

# Messages: Memories and Thoughts

“.....He uses simplest of the words, and straightest of the constructions; yet one senses an unfathomed depth in them..... He called all youngsters 'youngstars', encouraging them to reach for the stars.....”

Prof. K. S. Gandhi

“.....Like his Punjabi compatriot Kapil Dev, he was undoubtedly the finest all-rounder our department produced, excelling in everything he did..... Borrowing a quotation from Shakespeare, "the elements were so mixed in him, that nature might stand up and say, "here was a good man" ". When comes another Kumar?.....”

Prof. K. Kesava Rao

“..... I enjoyed attending his Transport Phenomena classes again and again in all my years of stay as he mastered the art of exposing the same theory in a different method with a different example every time. I whole heartedly acknowledge that I am immensely benefited with my association with him.....”

Dr. Y. P. Saradhy

“.....He was regularly in his office to conduct his own research work as well as help faculty and students. He was true symbol of saying, ‘A teacher never retires.....’”

Vishal Gupta  
(Mumbai)

“If I have to write about Prof Kumar, it like holding a candle in front of the Sun. Such is his majestic personality. There was an aura around him. But all the same he was very warm, approachable and affectionate....”

Aruna  
(Bengaluru)

“.....I was responsible for receiving their phone calls in their absence. Conveying these messages became an interesting chore and gave me the first glimpse of Prof. Kumar’s sense of humor as he responded to the many missed calls with some witty remarks.....”

Prof. Raj Ganesh Pala  
(Kanpur)

“.....He was not dressed like any professor we had seen, with his flowing kurta, a tall man, fair glowing skin which never gave away his age and his rich mane of totally grey well-groomed hair which did not lie at all about his experience.....”

Dr. Shrihari Honwad



“.....He just taught so spontaneously, yet his lectures were very organized. In fact, every lecture of his was a performance in itself..... In the Modelling course, the terms in the mathematical model that were unimportant were humorously deleted by him saying in Hindi - Is term ko maaro goli.....”

Prof. Vishwanathan Shankar

“..... I met Professor Kumar almost 50 years ago. It was like love at the first sight, though the reasons for this were neither obvious then nor are now; whether it was his charm, or warm smile, or affection, or all of these! .....He never failed to bring out the best of each and every student by way of asking probing questions or giving hints.....”

Prof. Raj Chabra

“.....He was a daring Prof who could go into the building when we had a major Chlorine leak and pulled the leaking cylinder single-handedly for the safety of all of us. He was a role model for so many and continued to be the leading star for the department and for the Chemical Engineering field.....”

G. S. Sarma

(Plano, Texas)