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PRE GOLDEN JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS



THEME SONG

MY FAVOURITE THINGS Julie Andrews at her 69th birthday

Maalox and nose drops and needles for knitting, Walkers and handrails and new dental fittings, Bundles of magazines tied up in string, These are a few of my favourite things.

Cadillacs and cataracts, and hearing aids and glasses, Polident and Fixodent and false teeth in glasses, Pacemakers, golf carts and porches with swings, These are a few of my favourite things.

> When the pipes leak, When the bones creak, When the knees go bad, I simply remember my favourite things, And then I don't feel so bad.

Hot tea and crumpets and corn pads for bunions, No spicy hot food or food cooked with onions, Bathrobes and heating pads and hot meals they bring, These are a few of my favourite things.

Back pain, confused brains and no need for sinnin',Thin bones and fractures and hair that is thinnin', And we won't mention our short shrunken frames, When we remember our favourite things.

> When the joints ache, When the hips break, When the eyes grow dim, Then I remember the great life I've had, And then I don't feel so bad.

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OBITUARY

Dear Friends,

49 years is too long a period in the life of any man. Just a year short of half a century. We have nearly reached that Golden Jubliee of our chosen career. When we entered the Trivandrum Medical College way back in 1960, we were proud and happy. In front of us there was only a great promise of life, full of mirth, bliss and hopes. We were students of a great institution and great teachers. Small sorrows of ragging scolding of teachers and sudden changes of life styles didn't bother us as we found out our friends admist the 163 colleagues who joined with us. Small groups formed between us but together we had best camaraderie to form a single unit. We played, we wee played upon, we loved, we frolicked but always thought that only best would happen to us. We never had inklings about our own mortality till one of us killed himself unfortunately during our final MB Days. Those of us who were close to him were shocked beyond words.

But life went on as if nothing happened. We foolishly thought that we were bound to become immortal healers. We became doctors to treat the sick, comfort the poor and provide hopefulness to all. Some of us chose to become teachers. A few of us ascended up the ladder of success. Gradually we learned that we were equally mortal, prone to illnesses and would become sick. But most of us recovered fast that we forgot the old adage of William Blake that 'Science is the tree of death and art is tree of life'. In those days we were unaware of the concepts of medical humanities and the 'art of science'.

We were not prepared to accept the fact that life was cruel till we heard that some of our best friends died in the prime of their lives. Forgetting is a boon and the memories about them faded fast. And we continued to enjoy life as best as possible. But life is mean and malicious. All of us had tasted the same in varying degrees. But still we hoped for the best

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Some of us became leaders and torch expertise. When we heard about their achievements we rejoiced as if their successes were our own. We eulogized them. In our daily hurry to get things done we never bothered to know the losers. We silently suffered our own sorrows and never divulged them to anyone.

After we left our college, we met each other only once in way. In those rare meetings we remembered those golden years of our lives with no worry, no uneasiness and no agonies. In those moments we searched our past and learned that a few of our dear friends had passed away. We heard those stories with disbelief and despair. Human mind is selective in memory. And hence we tried to forget them and remember the pleasant stories. They were also aplenty.

Now in our late 60's, we tend to take stock of our achievements, failures and successes. Each one of us is unique, unique to the family, the profession, the place of work and in real life. Some of our real heroes have departed us. We are reminded of a beautiful stanza of Carl Sandburg, the American poet laureate, which runs like this.

> 'The honorable orators, The gazettes of thunder, The tycoons, big shots and dictators Flicker in the mirror for a few moments And fade through the glass of death'

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We have lost 29 of our friends – some of them were the best friends of some of us, some others marvelous persons some were our acquaintances only. To each of us the camaraderie to these departed souls would be different. Let me list those friends who left us prematurely.

Abdul Jabbar Antony K K Babu G Balakrishnan G P Chacko K V Chacko Thomas George Abraham Gopinathan G Hussain Sait Janardhanam K K John V M Jayachandran G John George Kesave Das P Merlin Elizabeth Cardoz Mohammed Meera Mathew Varghese Panicker N R Peria Meeran Prabhakaran S Prabhakaran P K Radhakrishna Pillai T K Rajasekharan Pillai K Reghuvaran K Satheeshkumaran Nair Sathyanandan Thankappan M Vasu C T Vijayan S K

We love and respect we pay homage to them. To pay tributes to their memories let us stand up for a minute.

Thank you

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