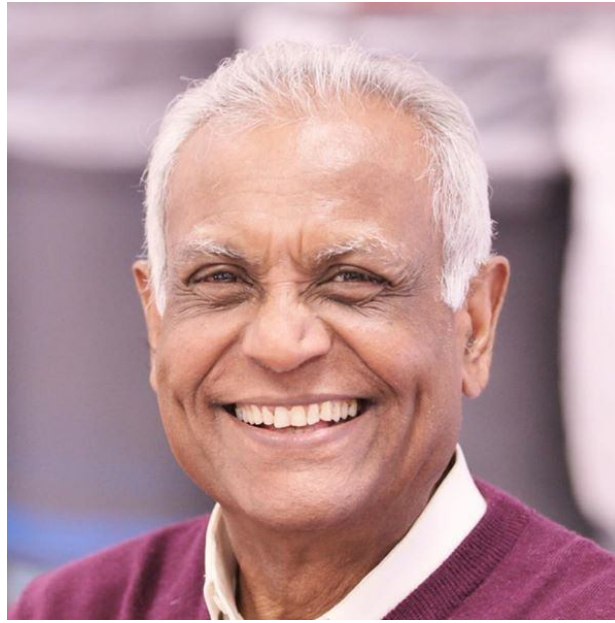# In Memoriam

Name: Asok Datta 1965 CE

 Date of Death: July 03, 2020)

Details about Alum's professional & personal life

It is with deep sorrow I regret to inform you that our classmate, Asok Datta, 1965 Civil, passed away on July 3, 2020. He was 78.

Asok was very popular in college as a sportsman and was liked by the professors and students alike. He was the captain of B E college cricket team and also played football (soccer) for the college. Before joining the college he was playing in the Calcutta first division cricket league. He was a fierce competitor but his amiable nature and smile captured everyone, even his opponents. After graduation he joined MN Dastur and company and played for the company in the inter office cricket league in Calcutta. If my memory serves right, Farokh Engineer, wicket keeper for the Indian test team also played for MN Dastur at that time. Benu Goswami, brother of Chuni Goswami, also played for MN Dastur.

Asok immigrated to the USA in 1970 and settled in New Jersey. He worked in several engineering companies dealing with Materials Handling and became an expert in that field. In the mid '80s he quit his job and formed his own engineering company- A K Datta Corporation and was very successful. He retired in 2018.

In 1971 Asok and others founded BECAA (Bengal Engineering College Alumni Association) in the USA and I am proud to say that BECAA completed its 49th year this year.

On a personal note, Asok, I, Saroj Bhol, Biman Bhatta and Tapas Chaudhuri (all 1965 civil) celebrated Thanksgiving together as a family every year (started by Asok in the mid '80s) and now our children are following this tradition. Biman, unfortunately, passed away a few years ago. We also took many vacations together.

Asok is survived by his wife Malina, Sons Aleek and Rupak, daughter in laws Sarah and Cristina, grandson Kavi and granddaughter Chiara, his brother Dipankar, four sisters and many nephews and nieces.
I will certainly miss Asok.
May he rest in peace.

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