



IN MEMORIAM

S R Deenedayalu



Dr Sooba Rama Deenedayalu was born on 22 September 1914. He obtained his secondary schooling at Lovedale College (1929 - 1931) and Fort Hare College (1932 - 1933) and enrolled in the medical faculty at the University of Cape Town (1935 - 1937), completing his clinical training at King's College, Newcastle-on-Tyne in 1941. He did his postgraduate training at the Hospital for Sick Children, Great

Ormond Street, London.

In 1942 he entered general practice and since then was actively associated with St Aidans Indian Mission Hospital in Durban, both in a professional capacity and as an assistant in the management of the hospital. His contribution to St Aidans Hospital was in paediatrics and anaesthetics and as an alternate member of the hospital board. His other contributions were to the Arthur Bloxall School for the Blind in Durban, and the Lakehaven Home for Children at Sea Cow Lake, Durban. He was a Senior Medical Officer at the R K Khan Hospital and Dispensary Trust and was a trustee of the Indian Medical Services Trust. Together with the late Dr G Goonam he appeared at the Jarvis Commission where he presented data on the poor hospital services for Indians in Natal in 1945. From 1946 onwards he played an important role in persuading Indian parents to permit their daughters to train as nurses and participated in plans to provide financial assistance and bursaries. In 1969 he was appointed deputy superintendent of R K Khan Hospital for a period of 2 years.

Deena, as he was affectionately known, belonged to the older generation of doctors consisting of those such as the late K M Seedat, Maken Maistry, G Goonam, K Naidoo and GM 'Monty' Naicker. This generation of doctors practised medicine not only in a scientific manner, but also with a humane approach. They cared for indigent patients free of charge, made house calls to patients, and approached patients not as 'cases' or 'diseases', but as individuals whose problems all too often transcended their physical complaints. They instilled confidence and reassurance overtly and in the demeanour but without arrogance. He leaves behind one son, Vijay, a specialist physician and two daughters, Prem and Mannie.

Y K Seedat

James Schutz



Dr James (Jimmy) Schutz passed away on 10 October 2003 after a short illness. He went to work on Friday 4 July 2003 at Queens Medical Centre in Nottingham, where he was a consultant in accident and emergency medicine, and was diagnosed with a malignant brain tumour that afternoon.

After matriculating at Potchefstroom High School for Boys, and a year in the Naval Gymnasium in

Simonstown, James started his studies at UCT in 1961. Financial difficulties and the death of his mother, led to him having to leave medical school. He subsequently resumed his medical training at Witwatersrand University Medical School and graduated from there in 1970.

His primary medical interest was always cardiac surgery. After qualifying he returned to Cape Town to work in Professor Chris Barnard's unit for a few years. James also spent several years in the cardiology department of the University of Natal and in 1996 attained an M Med from Witwatersrand University in cardiothoracic surgery.

Sadly, James's career as a cardiac surgeon was cut short and he worked in accident and emergency (A & E) for several years, mostly at Roseacres Clinic in Germiston. This is how he initially gained his consultancy in A & E in Leicester, where his family have now set up home.

Apart from being a dedicated doctor James was also a devout and hard working Christian. He was always prepared to get involved and give of his time, energy, knowledge, money and wisdom to the church. In 1978 he took a year off from medicine to attend the All Nations Christian College in London, where he met his beautiful wife Zahida. James and Zahida returned to southern Africa, to work in Morija Hospital in Lesotho for 2 years. They were blessed with three beautiful, talented and intelligent daughters, Hannah, Natalie and Carys. They moved to England in 1998.

James touched many lives in both his medical and personal capacity, and will be remembered with great love, affection and appreciation by many friends, colleagues, patients and family.

Ernie Schutz