



Punya Arunakul M.D.

November 13, 1944 - May 25, 2017

Dr. Punya Arunakul, 72, formerly of Topeka, Kansas, passed away on May 25, 2017, in Portland, Oregon.

Dr. Arunakul was born November 13, 1944, to Chai Kao and Jim Arunakul in Nakorn Prathom, Thailand. He was a graduate of Mahidhol University, Bangkok, Thailand, receiving specialized training in Ear, Nose and Throat (ENT) treatment from 1969-1972. Upon arrival in the United States in 1973, he attended Greater Baltimore Medical Center and Johns Hopkins University until 1978. He maintained board certifications in Otolaryngology, Head and Neck Surgery and a Fellowship with the American Board of Surgery. Dr. Arunakul practiced in Marianna, Florida from 1978-1980 and then in Topeka from 1980-2005. His ENT services were well known in and around the Topeka community, such as with the Marion Clinic and in Sabetha and Holton.

He was a member of the Shawnee County Medical Society, Kansas Medical Society, American Medical Association and the American Academy of Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery.

Dr. Arunakul enjoyed planting and caring for his vegetable garden and many fruit trees as a way of relaxing and enjoying nature. Due to an accident in 2005, Dr. Arunakul retired from practicing medicine.

Dr. Arunakul is survived by his wife of 42 years, Srichandra Noy Indrasuhksri; two sons, Dr. Methapan Pon Arunakul (Laura) and Dr. Nathapong Arunakul (Sara); two grandchildren, Sarunya and Pensri; siblings, Udom Arunakul (Charam), Dr. Nikorn Arunakul (Nancy), Suchart Arunakul (Parinya), Dr. Somkeit Arunakul (Dr. Malee), Manit Arunakul (Bangon), Dr. Thanom Arunakul (Dr. Prinnya), Vipawon Le (Long), Dr. Narin Arunakul (Boonvipa) and Vipawon Poli (Bob).

A Memorial Service for Dr. Arunakul will be 1 p.m. Saturday, August 5, 2017, at Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Road, Topeka KS 66614.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Topeka-Shawnee County Public Library, 1515 SW 10th Ave, Topeka KS 66604.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

AUG 5. 1:00 PM (CT)

Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home
2801 SW Urish Road
Topeka, KS 66614
(785) 272-7888
info@kevinbrennanfamily.com

Tribute Wall



“ *Dr. A's ENT sign is still hanging in front of his old bldg (10th Street) today.*

Tara Nicholas - February 06, 2024 at 01:54 PM



“ *Punya Arunakul M.D.*

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ *I always enjoyed working with Dr. Arunakul in the operating room. He was an excellent surgeon.*

Mary McElroy - November 29, 2017 at 02:06 PM



“ *Fred and Del ILoreta purchased the Lavender Sympathy Box for the family of Punya Arunakul M.D..*



Fred and Del ILoreta - August 05, 2017 at 10:04 AM

FI

“ Dearest Noy, Pon , Nat and families, our hearts go out to you on this extremely sad event, the passing away of a very dear friend and exceptional person, Punya! Punya touched so many lives with his generosity, his genuine friendship and his ability to reach out and help other people. He is greatly missed by all of us!
Sincerely with profound sympathy and continued prayers, Fred and Del ILoreta and family

Fred/Del ILoreta - August 05, 2017 at 08:20 AM

DW

“ My condolences to Dr. Arunakul's family. He was an extremely competent physician who treated patients with kindness and respect. Darlene Whitlock APRN

Darlene Whitlock - August 02, 2017 at 08:17 PM

RF

“ Dr. Arunakul took great care of our children. He performed surgery on all 3 in one morning putting tubes in their ears. Our oldest son, who had Down Syndrome dearly loved Dr. Arunakul. Whenever our son was in the hospital, the doctor would come around and watch cartoons with our son and get into the snacks we had in the room. On special holidays we would take the doctor cookies to his office. He was more than just a physician. I have missed him ever since. I am sad for his family because I am sure they will miss him even more than I have. The entire Fazel family.

Roberta Fazel - August 01, 2017 at 04:47 PM

HW

“ Dr. Arunakul once performed surgery on me after I broke my nose in a fall. He was the coolest, most kindhearted and wonderful person, and extremely professional- the very epitome of what a doctor should be. He also had this demeanor and sense of humor about him that I'll never forget- almost sliding into the room for my appointments, with a giant head mirror on his head, this used to make me laugh and put a smile on my face...which definitely helped ease my anxiety about my surgery. He also had many words of encouragement for me back then, insisting I return to school and do well with myself- many doctors just see you and send you on your way after they get their money... Dr. Arunakul made sure people were actually OK before sending them on their way. I will always appreciate and remember this man, he was definitely irreplaceable and he will be missed. RIP :(

-Heath Warders, former patient, Topeka KS

Heath Warders - June 25, 2017 at 02:46 AM

MS

“ Condolences to Dr. Arunakul's family....he was my Dr. in the 80's. He was a great surgeon and always had a smile, good bedside manner, and a sense of humor. The thing that struck me the most was how he dealt with nurses and other hospital staff, always professional, cordial...you could tell that staff enjoyed working with him. The surgery he did in the 80's has served me well all of these years. I know he will be missed, he was a fine man and Dr. Prayers for the family as you grieve his passing.

Susan S.

Mary S. Swalwell - June 23, 2017 at 04:54 PM

CM

“ Dr A cared for both my children and patted this worried mom's hand more times than I care to think about. i have missed him so very much since his accident. My sincere condolences to his family.
Cheryl McPherson

Cheryl McPherson - June 23, 2017 at 01:33 PM

CL

“ My sincerest condolences to Noy and the rest of the family. Dr. Arunakul treated me and performed surgery on me. I would always get an appointment when I returned to visit from Denver. He and Noy were good friends to my now-deceased parents, Tom & Lorraine Long. Since I'm hearing-impaired, I had some difficulty understanding him and would take Dad along to the appointments. He never failed to end up in a discussion with him about the tractor! Dad would laugh and laugh about how "Doc" was so proud of that tractor.
Claire Long

Claire Long - June 22, 2017 at 11:27 AM

KF

“ A kind caring Doctor to me many years ago and a kind caring neighbor to my son and his family in more recent years. He will be missed.

Kay Frantz - June 22, 2017 at 11:10 AM

VW

“ *My sincere sympathy to Noy and all family members. You are all in our thoughts and prayers. I will remember all the lovely orchids, varied trees, and flowers at his home. The 70th birthday party for him was well attended and a great tribute to a wonderful man. He was a good physician, who provided the best of care to his patients. He will remain in our hearts as a good friend and outstanding doctor.*

Larry & Vera Webster

Vera Webster - June 21, 2017 at 11:47 AM

TN

“ *Dr. A you are missed so very much... RIP ~*

Tara Nicholas - June 21, 2017 at 11:20 AM

LM

“ *Dr. Arunakul performed surgery on me in the mid 1980s and I still remembered him and his demeanor. My prayers to his family.*
Lori Montgomery

Lori Montgomery - June 21, 2017 at 08:07 AM

TK

“ To the family of Dr. Arunakul, please accept my sincere condolences.

I had the pleasure of working with him for many years, caring for his post op patients at St. Francis. Rarely was he not smiling or joking with staff. His patients enjoyed him and were very appreciative of his care.

In more recent years I had the privilege to care for him after his surgery and to witness the loving and dedicated care provided by Mrs. Arunakul. I feel very fortunate to have known him in both respects.

Teresa Kellerman

Teresa Kellerman - June 21, 2017 at 05:50 AM