



# Dr. Manmohan Mehra

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**M**anmohan Mehra was born in Amritsar, India on November 21, 1941. As the eldest of seven siblings Mohan was steadfast in his role as a patriarch and mentor amongst family and loved ones. Mohan graduated from Delhi University in 1961, finished his Master's degree from Ujjain University in 1963, earned his Ph.D in chemistry from National Chemical Laboratory in Poona in 1966, and completed his postgraduate research at IIT in Bombay in 1967. Mohan's academic successes led him to a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to further his studies in America.

He married Asha Kapur, the love of his life and soulmate, on December 3, 1967 in Delhi. They were happily married for 53 years and served as wonderful role models for their children and grandchildren on the values of unconditional love and sacrifice.

The newlyweds came to the United States on January 4, 1968 as Mohan did postdoctoral research in organic chemistry at the University of Chicago. On April 3, 1972 their son Anmol was born in Chicago. The Mehra's moved to New York so Mohan could work at Becton Dickinson as a scientist. Their daughter Ridhi was born there on February 24, 1975. Two years later the family moved to New Jersey for Mohan's research scientist job at Squibb.

In 1982 the family made a big move to Houston, Texas as Mohan pursued his dream of starting his own company, Biotech Laboratories. With his academic research, career training, and a lot of hustle – Biotech successfully developed immunology, molecular biology and clinical diagnostic kits for research centers worldwide. Later he founded two more companies, Indo-Medix and Rimol Diagnostics. In the 1990s Mohan was doing groundbreaking work in RNA isolation which resulted in a U.S. patent. His research, related to RNA separation, is embodied in some of the COVID vaccines being used today. Mohan was named as Houston's 1993 Entrepreneur of the Year Finalist. Biotech employed dozens of employees thriving for 30 years.



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Even though Mohan was a scientist, he was also fascinated by the art of palmistry. He became an expert and, if you were lucky enough, he could be convinced to read your hand. He also trained in his 50s as an Indian classical vocalist and harmonium player. He taught countless loved ones how to play chess and loved a tough game of strategy. He and his wife Asha were avid world travelers and reached six different continents. They both loved nature and tried to visit all the National Parks. Mohan also collected coins and stamps, loved reading medical journals, financial magazines, the newspaper, and watching the news every day. For pleasure he enjoyed poker, bridge, and socializing with friends often drinking scotch with company. He savored his morning and afternoon tea using one of his 50 teacups he collected from around the world. The consummate host, Mohan loved entertaining for parties at their home and hosting visitors from across the globe.

Mohan served as the chief judge for several years at the Houston Science and Engineering Fair sponsoring numerous awards and a personal family scholarship. He was a longtime member and former President of the Bay Area Lions Club and former Chairman of the Board of Trustees of India Center of Clear Lake. He awarded two annual scholarships at ICC for elementary students to encourage a passion for learning at a young age. He funded scholarships for all valedictorians of Indian origin in the Houston area. Mohan served in various capacities on numerous committees supporting Indian organizations. He was a lifetime member and past Chairman of the Association of Scientists of Indian Origin, and funded a scholarship there, as well.

The constant theme to everything in Mohan's life was kindness, humility, a gentle spirit, a charitable soul and his mild-mannered personality. His two grandchildren were his pride and joy. They were in awe that their Nanaji never ever got mad or lost his patience. That's how Mohan lived his life, putting everyone's else's comforts and desires before his. His generosity knew no limits as he was completely selfless. Mohan will be forever missed by countless loved ones.

Mohan is preceded in death by his father Prakash Chand Mehra; mother Manti Devi Seth; brother Harish Mehra; and sister Kanta Malhotra. He is survived by his loving wife, of 53 years, Asha Mehra; son Anmol Mehra; daughter Ridhi Mehra and her husband Jaggi Khairah; sisters Vinod Batra, Santosh Mehra, Sharda Dhawan, Lata Suri; grandchildren Kyren and Sarina Khairah; 11 nieces and nephews, and a host of many other family and friends.

Services for Mohan will be held on Friday, June 4, 2021, at Clayton Funeral Home, 5530 West Broadway, Pearland, Texas. Visitation is scheduled from 4:30 – 5:30 pm. The funeral service will



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follow at 5:30 pm. Online condolences may be left for the family at  
[www.claytonfuneralhomes.com](http://www.claytonfuneralhomes.com)

In lieu of flowers you are welcome to make a donation to Pratham to support the Covid efforts  
devastating India.

