enclave residence of Ben Shankar in Hasthinapur colony, Nacharam from early morning to pay their last respects.

Among the first to reach were Bens L Ravichander and S Kishore. Soon Bens GV Sethuraman, V Saran Kumar, M Murali Mohan, Dr. Gita Sharma, BT Sharma, R Guru Moorthy, S Gopal Krishna and Venkat Parthasarathy joined in.

Ben Shankar's last rites were performed at Lalapet crematorium in the afternoon at 2:30pm.

In Remembrance

A friend who left an indelible mark



who left an indelible impact in the life of every friend he made (and did he make a houseful!) Ask the ones who came to know him for just the last few months and they will vouchsafe for having lost a friend of a lifetime. Actually he is not lost. Sunil said his memories will live. True. Long live Shankar.

- Ben L Ravichander

Will Durant said: Time conquered even Voltaire. Our own philosopher Shankar Krishnamurthy decided that he has been missing Balu and kept his tryst and made the grade in the early hours of Nov 21. A week after he celebrated his 36 years of togetherness with Renuka his loving wife. Time heals every wound they say. Notice it is never said that it fills every void. Shanker leaves behind an emptiness in the life of every one he connected with.

(Raj and Rekha- both employed in the IT sector). He lived life king size till he kept his fatal if final tryst on Nov 21.

It is difficult to pigeon hole this man. Hovering around the 55 kg mark for a five feet 6 inches guy he was an amazing packet of energy and was as much pleasure to his company as the fatal packet was to him. In fact, he will remain the best statutory warning to all Bens how smoking kills. He was pocket size dynamo. He carried huge baggage. He had a style of his own rustic, truthful, bold and sometimes even crude. He never dressed the truth. He never hid his opinion. Yet he was a wonderful team person. He knew how to state and yet adjust, how to stick to his principle and still not wear it on his sleeve. Most importantly he is one

Obituaries usually carry numerical milestones and personal achievements. However I shall skip the usual details which include the fact that he is a few months younger than the Indian Republic (born May 9); that he was married in 1981 (Nov.13) has two wonderful children

When he wrote to us...

Random Musings – Ben Shankar

Fretting and fuming, Ben L. Ravichander, paid a visit to my place yesterday night despite his very heavy Monday work schedule. He was apparently very disturbed because of his coming to know about my undergoing the Pneumothorax operation through other source. This is very much typical of him and in the last over 4 days, there have been innumerable such occasions, compromised and back to our original selves. These compromises and knowing each well, has hardened our relationship and has thus culminated into a strong bond and understanding.



Earlier on Sunday last, Bens Sunil and Venkat visited and made sincere enquiries on my health condition. In fact, as all the Group members are aware, in the last over 6 months period, I have been going through one of my most challenging periods in my life on health issues (on which only I have control). Earlier on a similar occasion, Bens Sethu and Murali visited me on more than one occasion and then Ben Gita Sharma wanted to rush to my home on a similar occasion.

These whole-hearted gestures has humbled me and this is something I have experienced for ages now in the Bens' camp.

For all of us BFMC provided a platform for self-personality development, but for me, it's more than that. True friends and genuine relationships.

Members pay tribute to Ben Shankar

That only certainty of life- death comes to visit Shanker. Death steals K Shanker this morning. We all are losers. BFMC loses a Historian. May his soul RIP.

- Ben L Ravichander

Sad news indeed, sorry to hear that. Hope his family finds strength to cope with this terrible loss. May his soul Rest in Peace.

- Ben ACS Azad

I am devastated. What a loss to all of us. I met Shankar sometime after my high school in 1969. We will never have another person, full of passion, humor and frank opinions. He is the friend you want at your tough times as he would give a supporting hand and shoulder. He would go out of his way to help you. We will miss him dearly. Let us cherish the good memories of my dear Shankar. Take care dear Bens.

- Ben Rao Anand

Shocking news early morning. May his soul rest in peace. May God grant the strength to his family to bear this irreparable loss.

- Ben Dr Sekhar

Rest in peace, Ben Shankar. The few times that I spent with you are some of the most cherished moments of my life. I will not miss you as you will always be there in my fond memories.

- Ben Sunil Narahari Nath

Very sad day for his family, BFMC, and everyone who knew him. Deepest condolences. He is one of those people who will truly be missed. Great loss to everyone. That he shared his wit and wisdom with everyone till the last, gave advice, inspired and motivated all of us even as he was unwell, shows what a truly remarkable person he was.

- Ben D Parthasarathy (Bijoy)

It is shocking news that Shankar is no more He is known to our family from his fathers time His father late Krishnamurthy was close to my father. May his soul rest in peace

- Ben Sampath BN

Sorry to hear the news of passing away of Ben Shankar. Though we had a very short acquaintance with him he has left indelible mark on all of us. Active till his last days. May his soul rest in peace. May the Almighty give strength to his family to bear the loss. Our sincere and heartfelt condolences to them. A loss to BFMC a friend and a guide

- Ben Gp Cpt V Krishna Mohan

Very disturbing. Sad Loss

- Ben S Kishore

Very sad to hear the news. I did not personally knew Shanker personally other than his passionate involvement with BENS. I knew him and his family when he was little may be around 8-10 yrs old. Great loss. May his soul Rest In Peace. Will pray for his family.

- Ben Vathsala

Shocking to hear of the untimely death of Shri Ben Shankar.

- Ben V Sekhar



Ben Shankar at the BFMC's 7th Charter Nite in 1976

Lost a very good friend, irreplaceable loss. My classmate in 1963 and a close friend. May his soul rest in peace.

