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OBITUARY



RTN. PHF PP B. SRIKANT KAMATH

(12.03.1945 - 20.12.2025)

Eulogy for Rotarian Belady Srikant Kamath

Rotarian Srikant Kamath was fondly known as the Elvis Presley of Rotary Club of Mangalore. He was soft-spoken and gracious, carrying himself with quiet dignity. Music was his gentle signature. When Srikant sang "Bésame Mucho," it felt sincere and soulful, as close to the original as many of us had ever heard.

My earliest memories of Srikant go back to childhood visits with my father to his showroom and garage. My father owned a Royal Enfield Ensign motorcycle and those visits left a lasting impression. Srikant came from a proud entrepreneurial family. U.S. Subraya Nayak & Sons was once Mangalore's first Ford Motors dealership, founded by Ullal Subraya Nayak, his grandfather-in-law. When that chapter closed, Srikant forged his own path by starting the Royal Enfield dealership in Mangalore.

Even after Royal Enfield's Indian operations faced tough times and he had to close the dealership, Srikant continued servicing Royal Enfield motorcycles. When I once asked him why he didn't shut down the workshop, he said that many foreign riders—especially from Goa—trusted his work and he did not want to let down old customers. That answer revealed everything about the man.

Our bond deepened when I joined Rotaract during his time as Rotaract Committee Chairman. He connected effortlessly with young people, encouraging us and supporting our initiatives. Many who later became Rotarians trace their journey back to his guidance.

I joined Rotary in 1993, and in 1996, Srikant served as President of the Rotary Club of Mangalore. At a time when malaria was spreading, he led an effort to fund fogging machines for the City Corporation—quiet service that protected the entire city.

At his Balmatta showroom, he took great care of his prized 1956 Royal Enfield Super Meteor, a rare 692 cc twin-cylinder motorcycle, kept in excellent condition. We often joked about riding together to Goa—dreams shared more in laughter than in planning.

Until his last days, Srikant attended Rotary meetings regularly. He lived as a Rotarian and left us as one. Gentle, positive, and always supportive, he leaves behind a quiet void.

As Elvis Presley once said, "The greatest thing in the world is to make someone happy." Belady Srikant Kamath did just that; simply, sincerely, and always from the heart.

-Rtn. PP. Isaac Vas

A TRIBUTE

Ever smiling face, A gentle wish and a Warm handshake were the signature of Rtn Srikanth Kamath. The sonorous Elvis voice accompanied by strumming of the guitar could send any audience to a rapt attention.

Over two decades I saw him slowly fade out to age related limitations, but notable was his remarkable etiquette's were still intact.

The club will miss this 630pm man for sure.

-Rtn PP Dr. Narendra Kamath

Sad to hear this news about the passing away of Rtn. Srikanth Kamath. He was one of the stalwarts from the early days of Rotary in Mangalore. I may be allowed to say that he was a legend of my childhood where I heard spoken in hushed whispers or vibrant baritones that he rode a Yezdi bike from Kadri Hills to AB Shetty Circle in record speed (3 or 5 minutes?) in those days of low density traffic. In Rotary he was always a picture of quiet dignity. Soft spoken, polite, caring -- that was Rtn. Srikanth.

We will miss him. May his soul find peaceful transition. And may God give his family the strength to bear this great loss with fortitude. Om Shanthi.

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