<https://prathamusa.org/pages/covid-relief-fund-campaign/>



## Tribute Wall

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AP

**Anuj Poddar** posted:

Dear Asha Aunty, Anmol and Ridhi, I was saddened to learn about the passing away of Manmohan Uncle. Please accept my deepest condolences. I recall him fondly from your/his annual trips to India. Always very gentle, down-to-earth, soft-spoken and gracious. And I recall making a work trip to Houston (must have been 2002), - he and you (Asha aunty) picked me up from my hotel and I spent 1-2 days with you. He/you gifted me a watch, which incidentally I yet wear, 20 years hence. Warm regards Anuj

June 8 at 7:00 PM

JU

**Julie** posted:

Asha Aunty, Anmol, & Ridhi, It's been many years since I've seen you all, but my heart is deeply saddened to hear of the passing of Mohan uncle. He was a gifted & kind man. I/we will never forget the kindness you all showed to us. Not only were you our neighbors, but you were also our friends & we grieve with you. May God give you the strength to face the days ahead & peace to comfort your hearts in minds.... Julie, Jessie, Joy, & Thankamma

June 5 at 7:00 PM

NB

**Nandita Banerjee** posted:

Our heartfelt condolences to Asha, Anmol, Ridhi and her family for this sudden and sorrowful loss. Mohan was a dear friend of ours and we will miss him. We cherish happy memories through thick and thin. Ron and Nandita

June 3 at 7:00 PM

PR

**Pratap** posted:

I had known Man Mohan over a period of six decades as a classmate first and as a friend afterwards and have not found anyone as unique soft spoken, friendly, straight forward and helpful individual as him. He always gave a direct answers to any question whether it was on personal, financial or family matters. We took two cruises together and his exceptional organizational skills and attention to details were evident by completion of those trips without any hitch. I have never seen him angry even though any other person would have been furious under some of the situations we were together. He will be missed as a good friend. Pratap

June 3 at 7:00 PM



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AA

**Anu Ahluwalia** posted:

Heartfelt condolences to the Mehra family, Riddhi and Jaggi. May his noble soul attain sadgati and may God give strength to his family to bear this loss. Anu and Sudesh Ahluwalia

June 3 at 7:00 PM

DM

**Dr. Chandra Mittal** posted:

Sincere condolences and sympathies to the family of Dr. Manmohan Mehra - an honest, decent and sincere friend, who will be missed enormously by us personally and the community. May his soul rest in peace with the Creator. ---- Chandra and Sarita Mittal

June 3 at 7:00 PM

MP

**Mridula Poddar** posted:

Accept our heartfelt condolences for the very good soul and friend, Manmohanji from Mridula, Vishnu, Anuj and Swapna.

June 3 at 7:00 PM

AP

**Apurva & Mona Parikh** posted:

With heartfelt condolences,

June 3 at 7:00 PM

GS

**Geetha & K. Subramanyam** posted:

Truly a wonderful person and great soul and we will miss him. Geetha and Subbu

June 3 at 7:00 PM

TP

**Tj And Beejal Patel** posted:

Sending our deepest condolences to the Mehra and Khairah Family. You are all in our prayers. With love and affection from Tejash and Beejal

June 2 at 7:00 PM



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JD

**Jennifer Dodd** posted:

Ridhi & Family, I am so sorry for your loss. I wish I could be there to celebrate your father's life. Sending you so much good energy and love.

June 2 at 7:00 PM

RO

**Rohitarunima** posted:

Mamaji has been a father figure for us. We are deeply saddened with his demise. Its very hard to find people like him in today's world who are so soft spoken, humble and most caring. We will always miss you mamaji.RohitArunima

June 2 at 7:00 PM

RC

**Ruchi Chawla** posted:

Although ,you completed your journey on this planet ,you will always remain in our hearts .May you stay blissful in your onward journey .Regards:Vinod Batra and family

June 2 at 7:00 PM

AS

**Arjan Sawlani** posted:

Condolences to the family at this time of profound loss at the passing of Dr.Mohan Mehra. His many accomplishments as well as kind and compassionate nature have truly touched so many lives. Prayers for the departed soul to be at peace. Our thoughts are with family members so they may find strength and courage in this difficult hour.Sincerely,Arjan Sawlani & Family

June 1 at 7:00 PM



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