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*Mortal Men,
 Immortal Memories*
Late PP Rtn Hasmukh Lathia



There are times I wish my pen was that of Sir Author Conan Doyle or Rudyard Kipling so that I could write about a person in a manner any reader could visualise that person exactly as I am doing...

This is one such occasion when I mourn a great soul, our PP Rtn Hasmukh Lathia...

Though I had the honour of meeting him on one occasion, I know him more from the reflections and remembrances of our senior club members and past Presidents. These have left such a vivid image in my mind as though I had the pleasure of meeting him on several occasions.

I imagine him as an estate owner from the days of the Raj, in a safari suit with the Sherlock Holmes-styled flavoured pipe between his lips. A very loving smile still managing to escape his mouth, despite the pipe. He had very intelligent eyes, shielded by clear spectacles. The picture is complete with a bohemian crystal, with his favourite honey golden whiskey, in his hands. How many cubes of ice, you ask... PP Rtn Dr Tushar, PP Rtn Robin, PP Rtn Krishna, PP Shirish and others are better placed to answer. But wait, I realised that this is just half the picture, which is completed by his very devout spouse, R/Ann Madhu Ben, who is always by his side.

As a person, he came across as someone who was '**lakho mein ek**'. He was a very enthusiastic person who loved life. His eagerness to help anyone and everyone was fabled in the annals of Rotary District 314 (RD3141). I guess every memory anyone has of him is with his effervescent smile.

As a president-to-be, PP Rtn Hasmukh Lathia was one of the most exemplified predecessors by my mentors in the Rotary Club of Bombay West (RCBW). As a Rotarian, he loved his Rotary as much as his whiskey. He wore his membership on his sleeve and was very regular to the Club meetings. He enjoyed the club fellowships. His passion lay in service and betterment of health of the rural denizens, a legacy that continues to inspire us all.

The learned say... a person dies twice, once when the soul leaves the body, and then again when their last memory leaves the heart of everyone alive. By this definition, our PP Rtn Hasmukh Lathia is immortal, living forever in the annals of Rotary Club of Bombay West, and in the hearts of its members for generations to come, as a shining example of a Rotarian. His memory will always be a source of comfort and inspiration for us all.

Om Shanti! Om Shanti! Om Shanti!

Rtn Rahul Murari Goenka

TRIBUTES TO LATE PP RTN HASMUKH LATHIA

Hasmukh was always full of wit and energy. I was honored during his tenure to receive 4 avenue of service award. Gave wonderful time in Rotary a few years back till he was an active Rtn. I remember a lovely fellowship we had at Hotel Kings during his presidentship. We will MISS you Hasmukh. May you attain a place in His Lotus Feet.

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Very sorry to hear about Hasmukh Lathias sad demise. May God grant him sadgati and all family members enough strength to bear the loss.

Om Shanti Om Shanti

PP Hasmukh ji was a happy soul, ever encouraging and smiling Had the privilege of being inducted into RCBW in his Presidential year. May his soul rest in eternal peace

Om Shanti



Very sad news. I pray that the departed souls of Rtn. Hasmukh Lathia and Smt. Saroj Mehta, rest in peace, and may God give strength to the respective families to cope up with the irreparable loss.

Om Shanti

Hasmukhbhai, true to his name, was a light hearted, friendly, unassuming person. I remember his year as President was very eventful. Will miss him. May he find place in the lotus feet of Almighty.

Dear Mahesh,
Sorry, to learn about passing away of Hasmukh Bhai. Pray for his Soul to rest in the Lotus Feet of Shri Krishna.

Heartfelt condolences to Hasmukhji's family... May his soul attain sadgati ...

Om shanti

A Shradhanjali to my dearest friend Hasmukh bhai. I have made a 13 minute video comprising of over 250 photos of the year 2005-2006 when Rtn Hasmukh Lathia was the president. My only regret is that I should have made this movie earlier so that Hasmukh bhai could have seen so many of his friends and relived those wonderful days. So many of our good friends are no more but we have captured their smiles and good moments in this video.

SWEET MEMORIES OF LATE PP RTN HASMUKH LATHIA



PRAYER MEETING OF LATE PP RTN HASMUKH LATHIA