- Ben Victor Krupakar

Very shocking to hear the untimely death of Ben. K. Shankar. Before being a Ben, he was our family friend. Our reunion had provided an opportunity to interact with him last. I had also known his wife Renu even before their marriage. The club will badly miss him in general and me personally. In fact I was planning to be in Hyderabad to attend both the weekly meeting and also to meet Shankar. My deepest condolences to the bereaved.

- Ben N Madhavan

Without knowing him in person, if there's one thing I've learnt from Ben Shankar's interactions here, it is that while you may take life seriously, you don't need to take yourself too seriously. Thank you, Ben Shankar, and deepest condolences to Bens, family and friends.

- Ben D Narayan

Sincere condolences to the family of Ben Shankar and BFMC family.

- Ben David Damara

Sad and shocking. May be I was the last among our group to have seen him and talked to him on Sunday night. He was in fact comfortable and showing good improvement. Family was very happy. May his soul rest in peace.

- Ben Sethuraman

So sorry to hear the news. Condolences and may his soul RIP.

- Ben BS Kiran

Very sad news. My sincere condolences to the family. May his soul rest in peace.

- Ben Chandramouli

Members pay tribute to Ben Shankar

I had visited Shanker y'day evening. he was a close friend to our family especially to my husband who has very few select friends. It is very sad but he was in bad shape yday. Well so is life to exit is certain when is the question. May the family have the strength to bear the loss. May his soul rest in peace.

- Ben Dr Gita Sharma

Shattered. Just can't believe Shankar is not amongst us. Death snatched away this gem. We were neighbours during our school days and went to school together. As I'm texting, I'm not able to control tears rolling down.

- Ben M Ravi

Condolences on the loss of Shankar K an exceptionally vibrant personality.

- Ben Shanker Raman

My Best friend from the BFMC revival. Loads of joy and fun moments shared. Very affectionate. Deeply pained at the personal loss. Will be badly missed. Rest in peace Dost.

- Ben Venkat Parthasarathy

My heartfelt condolences! This is a significant and unimaginable loss for me. There is no one like him, and can be no one like him in future. This sounds cliched, but Shankar was truly my greatest friend philosopher and guide. I saw him during my last visit to Hyd in Aug. Wanted to see him in Dec. Sigh, God had other plans. RIP Shankar, May his soul rest in peace!

- Ben S T Krishna

Sad and shocking news. Our dear friend and batch mate Shankar is no more. We are going miss him dearly. Self met him two days back as he was recovering. Great loss to all Bens. We will miss our dear Shankar.

- Ben Muralimohan

Sad to hear. Rest in peace Ben Shankar

- Ben Durga Prasad

Very sorry to learn about the sudden death of our beloved Ben Shanker. He was a very active and enthusiastic member. May his soul rest in peace.

- Ben KB Ravichandran

Bens have lost a valiant comrade sadly! He was devoted, outspoken and a long standing active member. May his soul rest in eternal peace!

- Ben K Madan Mohan

I just saw and shocked to find out about Shankar. What can I write which has not been conveyed already. Shankar was one and only friend any one can have and BFMC has lost a great Ben. I was looking forward to his arrangements for golden jubilee of BFMC. May his soul Rest In Peace!

- Ben PS Mohan

Sorry to hear. May his soul RIP Ben Shankar -

- Ben PV Rajan

Sincere condolences . May he rest in peace.

- Ben RN Jayasimha

Very sorry to hear the sad news. May his soul rest in peace. I pray that god give his family strength to cope.

- Ben Bhagat Singh

Dear Ben Anand,

10/28/2017

It was a pleasure talking to you this morning. Firstly, my appreciation for your taking the initiative and talking to me on several subjects and more importantly your gesture in enquiring about my welfare and wishes for my well being.

Please do make it a point to visit me or we shall meet at a convenient location should the Almighty be gracious on me to permit me so.

Please do convey my sincere thanks to Ben Venkatesh for showering a few things about me.

Thanks again for everything and with best wishes,

Ben K. Shankar

11:22 AM

I have never met Shankar, but talked to him last month for the first and last time. Its sad to hear this news.. May his soul rest in peace... This was message from Ben Shankar after my conversation

- Ben Anand Varanasi

We knew him hardly for 6 months but through him we knew a lot about other members. A person who cherished friendship so much that his account of the happenings has always been an accurate description of state of affairs. We the BFMC TIMES team miss him more than anybody else.

- Ben Sairam Chavali

Very sad to hear that dear friend shankar Ben is one more.. Condolences to his family

- Ben Y. Vijay Kumar

In Remembrance

When great souls die, the air around us becomes light, rare, sterile. We breathe, briefly.

Our eyes, briefly, see with a hurtful clarity.

Our memory, suddenly sharpened, examines,

gnaws on kind words unsaid, promised walks never taken.

Great souls die and our reality, bound to them, takes leave of us.

Our souls, dependent upon their nurture, now shrink, wizened. Our minds, formed and informed by their radiance, fall away.

We are not so much maddened as reduced to the unutterable ignorance of dark, cold caves.

And when great souls die, after a period peace blooms, slowly and always irregularly.

Spaces fill with a kind of soothing electric vibration.

Our senses, restored, never to be the same, whisper

to us. They existed. They existed. We can be. Be and be

better. For they existed.

*(From the poem **When Great Trees Fall**, by Maya Angelou)*

- Shared by **Ben D Parthasarathy** (Bijoy)

This Special issue is a tribute to Ben Shankar Krishnamoorthy, and views of Bens shared on the WhatsApp groups have been included till the time of going to press. Any omissions are unintentional

—Editor