



Santanu Kumar Chakrabarti

8th November 1934 - 4th January 2024

*Celebration of Life, Weybridge
Sunday, 3rd March at 14:00pm*

Dad had many a story to tell...here is a summary of his career and some highlights

After graduation, dad married mum in 1961. They met whilst dad was studying at Strathclyde University and mum was completing her nursing training. In Scotland dad worked with some of the steel companies. Projects included the hydro-electric scheme in Inverary, the Loch Striven Oil Depot and the Clyde Tunnel Approach. Dad was a proud Member of the Institute of Civil Engineers and helped sponsor new students at Glasgow University.

In England, He worked with various engineering companies and ultimately for the Greater London Council (GLC). Whilst at Soil Mechanics, He did feasibility studies for the Chowilla Dam and the Perth Flyovers in Australia.

At WS Atkins, he worked on designs for flyovers for the southern end of the M1. Then, there was the famous Thames Flood Barrier, dad supervised 1000 drawings and was an integral part of that incredible feat of engineering. His last job was at the GLC where he was involved in Building Control. After taking early retirement he helped mum run the Warwick Guest House, where several tennis players stayed during Wimbledon, including Ken Rosewall.

Dad was also president of the Oxshott Scottish Society. After about four shots of whiskey and proposing various toasts, he was so inebriated he didn't know what he was saying, 'but the members were probably in no better state and I got a noisy appreciation.'

Beethoven was one of dad's favourite composers

Ode to Joy

A selection of lyrics by Friedrich Schiller

Choral Symphony No. 9 by Ludwig van Beethoven

O friends, no more these sounds!
Let us sing more cheerful songs,
 more full of joy!
 Thy magic power re-unites
All that custom has divided,

 All men become brothers
Under the sway of thy gentle wings.
 Gladly, like the heavenly bodies
 Which He set on their courses
Through the splendour of the firmament;
Thus, brothers, you should run your race,

 As a hero going to conquest.
Brothers, above the starry canopy
There must dwell a loving Father.
 Seek him in the heavens;
Above the stars must He dwell.



Appreciation

We would like to thank you all for your kind words and for being in dad's life. A beautiful, gentle soul has departed this world and we will miss him forever.

Refreshments will be served at:

Valentina Deli & Kitchen

10-12 High Street

Weybridge, KT13 8AB

Donations

If you would like to make a donation, then dad supported these, amongst others – Diabetes UK, Woking & Sam Beare Hospice and Wellbeing Care and Kidney Care UK.